A world-class Tatmadaw needed

“Our country needs a world-class Tatmadaw. The entire people have to build collectively present Tatmadaw into a strong, efficient, modern and patriotic Tatmadaw. Every citizen is responsible for defending the country. So, the people have to do their bit in national defence duties.”

President U Thein Sein

(Excerpt from the address delivered at the regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30-3-2011)

Vietnamese President Mr Truong Tan Sang extends warm welcome to President U Thein Sein

Myanmar has high potentials in tourism sector investment

Myanmar President

Emergence of road transportation apart from air and sea transport will bring about better communication

SRV President

President U Thein Sein meets President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi.—MNA
President U Thein Sein lays wreathes at National Heroes and Martyrs Mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum

Yangon, 23 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, together with the Myanmar delegation members and the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam, visited National Heroes and Martyrs Mausoleum in Hanoi, Vietnam at 8:40 am on 21 March.

President U Thein Sein and his entourage were warmly welcomed by Mr. Cao Duc Phat, Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phong and officials of the Mausoleum.

President U Thein Sein laid wreathes at the National Heroes and Martyrs Mausoleum and at Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

After the President had paid tribute to Body of Ho Chi Minh, he left Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Union Mines Minister meets delegation of Increvel Investment Group

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 March—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htuik received a delegation led by Managing Director Dr. Sheldon Greenoak of Increvel Investment Group based in New York and London at his office here this morning.

Both sides discussed matters relating to plans for bilateral cooperation in doing mineral exploration, rules and regulations and procedures to make investments and do environmental conservation tasks, as well as arrangements for the experts’ meeting of the Ministry and the foreign countries for implementation of the plans step by step.—MNA

Value parental love

In this world, no one can deny the power of love. Love can be defined differently; romantic love and parental love, for example. But, which is eternal?

Love centering upon a man and a woman can change. However, love centering on children born of a couple never changes. Parental love is unconditional and unlimited in the presence of children. Parental love of many thousands years ago and that of the present time is identical. In the changing course of history, parental love never changes.

The moment you were born as a child of loving parents, you would grow up enjoying parental love for ever. Parents always love their children whether they are old or young, whether they are good or bad, whether they return love or not. In loving their children, parents are second to none. Even though their children have got married and lived separately when growing up, parents would not cease their love.

But, sadly, in today’s democratic society where individualism is dominating, young people murmur when growing up, parents would not cease their love.

As such, realizing the priceless parental love, let’s try to develop a sense of loving and respecting our parents by taking care of them as long as they live.
Man vs Shark: Australia’s battle for the deep

SYDNEY, 23 March—Rolling from his surfboard, blood gushing from the wound where a shark had just ripped a big chunk of flesh from his thigh, Australian Glen Folkard had just one thought: “I’m alive.” Folkard, 44, was out beyond the breakers at Redhead Beach, north of Sydney, when a three-metre (9.8 feet) bull shark lunged for his board, knocking him to the water and dragging him beneath the surface locked in its powerful jaws. “It was everything you’d think it would be, just sheer terror,” he told AFP, five weeks after the savage attack.

“He’s hit me from underneath, he’s grabbing me, he’s stunned me, took me under and then let go so I think he had fibreglass in his mouth... and that was my chance.” Scrambling to shore, the predator’s dark shadow trailing his blood slick all the way, all Folkard could do was ride a wave in and collapse on the sand with a “big mass of yuck” where his thigh once was, but with his life intact. “I just remember rolling off the surfboard on my back, looking at the sky and just loving life instantly,” he said, despite having just lost two kilograms (4.4 pounds) of his leg to the ocean predator. “I was laying on my back looking just at the blue sky, going ‘I’m alive, I made it’ because it was all but over. He was metres away from having a second go.”

Interpol issues red notices for Iranians in Indian bombing

NEW DELHI, 23 March—Interpol has issued “red notices” for four Iranians suspected of involvement in a bomb attack near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi, the international police agency said on Thursday.

Indian authorities requested the notices, which instruct police across the globe to arrest the suspects, following the 13 February embassy attack that left an Israeli diplomat seriously injured.

Those wanted are: Mohammadreza Abolghashemi, Hussain Ali Fhasar Irani, Seyed Ali Mahdianzasd and Massoud Sedaghatzadeh. They are all wanted for terrorism related offences, including criminal conspiracy and attempted murder.

“India has ensured that law enforcement officials around the globe are alerted to the wanted status of these fugitives, and therefore reduces their options for international travel,” Interpol Secretary General Ronald K. Noble said in a statement. In the attack, a shrimper on a motorbike attached a magnetic bomb to the back of an Israeli embassy car carrying the 42-year-old diplomat, who was also the wife of the defence attaché at the embassy.

Japanese mayors, governors want nuclear safety assurances

TOKYO, 23 March—Most Japanese mayors and governors whose communities host nuclear plants want fresh safety assurances by government-imposed stress tests before agreeing to the restart of reactors taken off line after the Fukushima crisis, a Reuters poll showed, amid concerns about a looming power crunch this summer.

All but two of Japan’s 54 reactors have been taken off line since the March 2011 nuclear disaster, mostly for checks or maintenance, and the remaining pair will be shut by early May.

Nuclear power supplied about 30 percent of Japan’s electricity before the crisis and the government is keen to get some up and running again before electricity demand peaks in the summer. But Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda has vowed to get the understanding of local residents, many made wary by the world’s worst nuclear accident in 25 years, before giving the go-ahead.

Trade Minister Yukio Edano said on Friday that hopped Japan could get through the peak season without mandatory power restrictions such as those imposed last year in eastern and northeastern Japan. But he also said the possibility of power shortages should not affect decisions on reactor restarts.

“On safety checks (of nuclear power plants), I have said that this should not be influenced by any timing or other conditions,” Edano told a news conference.

The poll of 21 mayors and 13 governors whose localities host Japan’s 54 reactors showed that nine mayors were willing to approve restarts on condition of added safety assurances or steps. Eight mayors were undecided but also want similar steps.

Race to rescue 17 trapped in China coal mine

BEIJING, 23 March—Chinese rescue workers battled Friday to free 17 miners trapped for more than 48 hours in a northeast coal mine after a gas blast that left five dead, a government official said. The explosion on Thursday, in a coal mine in Liaoing Province, killed five workers and injured a sixth, the official, surnamed Liang, told AFP.

State-run broadcaster CCTV reported Friday that rescue workers had managed to locate the 17 missing workers, who were trapped around 50 metres (165 feet) away from the mine’s entrance.

China’s mines are known for being among the deadliest in the world due to lax regulation, corruption and inefficiency, and accidents are common as safety is often neglected by bosses seeking a quick profit.

Last week, 13 people died after a capsule plunged into a pit at an iron ore mine in eastern China after a steel rope holding it broke. And in February, 15 miners were killed and another three injured when a tramcar derailed in a coal mine in central China.

Latest figures show that 2,433 people died in coal mining accidents in the country in 2010 — a rate of more than six workers per day.

Labour rights groups, however, say the actual death toll is likely to be much higher, partly due to under-reporting of accidents as mine bosses seek to limit their economic losses and avoid punishment.

Two injured in Mexico quake have died, mayor says

MEXICO CITY, 23 March—Two people caught in this week’s big earthquake died Thursday, the first deaths reported from the 7.4-magnitude temblor that damaged hundreds of homes in southern Mexico and caused panic far off in the national capital.

Salvador Cruz Castro, mayor of the Cuaicuinculapa municipality in Guerrero State, said one of the victims died from injuries caused by a wall falling on him and the other died of complications for a heart attack suffered during the quake.

Tuesday’s earthquake was centered near the border between the southern states of Guerrero and Oaxaca. It caused about 60 houses to collapse and damaged about 800 more homes.

The quake was one of the strongest in Mexico since an 8.1-magnitude temblor killed an estimated 10,000 people in Mexico City in 1985.

Aftershocks, including a moderate 5.2-magnitude shake, rattled central Mexico on Thursday. The US Geological Survey said the aftershocks were centered in the same area as Tuesday’s strong quake.

Building collapse kills seven in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 23 March—At least seven people were killed and three others injured when a building under construction collapsed on Thursday in the northern Argentine City of Corrientes, police said.

All the dead were construction workers, among whom four died at the site and three passed away in hospital, local news agency DyN quoted police and as saying.

Investigation is under way over the tragedy, which occurred when the workers were installing a water tank.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang.

Myanmar President Mr Tham Bin Pin, Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Mr Cao Duc Phat, Construction Minister Mr Trinh Dinh Dung, Deputy Ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar and Departmental Heads.

The Myanmar President first extended a warm welcome to the Myanmar President and Party, expressing his belief that the Myanmar President’s visit to Vietnam would foster the amity of the two nations.

The Myanmar President in his speech said: “Myanmar and Vietnam are friendly neighbours with a lot in common in the historical backgrounds. His goodwill trip would further strengthen the existing friendship between the two countries. He visited Vietnam for four times in his capacity as prime minister to attend meetings. He is much pleased to see Vietnam witnessing development under the leadership of the Vietnamese President. Not only between the two nations also could increasingly communicate with each other. He would like to promote cooperation with Myanmar in all sectors. He would like to further promote trade and economic cooperation as Myanmar is experiencing significant improvement in trade sector. He is grateful to the Myanmar President for his assistance to Vietnamese investments in Myanmar in his capacity as prime minister. He would like to request the Myanmar President to continue assisting Vietnamese Investors. He would like to cooperate mainly in agriculture, forestry and fish and meat sectors, besides banking, transport, oil and gas, pharmaceutical and production industries. Currently, as air and water have been the only mode of transportation between Vietnam and Myanmar, the emergence of road transportation would bring about easier future communication. He is satisfied with bilateral cooperation in international arena and would like to cooperate further. Vietnam would keep on assisting Myanmar in taking over the ASEAN Chair in 2014. The Myanmar President then said: ‘There has been cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam relating to such regional organizations as the ASEAN, GMS, ACMECS and CLMV. The two nations are reciprocally supporting and assisting in regional and international arenas. He is grateful to Vietnam for its support to Myanmar’s bid for ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 and its full support in demanding US, EU and western countries to lift sanctions against Myanmar during the foreign ministers meeting held in Cambodia. It is required to increase trade volume between the two countries. The two nations had initiated cooperation in air transport. It is projected to build a bridge to link Vietnam and Myanmar through Laos. It would be the closest route for bilateral trade and it is planned to add railroad in the future. Construction of Mekong River-spanning Bridge between Laos and Myanmar would start soon. He would like Vietnam assisting in the bridge construction. There are good prospects to make investments in Myanmar tourism. He would like to invite Vietnamese President to pay a visit to Myanmar at his convenience. He wishes mental and physical wellbeing of Vietnamese President and people.

The Vietnamese President said: ‘Vietnam fully supports Myanmar. He hopes Myanmar President’s visit would bear desired results. He appreciates Myanmar President’s invitation to him and would visit Myanmar at his earliest convenience. Apart from high-ranking governmental officials, the exchange of visit between low-ranking personnel would facilitate deepened amity of the two nations.”

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye meets sub-commissions of Shan State

NavPiTo, 23 March — Meeting between Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye and members of Shan State, Taunggyi District and Kalaw Township sub-commissions was held at the hall of the General Administration Department in Shan State in Taunggyi on 21 March.

On the occasion, Chairman U Tin Aye delivered an address. He heard reports on the preparation tasks for the coming by-elections, presented by Chairman U Hmon of Kalaw Township sub-commission and Taunggyi District sub-commission Chairman U Tin Oo, including supplementary report by Shan State sub-commission Chairman U Pwint, and answered the queries raised by the parties’ candidates.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Phu Trong at the headquarters of the party central committee in Hanoi of Vietnam on 20 March evening. Also present at the call were members of Myanmar delegation and the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam and Vietnamese ministers and deputy ministers.

During the meeting, they have cordial discussion about prospects for further cooperation and amity, friendly relations due to the common historical background, constructive reforms of the new Myanmar government including efforts for national reconsolidation and economic development, Vietnam’s march to prosperity under the leadership of the communist party of Vietnam, potentials for comprehensive partnership and promotion of existing bilateral relationship. The Myanmar President invited the party general secretary to pay a visit to Myanmar.

The party general secretary promised that he would visit Myanmar at a time favorable for both sides. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein together with goodwill delegation members left here by air on 20 March morning by special aircraft to pay State visits to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao People’s Democratic Republic at the invitations of President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang, His Majesty King of Cambodia Preah Bat Samdach Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni and President of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone, and arrived in Hanoi of Vietnam at 10.40 am local time.

The special aircraft in which Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental heads accompanied the President landed at Noi Bai International Airport, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo, Deputy Head of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam Mr Chu Cong Phung and husband Daw Mya Mya Win, staff of embassy and military attaché office also welcomed the President and delegation.

Later, the President and party arrived at Melia Hanoi Hotel by car. —MNA
President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address at dinner hosted by President Mr Truong Tan Sang of Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—MNA

President U Thein Sein meets staff, families of Myanmar embassy and the military attaché office

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office and families at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi. —MNA

Vietnamese President hosts dinner to Myanmar President

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang hosted a dinner to President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at International Conference Centre in Hanoi of Vietnam on 20 March evening.

Also present at the dinner together with President U Thein Sein were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister U Myint Hlaing, Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Commerce Minister U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Shan State Chief Minister U Soo Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Theo Oo and departmental heads. Present from Vietnam side were Chairman of President’s Office Mr Dao Viet Trung, Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cao Duc Phat, deputy ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and ambassadors from ASEAN countries to Vietnam.

The Vietnamese President extended greetings and made a toast. The Myanmar President expressed his heartfelt thanks to Vietnamese leaders, government and people for their warm welcome and kind hospitality to Myanmar delegation since its arrival in historic Hanoi. He said: he visited Vietnam first time in November, 2007 and again in 2008 and April, June, 2010. He is glad to be in beautiful Hanoi again. This trip has tightened the bonds of the two countries, bringing him a chance to observe the rapid development of Vietnam in a few years.

He held talks with Vietnamese President and other Vietnamese leaders. The results of those discussions and genuine friendship between the peoples of the two nations have come into existence since independence struggles. He is very glad and proud that the relationship between the two countries is going from strength to strength.

The incumbent Myanmar government, being the one elected by the people, has vowed to fulfill the wishes and aspirations of people as much as it possibly can. In so doing, it has been constantly focusing its efforts on two major wishes of the people today—stability of the State and economic development. It is trying to industrialize the nation for national development while making strides in agro-economic development. While making efforts for industrialization of the nation, it is implementing long- and short-term plans comprehensively covering infrastructures, human resources, skilled workforce, technological advancement, and environmental conservation, formation of lawful organizations, competitive business environment, and promotion of public participation. It is simultaneously discharging three major obligations, namely, transformation of the nation, building of new nation and bolstering up the entire Myanmar society. The President then proposed a toast for wellbeing of Vietnam, the Vietnamese President and people.

The two presidents then had the dinner together. During the dinner, Vietnamese cultural troupe entertained with dances and songs. The two presidents then posed for documentary photo together with the Vietnamese cultural troupe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Theo Oo and wife, Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing and wife, staff of the embassy and the military attaché office, families and Myanmar trainees in Vietnam at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi of Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 21 March.

In his instructions, President U Thein Sein said that Vietnam has been strengthening friendly relations with Myanmar in the history and it is a friend of Myanmar. He stressed the need to promote friendly ties with Vietnam in diplomatic relations between the two countries. Likewise, he said that unity and amity are to be forged among families of the embassy and the military attaché office in harmoniously taking out the diplomatic tasks assigned by the State.

Next, staff of the embassy and the military attaché office, family members and Myanmar trainees led by the Ambassador and the Military Attaché paid respects to the President.

After that, the President presented cash assistance and gifts to staff of the embassy and the military attaché office, family members and Myanmar trainees and 10 sets of Sky Net receivers to the Embassy and the Military Attaché Office.—MNA
President U Thein Sein... on page 16 during his visit to Myanmar into operation as soon as possible for promotion of economic, trade and investment cooperation between the two countries. He asked the Myanmar President to urge for earliest initiation of prioritized projects in 12 major sectors. He continued that Vietnamese companies were keen to implement proposed joint-projects in agriculture, forestry and fish and meat sectors as soon as possible and it is required to implement those projects. He then asked the Myanmar President to allow opening of Vietnamese economic and investment banks in Myanmar for which Central Bank of Myanmar and Vietnamese banks were holding discussions.

Apart from those sectors, Myanmar and Vietnam could cooperate in air transport, pharmaceutical production, oil and gas drilling, building materials and consumer goods manufacturing fields. At the same time, Vietnam would cooperate further with Myanmar in international organizations and international relations. Vietnam would fully support Myanmar for its alternative ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. Vietnam would closely cooperate with Myanmar in such regional cooperation programmes as CLMV and ACMECS.

The Myanmar President said that Vietnam and Myanmar mutually had helped each other whenever one faced hardships. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to Vietnam for its full support for Myanmar’s bid to ASEAN Chairmanship and for lifting sanctions imposed on Myanmar by the US and western countries. Possible projects out of the agreed sectors for economic and investment between Vietnam and Myanmar had already been initiated. Vietnamese businessmen were making investment in hospitality industry in Yangon and hybrid systems.

There were prospects for investment in hospitality industry not only in Yangon but in Bagan, Mandalay and other major cities as inbound tourists had been on increase day after day and offshore drilling is on. The President added that he would like to invite Vietnamese investors who have experiences in agricultural production to establish small- and medium-scale industries in Myanmar exporting value-added agricultural produce and meat and fish and rubber products into international market.

Investors from Japan, South Korea, China, Indonesia and Malaysia and some western countries were interested to invest in special economic zones near Yangon. Improvement in political environment would bring about better environment for investment, facilitating to smooth implementation of joint-projects in 12 sectors signed during the Vietnamese Prime Minister’s visit to Myanmar.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein meets Chairman of National Assembly of SRV

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Nav Pyi Taw, 23 March — President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met Chairman of the National Assembly Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the National Assembly Office in Hanoi of SRV on 21 March morning.

President U Thein Sein was accompanied by members of the Myanmar delegation and the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam. The Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam was accompanied by officials of the National Assembly. At the meeting, they exchanged views on further strengthening bilateral ties, unity and understanding and promoting cooperation, bilateral assistance in regional and international affairs, sharing experiences of democracy reforms of Myanmar and economic reforms of Vietnam, cooperation in all sectors for serving interests of both countries, promotion of economic cooperation and investments of Vietnam in Myanmar, bringing about further strengthening of friendly relations between parliaments of Myanmar and Vietnam, and more cooperation between the two countries in the future after forming a friendly ties promotion team between the parliaments of two countries.—MNA

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Myanma Women’s Affairs Federation’s annual meeting experience explained

Nav Pyi Taw, 23 March — A ceremony to share the annual meeting experience for 2011 of Myanma Women’s Affairs Federation conducted by Kayah State Women’s Affairs Organization was held at the state administrative guest hall at 9 am on 14 March, attended by Patron of State WAO Daw Baw Hmyar, Chairperson Daw Khin Win Myint, Daw Saw Hmyar, wife of State Minister for Social Affairs, the chairpersons of state district/township and the executives.

The Patron of State WAO addressed the meeting and the state chairperson gave micro loans to two districts and the membership applications were sent to the state chairpersons from two districts. Next, the state chairperson gave the broaches.

Member of State WAO Daw Nyo Nyo Lwin explained about nine future tasks, meeting decision and five objectives of 2011 annual meeting of Myanma Women’s Affairs Federation.—MNA

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Coordination meeting on planning and project implementation held

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein speaks at coordination meeting on planning and project implementation.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein cordially greets Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

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the cars one after another. It is enough time for the car to
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and wars broke out. They could not make a living and
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sole duty to safeguard the country against alien enemy are
Those who want most the end of domestic conflicts and the
A series of dams with huge volume and high storage
production and socio-economic development of the people
For unity

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Tatmadaw is the finest organization which always upholds Non-Discrimination of the Union, Non-Discrimination of the National Unity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty. Tatmadaw is taking and will have to continue to take a leading role in national politics with Union Spirit. True Patriotism. Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the constitution in building a developed democratic nation. It also has to build modern and strong armed forces in order to perpetuate independence and sovereignty. However the economy is strong, the country will lose reputation if it does not have the modern, talented and strong armed forces. The country needs to build capacity

### Let me…

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67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

* To firmly uphold the objectives, namely, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
* To play a leading role in national politics of the State with Union Spirit, the true patriotic spirit
* To safeguard the constitution, the main responsibility of the Tatmadaw in building modern, developed democratic nation
* To build a strong, competent, modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the State

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am. After that, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyein presented the Committee’s findings and remarks on the message. It was approved by the Hluttaw. The message said: even though Union government serving the country’s executive duties carried out the following matters with goodwill and it needs to scrutinize whether or not it complies with the laws. These matters are that cash awards and salaries of Union-level persons are not in accord with the laws. It must be clear that Tatmadaw’s undertakings are paying more emphasis on the rule of law. Continual cooperation of executive body and Hluttaw must be a good example to the State and the people. So, that message was sent to review the said matters.

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### Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for 26th day

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 March—Third regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 26th day in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 510 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

The Hluttaw decided not to discuss the proposal as it is in the hand of Ministry of Labour if it needs amendment. So, I would like to urge you to postpone the proposal as it is in the hand of Ministry of Labour.

The Hluttaw Speaker read out the message on Union government’s undertakings which is sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

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### Workshop on Developing Myanmar Bond Market commences

YANGON, 23 March—The Workshop on Developing Myanmar Bond Market hosted by Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, kicked off at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Vice-Governor of CBMM U Maung Maung Win.

Director of CBMM U Maung Maung discussed matters related to sales of government treasury bonds, Chief JGB Strategist Ms Keiko Onogi of Daiwa Ciptal Market of Japan sales of government treasury bonds in Japan, Consultant Mr Akihiro Nakamiki of Daiwa dissemination about the bonds to the people and Executive Director Mr Ryota Sugishita of Daiwa drawing of Roadmap for development of bonds in Myanmar.

Members of Myanmar Investment Development Subcommittee, responsible persons of public/private companies and officials of Central Bank of Myanmar participated in publishing of treasury bonds and drawing of Roadmap for development of bond market in Myanmar.

According to the cooperation in monetary and economic sectors among ASEAN countries, the workshop was organized by Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd (DIR) of Japan. —MNA
18th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw held
One proposal discussed, one bill approved and Hluttaw affairs clarified

NAV PYITTA, 23 March—The 18th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Complex here at 11.30 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 325 MPs.

At the session, one proposal was discussed, one bill approved and Hluttaw affairs clarified.

The proposal discussed was to amend the 1955 GovernmentAttrs and Duties Law in order to make the law in question concise. The proposal has been sent to the Cabinet for final consideration.

Regarding the proposal to amend the 1955 GovernmentAttrs and Duties Law, agriculturists expressed their concern regarding the matter in accord with the law, the F&R Ministry should conduct a quick study and enact law.

In his discussion, Thura U Myint Myo submitted the proposal, said he accepted the accepted the clarifications and requested for the proposal to be recorded in Pyithu Hluttaw. The matter needs no separate vote and the Hluttaw decided to record the proposal and wait for related ministries to deal with it.

A proposal discussed, one bill approved and Hluttaw affairs clarified

Another important thing is legislation that is the main duty of the Hluttaw. Hluttaw committees and commissions are to cooperate with the Union government and Union level organizations in make amendments, cancellations and new laws by reviewing the existing laws in various sectors. In doing so, they need to consider whether a certain law is to be enacted or revised, and take into account the needs of the people and conform to international laws, conventions and treaties.

In conclusion, Hluttaw representatives, representing the people to work together to unity in public voters and of the nation respecting the existing laws as well as the constitution. They are urged to try to become loyal and patriotic representatives.

Today’s session concluded at 1.35pm. The third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was resumed and it is due to be resumed on 23 April.

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UEC Chairman attends launching of Transformer Factory

Yangon, 23 March—A ceremony to launch the Transformer Factory of Capital Power Co Ltd was held in Ngwe Pyi Tin Industrial Zone in Hlaingthaya Township this morning.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Chairman of Capital Power Co Ltd U Sein Wan formally opened the factory.

Chairman of Union Election Commission Thura U Tin Aye visited the factory after unveiling its signboard. Chairman of Capital Power Co Ltd U Sein Wan reported on matters related to transformer factory. Chairman of Private Sector Co Ltd Mr Sein Soe Hla Kyaw reported on matters related to electronic equipment manufactured by Seoul Industrial Electric Co Ltd.

The factory takes technology from foreign countries to produce Triangular Wound Core transformer as low losses distribution transformers.

By taking technology and expertise from Fortune Electric, the factory is trying to produce 33/11 KV, 66/33 KV and 66/11 KV power transformers. Likewise, the Capital Power will cooperate with Young In Co which is undertaking electrical designs and maintenance of Korean Electric Power Corporation to create electrical designs in Myanmar.
**District News**

**IT Seminar on DELL virtualization held**

Yangon, 23 March—With the sponsorship of DELL and TTEL, CTT Co Ltd organized the My First Virtualization Seminar at the Tradesmen Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, at 9 am on 16 March. Managing Director U Khun Oo of Computer Technical Team Co Ltd (CTT) extended greetings. Ms Khun Lertluk Kunnasutti of DELL (Thailand) gave talks on Wining in Virtualization and Ms Khun Nopparat Sangseng on DELL Virtualization and Enterprise update.

With the aim of disseminating latest knowledge about IT and its products to IT professionals of Myanmar, CTT Co Ltd organizes the subject-wise seminars. The company plans to hold the seminars from twice to four times a year.

Ko Aung

**Process for citizenship scrutiny cards undertaken**

Yangon, 23 March—In implementing the Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Zaw Thein Oo and staff members cooperated with Ward Administrator U Kan Myint and party in carrying out tasks of issuance for citizenship scrutiny cards in Ward 6 of Shwepyitha Township from 9 am to 5 pm on 17 March. They made work process on CSC for eligible citizens.

Myanmar Alin

**MLF invites donation for cash, books**

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broaden the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228, on Theinbyu Street in Botataung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.
Health infrastructures in Sagaing Region providing public healthcare services to local people

- As the Union Government has been uplifting social standards especially in the health and education sectors, the top priority is given to healthcare in Sagaing Region the way it does in other states and regions.

- Thanks to a total of 13 hospitals put into service by the Union Government in Sagaing Region, locals are now receiving excellent medical care services.

Translation: AKK

Old bombs found on Scottish beach

NAIRN, (Scotland), 23 March—Unexploded bombs that may date from World War II were discovered Wednesday morning on a beach in eastern Scotland, authorities said. Bomb disposal experts from Edinburgh were brought in to defuse the devices.

Northern Constabulary described the devices as 2-inch mortar bombs. In a statement, police said East Beach in Nairn had been reopened.

Nairn is an ancient fishing port east of Inverness that has been a popular beach and golfing resort for 150 years. The beach was used to train British troops for the D-Day landings during World War II.

Bodies of murder victims dissolved in acid

MAASTRICHT, 23 March—Prosecutors in the Netherlands said a family cut up the bodies of two men they killed and dissolved their remains in acid before flushing them down the toilet.

The house where the bodies were dismembered was in Germany but the case is being tried in the Netherlands because the accused family is from Holland, The Local reported.

Authorities arrested the mother and two adult sons of the family but the father and an adult daughter fled and are believed to be in South America. Prosecutors told a Dutch court the first victim, Alan Gergert of Iraq, was stabbed to death with an ice pick in 2009. Authorities searched the family’s house across the border in Tuddern, Germany, while investigating the disappearance in 2011 of another Iraqi, Mohammed Jader. “When his body was discovered, it had been almost totally dissolved in acid; there was hardly anything left of him,” a prosecution spokeswoman said. “We also found remains of the other man.” The trial of the family is not expected to begin until May 2013.—Internet
New Zealand police seize marijuana vending machine

Sydney, 23 March — An Australian man has been rescued after a three-day ordeal trapped at a remote flooded hut where he was stalked by four-metre crocodiles, a report said on Friday.

“Wherever there is drug offending of any kind, police will act swiftly,” he said. “We certainly do not take a softly-daktory was breaking drug laws.

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Serena, Clijsters, Sharapova advance at Miami

MIAMI, 23 March—Serena Williams, saying she felt nervous and rusty, made a triumphant WTA return from a left ankle injury, defeating China’s Zhang Shuai 6-2, 6-3 at the WTA and ATP Miami hardcourt event. Fellow former World No. 1 players Kim Clijsters, Maria Sharapova and Caroline Wozniacki also on Thursday advanced to the third round at the $9.6 million tournament, which awarded byes in the first round to seeded players.

In her first tournament match since losing in the fourth round at the Australian Open, Williams fired six aces and connected on 64 percent of her first serves while dropping only one service break to advance in 80 minutes. “I was a little bit rusty and a little bit nervous too,” Williams said. “I haven’t played here for so long and I wanted to do well. So I was really nervous out there, but I think now I’ve gotten one under I’ll be better.”

The 13-time Grand Slam singles champion advanced to a third-round match against Italy’s Roberta Vinci, who ousted Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova 7-5, 6-1. Seventh seed Williams, a five-time winner at Miami, missed the past two years because of illness and injury. “I’m always a little nervous in the first round. I kind of chill out after that,” Williams said. “Last time I played I played horrible and I was thinking as long as I don’t hit a ball into the stands I’ll be good.”

“I didn’t do that today, so it worked out well for me.” Former World No. 1 Williams played for the US Fed Cup team last month, winning two singles matches in a 5-0 WorldGroup II victory over Belarus.

Djokovic and Nadal but no Federer for Monte Carlo

Parc, 23 March—World number one Novak Djokovic and seven-time consecutive title holder Rafael Nadal will head the field for the 15 to 22 April Masters 1000 in Monte Carlo, but Roger Federer will be missing. “We’re keeping a wild card to one side for Roger,” tournament organizer Zeljko Franulovic said of the Swiss world number three.

“You never know, even if he has played a lot since the start of the season. He’s decided in the past to come at the last minute.”

Should Federer be absent, the six other players in the top seven are expected to be there—Internext

Juve fined again for racist chants

MIAN, 23 March—Juventus have been hit with their third fine of the season for racist chanting by their fans during Tuesday’s Italian Cup semi-final against AC Milan.

Italian sporting authorities handed out a 20,000-euro fine, double the penalty Juve were given in January after racist chanting directed at Udinese’s Pablo Armero, of Colombia, and Cape Verde-born, Swiss international Gelson Fernandes. They were also docked 10,000 euros in October after racist chanting against Italianm Marco Verratti.

Milan players Sulley Muntari of Ghana and Dutchman Urby Emmanuel were the targets of the chants on Tuesday. This latest fine confirms the Juventus fans’ sorry record when it comes to racist chanting. They regularly abused Manchester City striker Mario Balotelli—an Italian of Ghanaian origin—during his Inter days. In 2008/09 Juve had to play a match behind closed doors after their fans racially abused Balotelli following a controversial incident during the team’s clash with Inter.

That seemed to anger and galvanise certain sections of the Juve support who proceeded to regularly target Balotelli, even when not playing against his team. The next season the club was punished four times, including a partial stand closure once, for fans mimicking Balotelli’s chants. That season they were hit with 25,000 euros and 20,000-euro fines as well as the closure of the stand holding their ‘Ultra’ fans for one match, whereas this season the sanctions have been tame in comparison.

Rooney says sorry after breaking young fan’s wrist

LONDON, 23 March—Wayne Rooney has apologized to a nine-year-old Manchester United supporter after the striker accidentally broke the boy’s wrist with a stray shot before his side’s 5-0 win at Wolves on Sunday.

Rooney was taking shots at goal during the pre-match warm-up and a wild effort from the United star flew into the crowd and struck Jamie Thomas on the wrist as he tried to block the ball.

Thomas managed to watch the first half of the Premier League match, but was taken to the first aid tent after his arm “balled up” at half time. Medicos then sent the youngster to hospital where he had a plaster cast put on his injured wrist.

Rooney was not aware of the incident at the time, but he used his Twitter page to say sorry to the schoolboy and promised to attend a Manchester United personal gift.
Fire drill practised as fire preventive activities in Hsipaw

HSIPAW, 23 March — According to the fire preventive measures, the fire drill was exercised with the participation of staff of Township Fire Services Department, Township Development Affairs Committee and market committee at Myoma Market in Hsipaw on 12 March afternoon. It was attended by Chairman of Township Fire Prevention Supervisory Committee Township Administrare U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Executive Officer of the Township Development Affairs Committee U Thein Hsin Khin, officials and townsmen. Head of Township Fire Services Department U Ko Ko and members of fire brigade, together with members of Myoma Market fire brigade, participated in demonstration of fire drill with the use of fire engines and hoses. More fire drills will be performed with the use of foams in wards and villages — Myanna Amin
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