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President U Thein Sein
(Excerpt from an address delivered at the regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 1-3-2012)

President U Thein Sein attends inauguration of Paybin River Bridge on Pathein-Ngapudaw Road

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 March—Construction of Paybin River Bridge built on Pathein-Ngapudaw Road, which is No. 11 Road in Ayeyawady Region Road Network Development Project, commenced on 10 January 2011 and it was successfully inaugurated yesterday.

President U Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of the bridge at the pavilion on Pathein-Ngapudaw Road in Kangyidaunt Township yesterday morning and unveiled the inscription.

When the President and party left Pathein by car, the local people warmly welcomed the President and party along Pathein-Ngapudaw Road waving miniature flags.

On arrival at the pavilion where the opening ceremony will be held, the local people and students heartily welcomed the President, waving miniature flags with pom-pom dances.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Soe Thein, U Thein Nyunt, U Khin Maung Myint, U Oo Myint, U Aye Myint and Dr Mya Aye, Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Speaker of Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint, Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Thein, (See page 6)

HOONOURING THE 67TH ANNIVERSARY ARMED FORCES DAY
MoU on shooting TV series under China-Myanmar cooperation inked

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—Under cooperation between China and Myanmar, an MoU on shooting TV series “The Dancing Girl from the Pyu Kingdom” was signed today at MICC here at 5.10 pm. The signing ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Ji Heng.

Also present were Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win, Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sandra Khin, directors-general, managing directors of the Information Ministry and Culture Ministry, deputy directors-general, directors and officials and Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.

Shwe Thanlwin Media Co Ltd Mr Yun Shi Media Co Ltd Mr Zhao Shuqing signed the MoU and exchanged the notes in the presence of Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and the Yunnan Province governor. — MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Ji Heng attend MoU signing ceremony of TV series “The Dancing Girl from the Pyu Kingdom” — MNA

Yunnan Province Governor arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—A delegation led by Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Ji Heng arrived here by special flight at 10 pm yesterday. They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Swe and officials.

The Chinese delegation called on Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing at the ministry this morning, and they cordially discussed agricultural cooperation.

Next, the governor attended a ceremony to sign MoU on increased rice production and construction of advanced rice mill between China Yunnan Provincial Overseas Investment Co Ltd, China Development Bank Corporation and Zalun link (Rice) Company Ltd.

Then, the Yunnan Province governor and delegation members called on Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and discussed trade affairs.

The delegation also visited Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt, Mayor U Thein Nyunt at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall. Both parties discussed matters relating to tourism development and mutual cooperation in cultural and other sectors.

In the afternoon, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt hosted a luncheon to the Chinese delegation on the lawns of Myat Taw Win Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. — MNA

Free dental and oral health provided for locals in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—Aungthiri Foundation provided free dental and oral health services to local people of Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at No.191 Post-primary School this morning. Twenty dental surgeons and 20 assistants provided free treatment to 96 local people.

The foundation provided free dental and oral health to 305 local people from the village of the township on 25 and 26 March. — MNA

1000 national race boys novitiated

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—A ceremony to novitiate 1000 national race boys of hilly regions was held in Awngon Village of Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday, attended by State Ovadaçariya Abhidgaha Maha Rathana Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara and Joint Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemindasami.

It was also attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung. The novitation ceremony was sponsored by U Soe Tint (Soe Electricity) and wife Daw Yin Nu (a)Daw Yi Yi Mar. — MNA
Obama to raise nuclear arms cuts with Putin in May

SEOUL, 26 March—President Barack Obama will Monday commit to raising the possibility of fresh nuclear arms cuts with new Russian president Vladimir Putin when they hold their first meeting in May, a US official said. The US leader will seek to follow on from the recently concluded New START Treaty with Putin.

“Having taken a major step forward with the New START Treaty, he will indicate his confidence that the US can further reduce its stockpile while maintaining its deterrent and commitments,” the official said. “This will continue to be a priority in US relations with Russia, and the president will raise it with President-elect Putin in their first meeting in May.”

Obama will meet Putin at the G8 summit at his official Camp David retreat in Maryland in May. The talks will usher in a crucial new stage in US-Russia relations which the White House “reset” when Obama took office in 2009.

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The two leaders are scheduled to debate the relationship with the US imposed an embargo with Iran to complete the plan at the cost of safety.

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Internet

Iran will to working with Russia on more power plants

Tehran, 26 March—Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) head Fereidoon Abbasi said his country is willing to work with Russia on more nuclear power plants, reports said on Sunday.

“Since the Russian contractor of Bushehr nuclear power plant has worked properly on the project in recent years...we are willing to work with them on several more power plants,” Abbasi was quoted as saying by the semi-official Fars news agency, reported Xinhua.

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Russia signed a contract with Iran to complete the construction in 1998. Completion of the plant’s construction has been postponed several times by mounting technical and financial challenges and pressure from Washington.

Internet

Thai-Myanmar border trade in Q1 likely to reach $277 m

BANGKOK, 26 March—Thai-Myanmar border trade at a checkpoint was expected to hit about 8.5 billion baht ($277 m US dollars) in the first quarter of this year, a Thai chief immigration officer unveiled Monday morning, local media Komchadluek reported.

Internet

Taleban threaten NATO supply line

ISLAMABAD, 26 March—The Taleban Sunday threatened to assassinate Pakistani lawmakers who support the reopening of a key NATO supply route into neighbouring Afghanistan.

A Taleban spokesman said the militiants were aware of low-key efforts in Parliament to open the roads to NATO convoys and that members who were behind the plan “would not be safe in their homes.”

“We will (also) publicly slaughter drivers who carry supplies for NATO forces,” warned Eshnullah Ehsan. “The Pakistan Army and the rulers are bent on destroying the country and the Taleban are working for a new Pakistan.”

Pakistan shut down the roads used by NATO trucks in November to protest an air strike along the border that killed dozens of Pakistani soldiers.

Press Trust of India said Parliament was scheduled to debate the relationship with the United States beginning Monday. The Parliamentary Committee on National Security and recommendations on opening the supply lines into Afghanistan.

Internet

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People inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq recently.—INTERNET

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Space junk misses station astronauts

WASHINGTON, 26 March —A discarded chunk of a Russian rocket missed the International Space Station early Saturday. However, it came close enough to force six astronauts to seek shelter in escape capsules.

NASA says the junk was barely close enough to be a threat. Had it hit, however, the station could have been damaged. So the astronauts — two Americans, three Russians and a Dutchman — woke early and went into two Soyuz vehicles ready to take off to Earth just in case.

The debris came closest at 2:38 am EDT. It wasn’t noticed until Friday, too late to move the International Space Station out of the way. This is the third time in 12 years that astronauts have had to seek shelter from space junk. —Internet

Fingerprint-checking smartphone patent filed by Sony

LONDON, 26 March — Technology to allow smartphones to scan their users’ fingerprints through their screens as an identity check has been patented by Sony. It describes a range of ways to build “light-transmissive displays” to allow sensors to look out of the screens. It says an unidentified material would obscure the sensors so users would only see graphics telling them where to place their fingers.

Sony has not given any indication of when it might introduce the feature. —Internet

‘Warp speed’ planets can reach speeds of 30 million mph

NEW YORK, 26 March — Scientists reckon that ‘warp speed’ planets could be flying through the galaxy at speeds of up to 30 million miles per hour. Computer simulations have shown how the huge gravitational pull of black holes can tear planets from their orbits and ‘sling’ them across space. The planets would typically move at about seven to 10 million mph — but could travel at up to 30 million mph. That’s more than 450 times faster than the Earth moves around the Sun.

“Warp speed planets would be some of the fastest objects in our galaxy,” says Dr Avi Loeb, on the research team at the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the U.S. Astronomers know already that this can happen to stars — the first of these was spotted seven years ago, heading out of the Milky Way at 1.5 million mph.

Sexualized clothing on kids sends troubling signals

New York, 26 March — Preteen girls who dress in sexualized clothing are judged as less competent and less moral than kids in age-appropriate garb, new research finds. Earlier studies have found that adult women who dress in revealing clothing are seen as less competent than women who are more buttoned-up. One study published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology in November even found that scantily clad men suffer similar judgment.

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London, 26 March — Angry Birds-themed activity parks are set to be constructed around the world. The mobile game’s Finnish developer Rovio has paired up with the playground equipment specialist Lappset Group to create and maintain the parks. They will feature interactive content and “exclusive” downloads. The first will be built in Finland this summer, with UK locations to follow.

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LONDON, 26 March — Hacktivists stole more data from large corporations than cybercriminals in 2011, according to a study of significant security incidents. The annual report, published by Verizon,catalogued 855 incidents around the world in which 174 million records were stolen. It said the hacktivist attacks were spearheaded by groups such as Antisec and Lulzsec. These activists scored a significant number of successes by knocking out websites and stealing large amounts of data from private companies and government agencies.

“Data theft became a mechanism for political protest,” said Mr Baker. He added that it was hard to develop specific defenses against these attacks because they used tactics and techniques crafted for each occasion. He said the attacks by hacktivists were not very common but often netted huge amounts of data when they did penetrate defenses. In contrast to the stolen by hacktivists, about 35% of data pillaged from large companies was taken by organized criminal groups which wanted to sell it or use it to commit another crime. —Internet

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“[It would] allow even a user who is not familiar with the fingerprint authentication to readily execute an input manipulation for the fingerprint authentication,” the patent document says. Many technology analysts predict that mobile phones fitted with near field communication (NFC) technology will be used in place of credit cards to buy goods in the near future. To feel safe with the idea, consumers may demand that mobile phones have sensors to look out of their screens as an identity check has been patented by Sony. It describes a range of ways to build “light-transmissive displays” to allow sensors to look out of the screens. It says an unidentified material would obscure the sensors so users would only see graphics telling them where to place their fingers. Sony has not given any indication of when it might introduce the feature. —Internet

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Coord meeting of UEC chairman and Magway Region/Township election sub-commissions held

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 March—A coordination meeting of Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye, Magway Region election Sub-commission and District and Township election sub-commissions was held at the City Hall of Magway this morning. Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye made an opening speech.

The chairmen of Magway, Minbu, Pakokku districts election sub-commissions reported on preparation tasks for by-elections. U Kyi Sein, Chairman of region election sub-commission gave supplementary report. The candidates of political parties took part in the discussions.

The UEC Chairman responded to the questions.

Nay Pyi Taw People’s Hospital (1000-bed) providing health care to people in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.
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(From page 1) Deputy Ministers U Soc Tint, U Than Tun and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, departmental heads, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

First, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported on matters related to construction of the bridge.

The newly-opened Paybin river-crossing bridge is located on Pathein-Ngapudaw road in Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Region. It is a steel truss measuring 720 feet in length and 31 feet in width and of concrete. In the olden days, Ngapudaw had to rely on waterway due to transport barriers. It had to take about four hours to the nearest town, Pathein. There are 330 townships in Myanmar. Ngapudaw is one of ten townships that do not connect to road networks. Pathein-Ngapudaw road of 11 roads built for development of road networks in Ayeyawady Region can link road networks covering the whole counties. Thanks to it, it is easily accessible from Ngapudaw to Pathein within one hour. And then, Paybin river-crossing bridge was built on Pathein-Ngapudaw road in order to reach four corners of the country.

In the past, people had to face transport barriers. After 1988, the government built scores of road networks and river-crossing bridges including Bo Myat Tun bridge. Thanks to it, the Region’s transport has become smooth. The region has easy access not only to motor road but also to rail road as for more strengthening national consolidation plays an important role. So, the Ministry of Construction is carrying out the road and bridge constructions throughout the country after laying down the plans.

Before 1988, there were tarred roads (5543 miles), gravel road (1569 miles), hard road (3628 miles) and earth roads (2895 miles), totaling 13633 miles across the country. Now, the country has concrete road (3965.5 miles), tarred road (10329 miles), gravel road (3502/1.5), hard road (3455/7.5 miles), earth road (4909/7.5 miles), alignment (1885 miles), totaling 23478 miles and six furlongs. Five-year and 30-year plans are being laid down for the development of roads and bridges.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungle) is a rail-cum-road was put into services. Ayeyawady Region which is the river bow of Myanmar can sell paddy, beans and pulses, local-crops and marine products throughout the county and export them easily. So the Region would see economic development, thereby contributing to development of education, health, social and administrative sectors. Ngapudaw Township is doing business in salt industry, timber and marine products. Upon completion of the bridges on Pathein-Ngapudaw road, it would see development. Products from regions can be exported safely and smoothly by using that road. Thanks to the road, people can move to safer places in short period of time in case of natural disasters.

President U Thein Sein said at the meeting (1/2011) of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races on 23 April, 2011, said: although land and water resources of the states and regions may vary according to their topography, measures will be taken to improve the various sectors of those regions such as economy, social affair, education, health and transport. Only if development tasks are carried out to improve the transport, economy, health and education standards of those regions, will national consolidation be strengthened and Union Spirit forged.

According to the President’s instructions, transport which is the base measuring 1820 feet is under construction. Its works will complete soon when the 240-foot-long truss is fixed on it. Upon completion of it, the township including Ngapudaw can connect to road networks and see the rapid development.

Local people are to use it systematically and construction of desired standard. Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister and ministers, officials, townsmen and local people will take shelter of rules of law and order and peace and tranquility of community by taking laws and regulations for successful opening of the Bridge. Next, Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung made a speech. He said that transport plays a key role in development of a region. Only when the transport sector is in good condition, will the region have betterment of economic, education, health, social and other sectors. After 1988, railroads and motor roads were constructed as network in Ayeyawady Region. Moreover, a motor road from Ngapudaw to Pathein was also constructed. In addition, bridges were also constructed in necessary areas for ensuring swift flow of commodities and creating better situation for economy of the local people.

He said that the local people residing in the region know that they have to take shelter of rules of law and peace and stability for development of their life. Thus, the region government will give priority to prevalence of law and order and peace and tranquility of community by joining hands with the region Hluttaw, the Tatmadaw and the local people at any time.

The Region Chief Minister said that at present, plans are being implemented to boost production of agriculture, fishery and salt industry two or three times and creating opportunities, the long-term opportunity - the deep sea port in Ngwehsaung Region and industrial zones in Maubin, Wakema and Pathein regions. Moreover, Myanmar Investment Commission allowed conducting of feasibility study for implement of project comprising Yangon-Pathein Road, the railroad plan and the offshore gas pipeline plan. In addition, local national entrepreneurs will invest the CMP export garminies to be able to create the jobs for the local people. The government industry will emerge within two years and it can create about 50000 jobs for Union Minister U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister U Chin Maung Myint, Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and Speaker of Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint formally open Paybin River Bridge. —MNA

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The President and party walked on the bridge and cordially greeted the local people and students. The President and party posed for documentary photo with Kayin dance troupe members and presented cash award to them.

The President then unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled scented water on it. Likewise, the union ministers, the region Chief Minister and the speaker of Region Hluttaw also sprinkled scented water on the inscription.

After passing the bridge by car, the President and party arrived at Thekhek Creek Bridge Construction Project.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint and officials conducted the President round the construction site. At the briefing hall, the President instructed the Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint, Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and Deputy Minister U Soe Tint to timely complete the bridge construction tasks.

They left Pathein by special flight and arrived in Yangon in the morning.

Paybin River Bridge is of reinforced concrete bored pile type. The bridge was built with RC posts, steel beam at upper structure and RC floor. The structure is 720 feet long with 24 feet wide motor road and 3.5 feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The bridge was built by Bridge Construction Special Project Group-7 of the Ministry of Construction. It is the 12th bridge of over-180 feet long facilities in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the 4th bridge in Ayeyawady Region.

Ngapudaw relied on waterway transport due to poor road transport in the past. Thanks to Paybin River Bridge, the local people of Ngapudaw can take about one hour to Pathein and they have now easy access to all regions of the nation.—MNA

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the local people. A meeting is now in progress with a Chinese company of garment industry that can create about 200,000 jobs.

He added that the State has agreed in principle to establish one advanced specialist hospital, shop houses and modern housing projects in Ward 5 of Pathein, and the companies will report to the MIC. He thanked the President for his attendance to the opening ceremony of the bridge and the Head of State, the government, the Ministry of Construction, the organizations, the Ayeyawady Region government and the local people for their contributions to successful construction of the bridge meeting the set standards. In conclusion, he urged the local people to safeguard the bridge for its durability.

A local spoke words of thanks. Next, the President cordially greeted those present.

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 March—Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Ji Heng of the People’s Republic of China and party arrived at Mandalay by special flight yesterday morning.

They were welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Consul-General Mr Yu Boren of the Chinese Consulate-General to Myanmar in Mandalay and officials.


In the afternoon, the Yunnan Province Governor called on Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel. The Region Chief Minister hosted a dinner to the Yunnan Province Governor.

In the evening, the guests proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw by special flight.—MNA

Union Transport Minister receives Director of Thailand-based RIMES

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 March—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Director Mr Arjunapermal Subbiah of Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) of Thailand at the ministry, here, 3 pm today.

They focused on new generations of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology to be attached to the RIMES for jointly doing research to have technological experiences for issuance of warnings on natural disasters so as to apply their experiences in works of the department, extended opening of earthquake seismological observatory stations in Myanmar and modern technological assistance to be continuously given to Myanmar.—MNA
Tatmadaw born of the Union

Honouring the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

Myanmar’s Tatmadaw is the armed forces born to the people residing in the Union. It is also the national Tatmadaw equipped with the nationalist fervour inherited from ancestors that never gave an inch to the invaders throughout the history.

Sandwiched between two of world’s most populous country and largest countries, Myanmar could stand tall with its own monarchy for a thousand years. It portrays the unity and strength of ancient Myanmar nations in safeguarding the motherland.

Although Myanmar had unfortunately fallen under the yoke of colonialism, all Myanmar nationals denied colonial rule by fight against it with improvised weapons. Although they calmed themselves because of weaknesses in weapons, technologies and force, strong anti-colonialist sentiment was running. Myanmar’s Tatmadaw was born with wars against colonialists and fascists in each age under the names of Burma Independence Army, Burmese Defence Army, Patriotic Burmese Force and Burmese Army.

In post-independence period, Myanmar’s Tatmadaw, formed with varieties of national races, sacrificed many lives in civil war sparked by political and racial extremism to restore stability of the country. “The country in its infancy amid the storm devastating” had to overcome many daunting challenges for a newly-independently country. Within a year or two after regaining independence, it faced situations of disintegration similar to Yugoslavia. Efforts of the Tatmadaw which could restored every inch of the territory of the country till now from the situation that a very little space of Yangoon was under the government’s control, making it called the Yangon government should not go unrecognized.

In those periods, the Tatmadaw also had to fight against alien invaders who threatened the sovereignty and territory of the country. Many Tatmadawmen had to lay down their lives in the fights against domestic and foreign enemies. The State conferred titles on both Bamar and many ethnic soldiers for their performances in the battles. Not only national people, even persons of mixed Anglo parentage and Gurkhas were among the soldiers who fought bravely for the Union. The Tatmadaw was formed with citizens who love the country, regardless of race or colour, and safeguarded the country in love of the country and the Union and in unity.

The Tatmadaw can always stand as a strong and united organization reliable by the people only because of its love of the country and the goodwill to safeguard perpetuation of the Union. Despite some minor cases, Myanmar’s Tatmadaw has long-standing reputation of mutual respect, the thorough chain of command and mission accomplishment throughout the history. Disobedience and mutinies are seldom in Myanmar’s strongest institution. It was the Tatmadaw which had to salvage the “split-up dramas” of politics prone to secessionism and rivalry, leading to the downfall of the country.

It was the Tatmadaw which had to save the country from anarchy leading to annulling of government mechanisms caused by various instigations to the people who were hit by the crisis due to the weakness of one-party political system and centralized economic system and honestly asked for democratic change.

Though, the Tatmadaw had to deal with hindrances and accusations against attempts for perpetuation and stability of the Union. Actually, it is not such easy to rescue a country from devastating conditions. Sometimes, it had to employ force unavoidably. Sometimes, it had to risk its reputation. Sometimes, it had to be misunderstood.

Whatever, the main duty of the Tatmadaw is to uphold non-disintegration, sovereignty and territory of the Union. It is not the light duty, but the onerous one. And, it is also the national interest. To perform the duty, the Tatmadaw in a spirit of goodwill faced accusations and misunderstanding.

Some politicians who lost their interests accused the Tatmadaw as a stooge of authoritarian rule. Some narrow-minded nationalists name it as Bamar army. They accused that it oppressed the minority, breached human rights, and committed mass genocide.

There are persons who criticize parliament for allowing 25 per cent of seats for Defence Services personnel representatives, citing it as undemocratic. However, the Tatmadaw, due to traumatic experiences of the early parliamentary democracy period, worries that the nation would be thrown into turmoil by bigoted egocentric politicians engaged in fierce power struggle, neglecting the interests of the nation and its people. So, it is unfair to blame the Tatmadaw for this. Even in England, known as the oldest democracy of the world, the senators of the entire upper house, known as the House of Lords, inherit the title generation after generation and are not elected ones.

Also in Indonesia, there were service personnel representatives in the parliament in 1998 when democratic reforms were introduced. Only in 2004, military presence came to an end in parliament. It should be noticed that the constitution of Myanmar is not a non-amendable one but is allowed for legal amendments under changing conditions for the interests of the people. What is important is the coordination among all those engaged in the main political trend with mutual understanding and mature political politeness in national interests.

Myanmar is now in the process of reforms towards a democratic society in new era under new system. At this turning point of great importance in Myanmar history, Myanmar Tatmadaw must prepare to accomplish new historical duties in response to the changing conditions.

Nowadays, the world’s strategic spot has shifted to the East Asia under the present international strategic landscape, with the superpowers extending their influences towards Asia Pacific Region. Regional countries have become pawns on the global political chessboard getting entangled in the sensitive strategic moves between the new great power and the present major world power. In the tug of war for balance of power, a strategically important nation like Myanmar must prepare in advance to protect itself safe and sound with solid alertness for self-defence and security.

Another major mission of the Tatmadaw is to play an active role in building eternal peace. In reality, the Tatmadaw constituted with Union national brethren, despite the previous fights with ethnic armed groups for national stability, (See page 9)

The newly-elected State government is now holding talks with the remaining ethnic groups for long-lasting eternal peace, bearing encouraging results. Military representatives have been the active members of the peace-making teams while battalions and stations concerned are acting with Union spirit and goodwill for building mutual understanding and ceasefire agreement in the process of negotiations. The Tatmadaw born of Union national brethren would actively participate in regional development and socio-economic development drive in the interests of the national brethren following the progress in peace process.

Honouring the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

Ko Myanmar

Victorious warriors of the nation

* Having conviction for nation
  * In fore was the resolve
  * Releasing country from subjugation
  * For new age of independence
  * In unity nationalities of Myanmar
  * Founded they all the Tatmadaw

* From the start of the journey
  * Never wavers till now
  * Ever ready to sacrifice
  * Lives for the country
  * Marching forward vigorously
  * Safeguards the Tatmadaw
  * Our motherland Myanmar
  * To exist forever intact
  * Facing difficulties in unity
  * Courage and zeal added

* Never has Tatmadaw belief in
  * The way to settle difficulties
  * Through battles and casualties
  * Among our kinship
  * But with resolve in heart
  * Paving way for unity
  * Peace and prosperity for all
  * Strives through correct process
  * Having trust in internal strength
  * The might of Myanmar
  * With love for people
  * Marching forward ever
  * The powerful Tatmadaw

* O...Army, Navy and Air Force
  * Three brothers in arms
  * Never rebellion
  * Sacrificing spirit their soul
  * People’s Armed Forces, our Tatmadaw
  * Removing all obstacles
  * Motherland the Tatmadaw serves
  * For people it braves difficulties
  * Army, Navy and Air Force
  * Victorious warriors of the nation
  * And also brothers in arms
  * Ever making progress they are

Myinna Maung Naung Moe (Tsu)
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has never liked the meaningless fights between national brethren. Ceasefire discussion with the KNU in 1949, attempt for making peace with the leftists, general amnesty of the Revolutionary Council and attempt for internal peace in 1963, peace talks with KIA in 1986s, peace negotiations with 17 major ethnic armed groups and a number of small groups in the time of State Law and Order Restoration Council and State Peace and Development Council are the concrete evidences that the Tatmadaw has always extended an olive branch for internal peace, under successive governments since the early independence period. The democratically-elected State government is now holding talks with the remaining ethnic groups for long-lasting eternal peace, bearing encouraging results. Military representatives have been the active members of the peace-making teams while battalions and stations concerned are acting with Union spirit and goodwill for building mutual understanding and ceasefire agreement in the process of negotiations. The Tatmadaw born of Union national brethren would actively participate in regional development and socio-economic development drive in the interests of the national brethren following the progress in peace process. Another major obligation of the Tatmadaw is to safeguard the constitution. For over two decades, Myanmar has stood without constitution and now it has one ratified by the majority of the people in the referendum. As the State government and the entire Myanmar national people are working hard in union to establish multi-party democracy system and market economy in accordance with the constitution, the Tatmadaw, the outstanding upholding of the people, at this rare historical turning point, would join active hands with the people in building peaceful, modern, developed, democratic new nation, safeguarding the constitution.

Translation: HKA+TKK

General Min Aung Hlaing attends extended broadcasting of MWD TV Channels of No. 2 Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March—As a gesture of hailing the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the station of No. 2 Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit that extends broadcasting of Myawady TV channels through international level digital system was launched at the station, here, this morning, attended by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief’s Office, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, service personnel of the station and guests.

At the ceremony, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye and Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Maj-Gen Than Soe formally opened the station.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services sprinkled scented water on the inscription.

The second section of the ceremony continued at the theatre of the station. General Min Aung Hlaing launched six extended Myawady TV channels.

The General and party enjoyed entertainments of the mobile public relations units.

Next, they visited the new station, No. 2 Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit launched the new programmes through six TV channels such as MWD Variety, MWD Movies, MWD Series, MWD Music, MWD Documentary and MWD Shopping through international level digital system upon completion of test-running programmes.

Existing Myawady TV Channel and FM Radio Channel of Thazin Radio Station will be operated simultaneously through digital system. Those wishing to receive Myawady TV channels through satellite dish may apply Satellite Palapa-D, satellite location 113°E, downlink frequency 4109.5 MHz, symbol rate 11.669012 Mboud, modulation PSK, FEC ¾, polarization horizontal and through MWD set top box.

Min Aung Hlaing(formerly) attended the opening ceremony of Myawady TV Channel and FM Radio Channel.

Union Minister meets local people from Yesagyo Township

On 23 March, he met local people at the middle of Kungyangon Monastery in Miphaya Village on 22 March. He then met staff and instructed.

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Next, the Union Minister inspected water conditions flowed into main dam, condition of storage of water, maintenance of sluice gate, power intake structure and spillway.

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Union EP-1 Minister inspects Kintar Hydropower Plant

NAY PYI TAW, 26 March — Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min looked into Kintar Hydropower Plant away from 21 miles of Kumae in Mandalay Region on 24 March and left necessary instructions.

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Yunnnan Province Governor calls on Union Minister for Information and for Culture

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 March—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan met a delegation led by Yunnnan Province Governor Mr Li Ji Heng at the VIP Holding Room of Myanmar International Convention Centre here at 4.20 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win, Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin, directors-general and managing directors of the Information Ministry and Culture Ministry, deputy directors-general, directors and officials. The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Jinhua.

Both sides discussed matters related to strengthening of Myanmar-Yunnan amity and cooperation, exchange of visits between media groups regarding the information sector, information sharing, cooperation in news and information tasks, signing of an MoU on shooting TV series on “The Dancing Girl from the Pyu Kingdom” under the first ever cooperation between China and Myanmar in order to further strengthen Myanmar-Yunnan friendship, cooperation in the movie sector, exchange of visits between cultural troupes and cooperation in preservation and maintaining of ancient cultural heritages. — MNA

The Open Season

BY BA THAN

The Open Season has come to our Golden Land of Pagodas.

Monsoon has ended. It is the most welcome friend of our farmers as it brings precious pearly water to fill our millions of acres of paddy fields for rice cultivation, to grow staple crop for sustenance and for export, coming and leaving on nature’s clock, year after year without fail. With the backdrop of the clear blue horizon the paddy plants are ripening with golden yellow hue, unending, undulating stretch as far as the eyes can see, heavily laden with paddy grains as they dance to melody of the wind. In no time harvesting will come, and sales when the farmers’ ‘satchels or ‘sarees are satisfactory weighed with soiled tattered ones patched with strands of tape, good improvisation you know, ready and itchy on spending spendings.

Festivities abound as rural network turned into amusement park. Charity is the order of the day as they donate generously to novitate ceremonies, alms-giving to the monks, weddings etc on ‘come-one-come-all’ invitation. It is the time when no fire burn in the kitchens of the houses of villagers as they converge to the monasteries to have their bally full of rice and curry. The village society is more close-knit, gregarious, communal and egalitarian than urbanites, you know!

The advent of winter also heralds the sacred month of full moon Thadingyut marking the end of Vassa when the monks of the Order of Buddhist Sanghas are free to move out to the world and girls and boys are able to move into the wide world of humanity. Lovers-to-be, lovers, lovers, and lovers more than just already all wait impatiently for lifting of sanctions to rush ahead for the ‘F daw’, Eros or Cupid (kpoow-zaw-yaw-nar), after three months of hibernation is now awake, alert and ready, as he checks the tension of his bows and sharpens the love-tipped arrows for maximum matching for the busy season ahead.

The Thadingyut Festival of Lights is the first religious festival of the open season. It was reminiscent of Lord Buddha’s descent from the Tusita Abode of Celestial Beings to the earth abode of Sangath-Nagara on the full moon night of Thadingyut, when the Devas and earthlings greeted Lord Buddha with lights. Then followed the festivities of Tazaungmiing lights, and the donation of Kathina Civaram sangha robes. Here the boyish pranks held the nights at bay, as everything went topsy turvy, with ladies-garments hoisted on the flag poles and the name plates of the famous barristers hung on the toilet door. Then there was the treasure hunt when the boys search for the hidden cash to unite to the excitement of the festive occasion. Then there is the month of Tapotwe(February), when the festival of sandalwood bonfire was held to give warmth to Lord Buddha against the chilling November cold. A food festival of Htumane glutinous rice was held to give the gourmet’s delight.

The Republic of China is the best time for pilgrimage tours for our Buddhist community. Many pagodas abound around the country worthy of respect and devotion, and Myanmar, Shan, Palungs, Paos Insars etc are avid pilgrims. Among the famous and most frequented are the Shwedagon, Kyak-hi- yoe Golden Rock, Bagan ancient heritage site, Mount Poppa, Mandalay Mahamuni Sacred relic Images, Mandalay Man-Maung Hill, Yankin Hill, Sagaing Hills, Kaung-Hmu-Taw, Thanboddhay, Ketku Pagodas of Shan State, Hpaung-Taw-Oo Images of Inle Lake, Mrauk-U and Myothug Pagodas, ancient heritage site of once Boastful Rakhae Maritime Kingdom etc, etc.

In the Hninzigon Home for the Aged in Yangon, the old residents take this opportune season to go sightseeing to enjoy outdoor sunshine and visit pagodas on pilgrimage nostalgically reliving their younger years. Another devout pilgrimage tour for the affordable is the Buddha Gaya in Nepal, India.

Sarodaw Day or Literati Day is a memorable intellectual highlight of the open season celebrated on the 1st Waxing Day of Nataw (December) every year. It has its origin since the heyday of Myanmar dynasties of kings, when the reigning sovereigns honoured the learned scholars for their outstanding contributions to literature. The present Myanmar Sarodaw Day was initiated during the Japanese Occupation Period when the ‘Pynnya Tagun Literary Association’ proposed to celebrate ‘U Ponnya Day’ in honour of Myanmar popular versatile playwright and actor, and the late Kombuung Day. Later it was decided to celebrate Sarodaw Day in a wider context and fixed ‘the first waxing day of Nataw ‘as the auspicious day. The first “Sarodaw Day” was held on 1st Waxing day 1306 Myanmar Era (13th November 1944). The significance of the celebration was paying homage to the doyen writers, poets, cartoonists, playwrights, journalists who have reached 80 years and contributed outstandingly to the world of letters. The ongoing puja ceremony was being held continuously since 1994 to this day. The author was one of the 80+doyen writers to be so honoured.

Following the significance of the Sarodaw Day is the yearly Literary Awards ceremony where publications for previous year are screened and awards given to the most deserving authors and poets by categories:by the Government, patronage of reigning sovereigns. Famous astrologers calculate the coming year and the change of Deva guard in custody of the Head of Brahama “Ayi”. This year (1373) Prokka Devi handed over to Rassuka Devi as Nandar Devi awaited the arrival of King Banyan at the Apollo. The revelry lasts for three days for the young, and not so young too. Some adults spend their time in meri-making. However old tradition linger as youths go to the old age homes or elders of the village or ward to groom them greeting the new year 1374, on the 11th waning day of Tagu,17th April 2012. By now the activities of the open season have tapered.

Monsoon is about to come and the farmers, 65% of the active working population prepare their farm implements and trusted oxen for the ploughing season. The new admissions for students are under way as the new academic year starts in June.

Soon the spring showers, harbinger of monsoon, will rain from the sky, cooling the scorching heat of the summer marking the end of the Open Season.

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A new ceremony held in the open season was paying respect to the teachers: ‘Acharya Puja’. Buddhists pay foremost respect and devotion to the Three Jewels: Buddha, Dhamma and Sanghas. They also pay respect to the virtues of the parents: the mother,who brings them to life and nurtures them, and the father for rearing them to manhood. And then there is the teacher, who teach them the ways of the world through formal education, informal and non formal lifetime pursuits. The education institutions begin from primary level to the high schools and universities of tertiary learning. Students come and go, as much as teachers teach and train them. Eventually the students choose their life destiny many poor, some lead comfortable lives and some extremely wealthy with enviable status. The teachers teach new batchs year after year, generation after generation and as they grow old retired, leading lean lives on ceelini, and pitri but no pya so to say. Many well meaning Samartians remembered the Sayas and thus the puja ceremony was inaugurated and has now become a feature of the open season. Now the ladderwise with no seeing, no hearing, limbs weakening, sit at the front rows facing the now affluent students of yore, accepting their dana with trembling hands, wheezing voices of prayers and gratitude, with tears trickling down their shriveled cheeks. This is the real pitri sarsodaw comparisons.

The Mandalay University Acarya Puja was held on 23rd December 2011 and the author was among those honoured. The open season is a scare for some segment of population viz: the high school students appearing for the matriculation examination of thousands (nationwide) convening in March. The examination last just a few excruciating days for the students depending on the subject combination, but the preparation really tax the parents much more. Thus year in year out the show will go on.

Then come Thingyan the water festival washing out the old year and heralding the New Year by lunar calendar. It was a long held tradition dating back to ancestry through patronage of reignign sovereigns. Famous astrologers calculate the coming year and the change of Deva guard in custody of the Head of Brahama “Ayi”. This year (1373) Prokka Devi handed over to Rassuka Devi as Nandar Devi awaited the arrival of King Banajurra the Apollo. The revelry lasts for three days for the young, and not so young too. Some adults spend their time in meri-making. However old tradition linger as youths go to the old age homes or elders of the village or ward to groom them greeting the new year 1374,on the 11th waning day of Tagu,17th April 2012. By now the activities of the open season have tapered. Monsoon is about to come and the farmers, 65% of the active working population prepare their farm implements and trusted oxen for the ploughing season. The new admissions for students are under way as the new academic year starts in June.

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**WAKEMA, 26 March—** With the assistance of Ayeyawady Region Government, the second loan disbursement was held in Shwekh Teiri Sports Ground in Wakema at 3 pm on 15 March.

The first disbursement took place in September last year. The second disbursement came from the 11th Loan of the Ministry of Planning and Finance. A total of 112 trainees have been trained in Wakema Township.

**Free toilet service given at Yangon Zoo**

**YANGON, 26 March—** Zoological Gardens (Yangon) gives free toilet service to the visitors at present.

Boards are put up in the public areas in front of the toilets at the zoo to enable the visitors to see it for free use of toilets.

I have seen such service to provide free toilet use for the visitors among playgrounds and parks. I witness toilets are clean and good water supply," a visitor said to Kyemon daily.

Many services of Zoological Gardens (Yangon), visitors from various regions of the nation are convenient in their relaxation.

A private company was allowed by the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry to manage Yangon Zoological Gardens (Yangon) under the long-term contract.

**Broom plants from Thandaung Township higher demand in Yangon**

**YEADASHE, 26 March—** The traditional brooms are used in urban and rural areas up to now. Most of the best traditional brooms are extracted from the forest reserves in Thandaung Township. Merchants from Yangon buy brooms in Thandaung.

At present, paddy, sugarcane, gram and other crops have been harvested. At the spare time, local people of Yedashe Township passing Sittoung River collect broom plants from the forest reserves in Thandaung Township.

Those who passed the matriculation examination may enlist to attend the courses. The 242nd book-keeping course will open two classes which are the first one to be opened every Sunday and the second one, Saturdays and Sundays for conveniences of workers and staff.

Those wishing to attend the courses may contact No. 91/93, 49th Street (Central Block), Pazundaung Township of Yangon Region, Tel: 01-291826, 095019979 and 0954-10909.

**Summer sports courses concludes**

**NAI PYI TAW, 26 March—** The summer sports training courses 2012, organized by Taninthayi Region Sports and Physical Education Department, concluded at the gymnasium of Taninthayi Region in Dawei on 21 March morning.

The department opened the training courses to conduct trainees in 15 sports events. The training courses were attended by 101 male trainees and 91 female trainees.

**Summer cultural course concludes in Insein Township**

**YANGON, 26 March—** The summer cultural course concluded at Ottamawuntha Monastery in Myothit (C) Ward of Insein Township of Yangon North District on 13 March afternoon.

Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Bhaddanta Viveka gave an ovadakata.

The ward administrator and officials presented prizes to the winners from the third standard to the eighth standard.

The course commenced on 4 March, and it lasted 13 days.

Altogether 217 students attended the training course.

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**Free accountancy courses on 29 April**

**YANGON, 26 March—** Myanmar Accountants Association will conduct the 242nd book-keeping course and the 153rd second level accountancy course free of charge on 29 April.

Those who passed the matriculation examination may enlist to attend the courses. The 242nd book-keeping course will open two classes which are the first

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**NYAUNGU, 26 March—** The township level multiplier course for public-based TB patient care service was kicked off at Anaawratha Hall in NyaungU of NyaungU District on 26 February morning.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Myo Thi Nwe made an opening address.

Head of District Health Department U Khin Maung Htay explained health care for TB patients.

Altogether 30 trainees from wards and villages attended the training course.

**Kyemon**

**District News**

**CASH DONATION: Students of Yangon International School of Thunyayawwa street in Thingyan Township of Yangon Region donated cash to the fund to be spent on fire fighting of Thingyan Township Fire Station on 15 March. The head of Township Fire Services Department accepts cash donations. — MYANNA ALIN**

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7.2-magnitude quake hits offshore Maule, Chile

MEXICO CITY, 26 March—Chilean authorities have ordered for evacuation of people from low-lying coastal areas after an powerful earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale jolted offshore Maule, at 22:37:04 GMT on Sunday.

The US Geological Survey said the epicenter, with a depth of 10.00km, was initially determined to be at 35.1160 degrees south latitude and 72.6580 degrees west longitude. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre ruled out a Pacific-wide tsunami but said a quake of this size may generate local tsunamis that can be destructive along coasts located within a hundred kilometres of the epicenter. It advised local authorities to take preventive measures.

Xinhua

Children pose with toy rifles during a parade as part of Pakistan’s National Day celebration in Islamabad.

"Internet"
**Man proposes at Boston aquarium**

A Massachusetts man brought his girlfriend to the New England Aquarium in Boston, where he arranged for divers in a fish tank to hold a sign proposing marriage.

“Will you marry me, Katie?” the sign read.

Groom-to-be Peter Gallagher, 29, brought his girlfriend Katie Ellis, 28, to the aquarium Saturday afternoon for the prearranged event, the Boston Herald reported.

“I’ve been nervous for the past week. Very nervous,” said Gallagher, who is a middle school teacher in Lakeville.

“But I wouldn’t have done this if I was afraid she’d say no.”

Ellis, a fellow teacher, said yes. “I’m really shocked. I don’t have words,” Ellis said five minutes later. “I’m very happy.”

“I knew it was coming but... I thought it would be a month from now.”

The couple have only been dating since December, but have known each other since they were teenagers, Gallagher said. “It felt right,” Gallagher said. “When it feels right, that’s when you do it.”

The aquarium is the only creative spot for proposals in Boston; last year, 62 men proposed to their girlfriends at Fenway Park front of Red Sox fans.

**Humane Society places rats in good homes**

The Michigan Humane Society held an adoption event to find forever-homes for 13 domesticated rats.

The Saturday event at the Berman Centre for Animal Care in Westland, called “Ok, Rat!” was the organization’s first adoption event dedicated to finding homes, The Detroit News reported.

Three or four families were waiting in line at the adoption event when the center’s doors opened at 10 a.m.

Said Linda Reider, director of animal welfare for the Michigan Humane Society. Reider said by late morning, five of the 13 rats had been adopted.

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Cisse hits two as Magpies sink Baggies

**LONDON,** 26 March — West Bromwich Albion 1-3 Newcastle United. Papiss Cisse scored two goals and Andy Carroll hit one as the Magpies sunk the Baggies 3-1 at St. James’ Park and move into fifth place. —

**Nadal advance in Miami**

Monte-Carlo — World number two Rafael Nadal cruised through to the last 16 at the Miami Masters, while fourth seeded Andy Murray advanced without even breaking sweat. Nadal continued his domination over Czech Radek Stepanek with a straight forward 6-2, 6-2 victory in a third round match on centre court. Murray reached the fourth round by not hitting a ball when Canadian Milos Raonic withdrew with a right ankle injury.

Nadal, who is chasing his first Miami title, has now beaten Stepanek in all six contests dating back to their first meeting in 2004. “I am just happy to be in the fourth round winning two matches with positive feeling and with comfortable results,” Nadal said. “I just will try to keep doing well and try to keep improving a little bit at the level.”

Tiger Woods a winner on tour again after 30 months

**INTERNET**

Orlando, 26 March — Tiger Woods walked toward the 18th green Sunday as he had done over the last 30 months on the PGA Tour, with one big difference. There was no mistaking that smile. “Pure joy,” he said. Woods finally brought the backswing to the very thing that made him famous — winning.

Two weeks after another injury scare, Woods looked dominant in that bright red shirt to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill. It was his first PGA Tour victory since a near-scandal at the end of 2009 led to one of the greatest downfalls in sports. And with the Masters only two weeks away, Woods looked more capable than ever of resuming his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus in the majors.

Woods closed with a 2-under 70 and won by five shots over Graeme McDowell. “I think he really just kind of nailed home his comeback,” McDowell said. “Great to have a front-row seat watching maybe the greatest of all time do what he does best — winning golf tournaments.”

Woods had gone 923 days and 27 tour events since his last win, and he showed why he is the greatest of all time. He looked emotional as he walked off the 18th green, where a member of his team had already planted the field’s signature champions trophy, and it showed. —

Conte despairs of Milan squad strength

**MILAN,** 26 March — Antonio Conte admitted he feels powerless to stop AC Milan’s charge to a second straight Serie A title despite his Juventus side beating Inter Milan in convincing fashion. Juve remain four points behind league leaders Milan after a 2-0 win on Inter on Sunday. But Conte admitted that Milan seem to have something extra as despite most of injuries they still managed to come from behind and overcomeroma 2-1 the day before.

And unless Milan slip up somewhere down the line, Conte believes second place is all he can hope for despite his side being unbeaten in 33 matches in all competitions.

“I’ve never been put to pressure on others. Milan have a squad of 34-35 players and are clearly better than the rest,” said Conte. “They’re proving it because despite all these injuries, the latest being that of Thiago Silva, they’ve maintained this incredible rhythm in the league. ‘We need to keep doing what we’re doing, we’re unbeaten and that’s great, it’s a great satisfaction and we’ll give our best because we’re still in two competitions. ”

“In the first, the Cup, we’ve achieved the maximum by getting to the final. In the league we’ll try to secure second place, which in itself would be fantastic. ‘But we’ll keep an eye open because if Milan do slip up we’ve got to capitalise’.”

Alessandro Del Piero was the hero on Sunday, coming off the bench to score the crucial, killer second goal. And Conte paid tribute to his club captain, who has quietly accepted a peripheral role this season.

Stewart wins rain-shortened race in Fontana

**INTERNET**

Fontana, 26 March — When dark clouds ominously obscured majestic Mount Baldy north of Auto Club Speedway, it was a delight seeing the fans cheering — waving their hands to cheering fans, but a few hours later that excitement was her second in less than 48 hours, and took nearly three hours. “I just kept coming back,” Williams said. “I tried not to let anything discourage me.” Other winners included Rafael Nadal, bidding for his first Key Biscayne title, and two-time champion Victoria Azarenka. American John Isner was eliminated. Wozniak served for the match at 5-4 in the final set, but dumped a forehand in the net when she had a match point. Talking later about the situation, Wozniak claimed she had been too close to victory. “She had a match point,” Williams said. “Oh no. Thank God I’m obviously to score a lot of times.”

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**Venus Williams rallies for win at Key Biscayne**

Key Biscayne, 26 March — Weary winner Venus Williams stood near the net swatting souvenir balls to cheering fans, but a marathon match had taken its toll, and one of her attempts didn’t even reach the stands. Williams had already expended all her energy, chasing a match point and outlasting Aleksandra Wozniak 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5) in Sunday’s third round at the Sony Ericsson Open.

Her career comeback now complete after 30 months, Williams is playing in her first tournament since withdrawing from the US Open last August, and then not being diagnosed with a fatigue-causing autoimmune disease. “It was my victory was her second in less than 48 hours, and took nearly three hours. “I just kept coming back,” Williams said. “I tried not to let anything discourage me.” Other winners included Rafael Nadal, bidding for his first Key Biscayne title, and two-time champion Victoria Azarenka. American John Isner was eliminated. Wozniak served for the match at 5-4 in the final set, but dumped a forehand in the net when she had a match point. Talking later about the situation, Wozniak claimed she had been too close to victory. “She had a match point,” Williams said. “Oh no. Thank God I’m obviously to score a lot of times.”

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Two killed in Somali rebels’ mortar attack on palace

Mogadishu, 26 March—At least two people were killed and 8 others wounded after mortar rounds fired by Somali rebel group al Shabaab towards the presidential palace landed on a nearby camp for the internally displaced, witnesses and officials said on Monday.

Under pressure from African Union and Somali government troops, the al Qaeda-linked militants withdrew from Mogadishu in August prompting a return to relative calm in the capital, although they still manage to launch sporadic attacks.

Paddy Ankunda, spokesman for the African Union force known as AMISOM, said some mortars hit a camp for Somalis displaced by war and famine about 300 meters from the presidential palace.

Ismail Nur, a resident of the camp, said one mortar killed two members of a single family.

“A mortar landed on our camp - a father and his son died,” Nur, who is a nephew to the dead father, told Reuters.

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President U Thein Sein receives Governor of Yunnan Province and party

President U Thein Sein receives a delegation led by Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Ji Heng of the People’s Republic of China at the Credentials Hall of the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw. MNA

Also present at the call were Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htay, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun and departmental heads.

The Yunnan Province Governor and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Ji Heng at the call, they frankly discussed further strengthening of strategic ties between Myanmar and China, promotion of economic cooperation between the two countries, enhancement of road transport and stability of border regions with Yunnan Province which plays a pivotal role in relationship between Myanmar and China. — MNA

Chinese women ease to second win in table tennis worlds

DORTMUND, 26 March— Chinese women paddlers beat Ukraine 3-0 in Championship Division Group A on the second day of the world team table tennis championships in Dortmund.

Li Xiaoxia opened the tie with an 11-4, 11-5, 11-6 victory over Tetyana Bilenko on Monday afternoon, followed by an 11-9, 11-2, 11-6 win of reigning individual world champion Ding Ning against Ganna Gaponova. Guo Yan completed the Chinese rout with another 3-0 win over Ievgeniia Vasylieva (11-3, 11-3, 11-6).

China, who beat Belarus 3-0 in its first match on Sunday, will next play Hungary on Tuesday.

Shi Zhihao, coach of Chinese women’s team, said he was satisfied.

“It was an easy game today,” he said. “Our players were fitter than yesterday, and the opponents today were not so strong. Maybe you noticed that we lined up different players for this match, I mean, Guo Yan played for the first time.” — Internet

Wang Hao of China returns the ball during the Championship Division Group A match against Kalinikos Kreanga of Greece at the 2012 World Team Tennis Championships in Dortmund, Germany, 25 March, 2012. Chinese men’s team won 3-0.— Internet

Human resources development course for carbon emission opens

NAV PYI TAW, 26 March— Jointly organized by Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and Korea Forest Service of the Republic of Korea, the human resources development course for carbon emission from deforestation and forest degradation was opened at the hall of the Forest Department, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun delivered an address. Altogether 20 trainees— staff officer and senior forester levels are attending the course that will last up to 30 March.— MNA

Pyinnyayeikmon self-reliant library opened

NAV PYI TAW, 26 March—To mark 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Pyinnyayeikmon self-reliant library was opened at Thitrat Village in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today, with an address by Member Col Myint Aung Than. Chairman of Library Development Committee accepted a set of TV and receiver worth K 160,000 donated by Nay Pyi Taw Council and fund of K 100,000 by Zeyathiri Township Administrator.

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Tatmadaw born of the Union

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Victorious warriors of the nation

Having conviction for nation
In fore was the resolve
Releasing country from subjugation
For new age of independence

Poem

Ko Myanmar

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Tiger Woods wins at the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, United States, on Sunday night. (Photo: AP)