Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for more supports to SMEs in Dawei

The meeting was attended by the speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, the chief justice of Taninthayi Region Court, regional ministers, representatives from political parties, peace groups, non-governmental organizations and local people. During his tour of inspection, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visited Dawei General Hospital and held a meeting with the staff of the hospital.

At the meeting, he called on health staff of the hospital for cooperating with private sector to develop private hospitals in accordance with the rules and regulations. He also pledged to provide medicines and equipment to the hospital every financial year.

During the meeting, CB Bank, Adventure Myanmar Company, ACE Company and Ayeyar Power Company donated K 10 million to the hospital to buy medical equipment.

The Vice-President also visited Dawei University and met with students and faculty members from Dawei University, Dawei University of Computer Science, Dawei Technology University and Education College. During the meeting, the vice-president pledged that the government will make arrangements for the universities to be able to cooperate with private educational institutions.

The government is working together with ministries concerned to improve the infrastructures, water supply, technology, power supply and communication sectors of the universities, the Vice-President said.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Maungmagan Beach in Dawei Town-ship of Taninthayi Region. MNA

By Maung Maung Myint Swe

Yangon City Development Committee has decided to allow more water-throwing pandals in the Thingyan new year water festival.

According to the committee, 57 large-scale pandals and 36 medium-scale pandals will be allowed in the upcoming water festival which kicks off on 13 April this.

The committee has received around 80 applicants for erecting pandals in the festival.

A total of 46 pandals — 41 large-scale pandals and 5 small-scale pandals — were erected in the last year’s festival.

Regarding the granting permission for erecting pandals, the committee will give priority to the applicants who had good reputation last year and followed the rules of the annual new year festival.

Those who have not bad records will draw lots for getting permission for erecting pandals during the festival, according to the Yangon City Development Committee.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Minhla residents to enjoy full electricity**

*Minhla* — To generate electricity at full capacity, authorities have replaced 33/11 KV-3 MVA with 33/11 KV 5 MVA in Thayetapin Sub Power Station in Minhla. Under the instruction of Region Electrical Engineer U Ye Myint, District Electrical Engineer U Aye Kyu supervised the work.

5 MVA Sub Power Station supplies electricity to Minhla, Monyo and Sitkwin as of 9 March, ensuring the socio-economic development of local people.

U Myint Naing (Pyay)

**Farmers in Myingyan Tsp earn higher income from CP**

*Myingyan* — Farmers in Layeintan Village tract in Myingyan Township earned increase income from CP hybrid corn.

The price of the hybrid corn which is an export item to China is increased from K 350 per viss last year to K 400 this year, according to local farmers.

The farmers from the village-tract relied on the hybrid corn than tobacco for their seasonal income.

They put 3030 acres under the hybrid corn this year and the plants are thriving, according to local farmers.

Per acre yield of CP hybrid corn can reach from 80 to 100 baskets.

Chan Tha (Meiktila)

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**Myanmar workers stage protest for wages in Phuket**

*Tachilek* — About 700 workers engaged in construction works run by Panason Construction company in Phuket Province in Thailand staged protests in four worksites on 10 March for not receiving wages.

A Myanmar worker earns 300 baht per day at the construction site. There are 14 worksites where Myanmar workers are working for the company. They staged the protest as they did not received their wages for 50 days.

About 80 workers took part in the protest staged at Monkhon Ward; about 100 workers in Khaunglan worksites; about 200 in Kawthalin site; and about 300 in Pathaung site.

A Myanmar worker said that he did not go to work to take part in the protest.

The owner of the company and the manager settled the problem by responding the demand of the workers that they will pay the wages during this month.

Myanmar workers called off their protests at 1 pm but they said they will watch the situation.

Myint Moh (Tachilek)

**Office of Crime News journal opened in Pyay Tsp**

*Pyay* — The opening ceremony of crime news journal office for informing to media to reduce crimes was held in Ywabe Ward on 8 March. Police station officers of Pyay Township, officials of Special Investigation Department and Criminal Investigation Department, ward administrators, fire brigade members, crime news journal reporters of Pyay, Shwedaung, and Pantaung Townships, and reporters of Myawady, Kyemon and Myanma Alinn daily attended the opening ceremony.

Myint Naing

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**K 1289.05 million alloted to Mongla Special Region-4**

*Kengtong* — Border Areas and National Race Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs alloted K 1289.05 million for carrying out regional development tasks in Mongla Special Region-4 of eastern Shan State in 2013-2014 FY on Tuesday.

It is the third allotment for the region.

In Mongla Special Region-4, officials are constructing roads, clinics, 16-bed hospital, staff quarters and hostel, supplying drinking water and paving roads.

Maung Maung Naing (IPRD)

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**Myingyan Township sees thriving of corn fields.**

Chan Tha (Meiktila)
Four more test positive for radiation at US nuke plant

HOUSTON, 11 March — Four more workers have tested positive for radiation following a leak at an underground nuclear waste plant in the US state of New Mexico, bringing the total of affected workers to 21, plant operators said on Sunday.

The leak, which happened early February at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in southeastern New Mexico, entered the first phase of its recovery process over the weekend, according to a statement published on the plant’s website. — Xinhua

Malaysia military tracked missing plane to west coast: source

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 March — Malaysia’s military believes it tracked a missing jetliner by radar over the Strait of Malacca, far from where it last made contact with civilian air traffic control off the country’s east coast, a military source told Reuters.

In one of the most baffling mysteries in recent aviation history, a massive search operation for the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777-200ER, now in its fourth day, has so far found no trace of the aircraft or the 239 passengers and crew.

“It changed course after Kota Bharu and took a lower altitude. It made it into the Malacca Strait,” the military official, who has been briefed on investigations, told Reuters. “It was one of the world’s busiest shipping channels, runs along Malaysia’s west coast. The airline said on Saturday that radio and radar contact with Flight MH370 was lost off the east coast Malaysian town of Kota Bharu.”

Police had earlier said they were investigating whether any passengers or crew on the plane had personal or psychological problems that might explain its disappearance, along with the possibility of a hijack, sabotage or mechanical failure.

The plane left Kuala Lumpur for Beijing early on Saturday morning, vanishing from civilian radar screens about an hour after take-off over the sea separating eastern Malaysia from the southern tip of Vietnam.

There was no distress signal or radio contact indicating a problem and, in the absence of any wreckage or flight data, police have been left trawling through passenger and crew lists for potential leads.

“Maybe somebody on the flight has bought a huge sum of insurance, who wants family to gain from it or somebody who has owed somebody so much money, you know, we are looking at all possibilities,” Malaysian police chief Khalid Abu Bakar told a news conference.

“We are looking very closely at the footage video taken at the KLIA (Kuala Lumpur International Airport), we are studying the behavioral pattern of all the passengers.” — Reuters

Thailand to lift state of emergency as business suffers

BANGKOK, 11 March — Thailand is expected to lift a state of emergency in Bangkok, almost two months after it was imposed to quell anti-government protests, because of pressure from businesses and in light of improving security, a top official said on Tuesday.

Protesters trying to bring down Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and end what they see as the pervasive influence of her brother, ousted former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, have been on the streets for four months.

The instability is unnerving consumers, with confidence at a 12-year low, and automakers, property firms and hotels in Southeast Asia’s second-biggest economy are feeling the pinch.

Twenty-three people have been killed, most in shootings and grenade blasts, since late November and the bloodstream is scaring tourists away from Bangkok, National Security Council chief Paradorn Pannathabuir said there was a “very high chance” the emergency in Bangkok and surrounding areas would be lifted soon.

“Business organizations have asked that it be lifted and the overall situation is easing,” Paradorn told reporters.

The protests are the latest turmoil to rattle a country broadly divided between urban, middle-class supporters of the royalist establishment and the rural supporters of former telecoms tycoon Thaksin, mostly in the north and northeast.

Thaksin’s supporters say he was the first Thai political leader to keep campaign promises to help the poor.

His critics, who say he is the real power behind his sister’s government, say he used his wealth and taxpayers’ money on wasteful populist policies that have allowed him to command a fragile democracy.

With eye on Crimea, US starts military drills on Russia’s doorstep

WASHINGTON, 11 March — A US Defence Department official said on Monday there is a hypothetical risk that Japan could go nuclear if the US military were to be seen as withdrawing from East Asia due to budgetary constraints.

Christine Wormuth, deputy undersecretary of defence, talked about the risk of nuclear proliferation when she called for keeping defence budgets at levels required to sustain US deterrence during an event in Washington.

“We were looking at sort of the implications to our strategy of a variety of different budget levels,” Wormuth said, referring to the process of compiling the latest Quadrennial Defence Review report released last week.

“At the lowest levels I think there was an implicit understanding that... the risks of countries that are scientifically capable enough to develop their own nuclear program, which certainly Japan is, would go up,” Wormuth said. “But it wasn’t an explicit factor.”

Wormuth told the event organized by the Centre for Strategic & International Studies, an influential security think tank in Washington. — Kyodo News
Two dead, six missing as fishing boat sinks off northern Spain

MADRID, 10 March — Two people died and six others were missing after a Portuguese fishing boat sank off the northern Spanish coast before dawn on Monday, rescuers said. The boat ran aground on the island of Erboza, half a nautical mile off Cape Peñas in the northern region of Asturias, and was left semi-submerged, Spain’s maritime rescue services said in a statement.

Only one of its nine crew members, a Spaniard, was rescued by a nearby fishing boat and taken to a hospital in the town of Aviles. The nationalities of the other eight dead or missing are four Spaniards, two Indonesians and two Portuguese.

Two helicopters, five boats and a team of divers have been deployed to search for signs of the missing crew, the statement said.

Chemicals leak causes temporary operation suspension at Bremen airport

BERLIN, 11 March — Flight takeoffs and landings at Germany’s Bremen airport on Monday were stopped for more than an hour due to explosion danger caused by an explosive chemicals leak near the runway, local media reported.

Around 7 pm, the airport gave an all-clear signal to the waiting travelers that the flight operation that was temporarily ceased can proceed again. After an explosive chemicals leak was reported at an Airbus production hall near the airport’s run- way, an emergency alarm was issued shortly before 3 pm local time and no planes were allowed on the airstrip since 5:20 pm.

The airport building itself was not affected and did not have to be evacuated. — Xinhua

US drone strike kills two suspected al-Qaeda leaders in Yemen

SANAA, 11 March — A US drone strike killed two suspected al-Qaeda local leaders in Yemen’s central province of Marib on Monday night, a provincial security official told Xinhua.

“The drone strike this night targeted a car carrying al-Qaeda regional leaders Mohammad Jabir al-Shabwani and Abdul Mabarak bin Hamad in Wadi Abida area of Marib,” the official told Xinhua.

The United States has escalated its drone strikes on suspected al-Qaeda tar- gets in Yemen since President Obama took office in Febru- ary 2009 after developing its enhanced countermeasures used to mask the purchase of weapons to facilitate the illegal trade in weapons, according to a United Nations report.

North Korean embas- sies in Cuba and Singa- pore were suspected by the eight member UN panel of experts of facilitating the country’s banned arms trade, including a shipment of fighter jets and missile parts that were seized in Panama last July. The report also pointed to the use of more developed financial countermeasures used to mask the purchase of both banned and permitted goods. — Reuters

Hamas says its missiles can hit remote targets in Israel

RAMALLAH, 11 March — The armed wing of the Gaza-ruling Islamic Hamas movement said on Monday it has bolstered its missile capabilities which can now hit distant targets within Israel.

A spokesman for Izz al-Deen al-Qassam Brigades told reporters in Gaza city on condition of anonymity that his group has the ability to hit tar- gets in Israel, “especially after knowing its weakness points.” He did not elabo- rate. “We have moved the battle into the enemy’s field after developing our missile arsenal,” he added.

The spokesman’s comments came after the opening of a memorial to Qassam Brigades’ found- er Ibrahim al-Maqadema, who was assassinated by Israel 11 years ago in Gaza.

The memorial is topped with a mock-up long-range M-75 rocket that Hamas said it manu- factured and used in its recent war against Israel in November 2012 when Palestinian missiles hit for the first time Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Hamas says the mis- sale’s range is 75 kilo- metres.

The Palestinian as- sertion of its enhanced weapons capabilities also followed reports last week that Israel intercepted what it said was an Iranian cargo ship carrying Syrian-made rockets bound for Gaza.

Both Iran and Hamas have rejected the Israeli allega- tion.

The Israeli army said it conducted a search last Wednesday on board the Panamanian-flagged vessel, named the KLOS-C, and found dozens of Syrian-made M-302 surface-to-surface rockets that were concealed under cement bags, adding that Lebanese Shiite move- ment Hezbollah fired this type of rocket into northern Israel during the 33-day war in 2006.

Israeli PM angry at int’l reactions to alleged Iranian arms shipment to Gaza

ELIYAT, Israel, 11 March. — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netan- yahu on Monday lashed out at what he saw as the world’s “faint” response to an alleged Iranian attempt to ship weapons into the Gaza Strip.

“At most I heard a few faint condemnations of Iran from the interna- tional community after we intercepted this murderous shipment,” Netanyahu told a news conference at the naval base in the Red Sea resort of Eliat, referring to the weapons seized by Is- raeli naval forces in a pre- dawn raid last Wednesday. A group of journalists and foreign military attachés and ambassadors were at the base on Monday to view a display of the seized weapons, includ- ing 40 long-range M-302 missiles with a range of between 90 km to 160 km, 180 mortar shells and 400,000 rounds for AK- 47 assault rifles.

The Israeli military said the powerful M-302, which carries a 150-kg warhead, would have posed threat to millions of Israelis if the shipment had reached Gaza.

In an effort to prove that Iran was behind the shipment of arms, which was concealed under cement sacks in more than 100 containers, the Israel- i navy displayed some documents which it said unequivocally point to Teheran. —Xinhua

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Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (2nd L) and Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon (L) look at a display of mortar shells, found aboard the Klos C ship, at a navy base in the Red Sea resort city of Eliat on 10 March, 2014. —Reuters

The recent weeks have witnessed a military escalation between the Gaza militants and Israel, raising fears of a possible collapse of a cease-fire deal between the two sides brokered by Egypt in 2012.

Iranian Foreign Minis- ter Mohammad-Javad Zarif described the Israeli allega- tion as “a lie.”

Izz al-Deyn al-Qassam Brigades rejected the Israe- li allegation as “untrue” but stressed that “the Palestinian resistance has the right to obtain various kinds of weapons to protect the Pal- estinian people and their occupied lands.”

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Snowden calls for public oversight of US surveillance practices

WASHINGTON, 11 March — Speaking via teleconference, former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden on Monday called for more public oversight of the US secret surveillance practices and better online security measures to protect the public.

Snowden, who is currently living in Russia under temporary asylum, spoke to an audience of thousands at the South By Southwest Interactive Festival in Austin, Texas. This is his first public appearance to American audience since last summer.

Snowden said the NSA surveillance programmes are “setting fire to the future of the Internet.”

“I took an oath to support and defend the (US) Constitution and I saw that the Constitution was being violated on a massive scale,” he said, appearing on video screens with an image of the US Constitution as a backdrop.

“We need public advocates. We need public oversight,” said Snowden. He accused US lawmakers of “cheerleading the NSA instead of holding them to account.”

“There’s a political response that needs to occur, but there’s also a tech response that needs to occur,” said Snowden. He urged the tech companies to further tighten safeguards and called on people like the attendees at the annual festival to step up to help protect the public’s privacy.

“People are the fire fighters and we need you to help us fix this,” he told the audience.

Snowden’s disclosures of the NSA’s surveillance programmes since last summer have stirred up controversy and criticism home and abroad and a foreign relations crisis with its allies for the Obama administration. The former NSA contractor is facing espionage charge for his disclosures.

Obama offered a series of proposals to change the NSA’s controversial surveillance practices earlier in January. Highlights of his proposals include pulling back part of the NSA’s bulk collection of US citizens’ phone records.

Obama directed the Justice Department and the intelligence community to develop options for a new approach of the domestic phone collection without the government holding the metadata. They are expected to report back to Obama before 28 March.

Chinese raw materials also found on US B-1 bomber, F-16 jets

WASHINGTON, 11 March — After discovering China-made components in the F-35 fighter jet, a Pentagon investigation has uncovered Chinese materials in other major US weaponry, including Boeing Co’s B-1B bomber and certain Lockheed Martin Corp F-16 fighters, the US Defence Department said.

Titanium mined in China may also have been used to build part of a new Standard Missile-3 IIA being developed jointly by Raytheon Co and Japan, said a senior US defence official, who said the incidents raised fresh concerns about lax controls by US contractors.

US law bans weapons makers from using raw materials from China and a number of other countries, amid concerns that reliance on foreign suppliers could leave the US military vulnerable in some future conflict.

The Pentagon investigated the incidents in 2012 and 2013, and granted the waivers after concluding the non-compliant materials posed no risk, Defence Department spokeswoman Maureen Schumann told Reuters.

Frank Kendall, the Pentagon’s chief arms buyer, issued five such waivers after a change in US law in 2009 expanded the restrictions on specialty metals to include high-performance magnets, Schumann said.

The change affected a radar system built by Northrop Grumman Corp for the F-35, which uses a number of such magnets.

No need for an extra ministerial meeting on SRM: Eurogroup head

BRUSSELS, 11 March — Eurogroup President Jeroen Dijsselbloem said on Monday that there is “no need” for another Eurozone ministerial meeting for discussing the Single Resolution Mechanism(SRM), indicating that a final agreement on SRM may be reached by the eurozone finance ministers within several days.

As the second pillar of the European Banking Union, the SRM is part of an EU effort to prevent future financial crises by pooling responsibility for eurozone’s failing banks.

The Eurozone financial ministers’ meeting, which started Monday, will discuss a wide range of issues such as Ukraine, Portugal and Greece, with the SRM capturing much attention among the press and market watchers.
More fish intake boosts good cholesterol level

A recent study conducted by the University of Eastern Finland showed that increased intake of fatty fish can boost the level of high density lipoprotein (HDL), known as the good cholesterol.

Fish consumption has long been believed to be good for health and people with higher levels of HDL tend to have lower risks of cardiovascular diseases. However, how fats and other useful nutrients in fish function in human body are not fully known. The new study, according to a press release by the university, found that a higher intake of fish increases the number of large HDL particles, which function in sweeping extra cholesterol off artery walls and therefore reduce risks of cardiovascular diseases.

US stocks dip after China, Boeing data

Boeing’s latest production setback for the company’s newest jet, as “hairline cracks” were discovered in the wings of about forty 787 Dreamliners. The weekend disappearance and presumed crash of a Malaysian airliner made by Boeing was another headwind for the stock.

The Dow Jones industrial average DJI fell 34.04 points or 0.21 percent, to 16,418.68, the S&P 500. SPX lost 0.87 percent or 1.3 percent to 1,877.17 and the Nasdaq Composite .IXIC dropped 1,775 points or 0.05 percent, to 4,334.48. The S&P 500 had closed at a record of 1,878.04 on Friday.

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Sharp mulling supplying LCD TVs to Comcast

Sharp Corp is considering a tie-up with leading US pay TV provider Comcast Corp in which it would supply liquid crystal display televisions with inbuilt cable channel receivers, sources close to the matter said on Tuesday. As Sharp’s earnings for the consumer LCD TV business have been worsening due to price competition with foreign rivals, it plans to revive the business by expanding deals with corporate customers, they said. Comcast announced in February it would buy the second-biggest US cable company Time Warner Cable Inc., expanding its subscriber base to roughly 26 million from 22.5 million. — Kyodo News

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US-Russian space trio lands safely despite bad weather

CAPE CANAVERAL/ALMATY, 11 March — An American astronaut and two Russians who carried a Sochi Olympic torch into open space landed safely and on time on Tuesday in Kazakhstan, defying bad weather and ending their 166-day mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS). “We have landed!” read a huge TV screen at Russia’s Mission Control outside Moscow as the descent capsule hit the frozen ground at 0924 (0332 GMT) southeast of the town of Zhezkazgan in central Kazakhstan. Safe arrival back on Earth,” said a NASA TV announcer while all-terrain rescue and recovery vehicles were shown trundling across a snowy steppe to the capsule. “The crew are reported to be in good health,” NASA said. Inside the capsule were former ISS commander Oleg Kotov and flight engineers Sergei Ryazansky and Michael Hopkins from NASA. The trio launched together into space on 25 September. In addition to working on 35 science experiments, Kotov and Ryazansky carried the Olympic torch for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games outside the station during a spacewalk on 9 November. They left behind a small crew headed by Japan’s Koichi Wakata, the first Japanese national to command the station. Three more crew members are due to arrive later this month. Severe weather in Kazakhstan had threatened to delay the Soyuz’s landing.

Before their undock from the ISS, fog and low visibility had prevented airborne rescue and recovery teams from getting to Zhezkazgan, a town about 90 miles from the remote landing site on the windswept flatlands, a Russian space industry source said. But only a fifth of people who could benefit from it remember your settings for different venues. “Let’s say you’re in a place you go to all the time, such as a coffee shop. You can make an adjustment and then it will geotag your location, so the next time you walk in, it will remember your settings,” said Laurel Christensen, the company’s chief audiology officer. In noisy locations, a selection on the app can convert the streaming conversation into the hearing aids for better clarity. It also helps people find their aids, if they misplace them. “As you walk around your house, the signal bars get stronger as you get closer to them, and it’s like a game of hot and cold,” Christensen said.

The company produces hearing aids, called ReSound LiNX, that cost around $6,000 for a pair and can be used with or without an iPhone. “I think we’re going to see an explosion in this area because of baby boomers.”

155-million-year-old dinosaur skeleton on display in Dubai Mall

DUBAI, 11 March — The biggest shopping centre in the Middle East Dubai Mall opened on Monday the permanent exposition of a 155 million-year-old dinosaur skeleton, dating from the late Jurassic Period. The 24.4 meters long and 7.6 metres high adult dinosaur, found 90 percent intact, was unveiled to visitors for free on Monday night at the mall’s Grand Atrium. “Dubai Mall has brought it here to attract tourists and shoppers,” said Sarah, one of the tour guides who is explaining the brown-colored specimen to visitors. The remains of the dinosaur, which has a long tail and slender neck, were discovered in 2008 at the Dana Quarry in Wyoming, the United States, and it’s the first time ever that bones from one animal was found in a sleeping position.

It was previously displayed at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and later bought by Dubai properties developer Emaar to permanently display in Dubai Mall. But the price for the skeleton was not disclosed. —Xinhua

Hearing-aid apps pump up the volume, double as headphones

TORONTO, 11 March — New smartphone apps that link to hearing aids are helping people with impaired hearing to pump up the volume on their devices or to use them as headsets to stream phone calls, YouTube videos and music. About 36 million American adults have some hearing loss, according to the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. But only a fifth of people who could benefit from a hearing aid wear one. “People will always need help with the voice to pinpoint the source of the voice to pinpoint the source, they also specifically take in different human ethnic groups, that pose a threat to them and indicated considerable understanding of different ethnic groups, a new study said on Monday. The study, carried out in Amboseli National Park in Kenya, involved family groups of African elephants being played sound recordings of the voices of different human ethnic groups known to them: the Maasai, who, periodically come into conflict with elephants over access to water and grazing for their cattle, and the Kamba, whose more agricultural lifestyle poses less of a threat to elephants.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Fifty-two invalid applicants seized in MPIO**

**Yangon**, 11 March—Myanmar Passport Issuing Office has suspended 52 applicants as frauds are found in their documents. They have been suspended from applying the passport for three months, as official of MPIO in Yangon said. MPIO has already issued a notice saying that they will take actions against applicants who commit frauds.

To apply for the passport, an applicant needs to attach recommendation letter from ward/village authority, original and copy of the household certificate and the citizenship scrutiny card to the application form.—Thant Zin Win

**Farmers in Katha District use weed to feed pigs**

**Indaw**, 11 March—Pig farmers in Katha District have turned to weeds grown in Indaw Lake to feed their pigs as price of bran and broken rice have spirally upward. The current price of bran is K 2500 for one basket and low-quality broken rice is K 8000 for one basket, according to the farmers. It costs K 400 for one basket of weed.

The pig farmers are convenient to farm pigs as the price of the weed is reasonable.

U Ko Min (Indaw)

**Number of mobile users applying internet access on the increase**

**Yangon**, 11 March—Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Office (Yangon branch) is crowded with over 30,000 mobile users daily who are applying Internet access.

“I need to get Internet access to talk to my husband in abroad via Viber application in my android phone. In the past, I relied on Internet Café for chatting with him. Now, I can reduce my expenses on communication,” said an applicant.

“Applicants need to sign a contract and to pay K 10,000 to MPT to get the internet access. MEC 800 Mhz 1500 SIM card can be used for Internet access,” said an official.—Thant Zin Win

**Groundnuts plantation thrives in Indaw**

**Indaw**, 11 March—Groundnuts plants in Katha District are thriving as the rain fell when they are grown around mid-February. It costs K 15,000 per acre to plough the land with power tiller. Groundnuts from Bamau Township is popular among farmers to use them as seeds in the winter. The groundnut is harvested four months after the planting.

U Ko Min (Indaw)

**Retaining walls constructed to prevent erosion in Indaw Township**

**Indaw**, 11 March—The Sagaing Regional Government is putting the finishing touches on retaining walls in Latpangon Village in Indaw Township to prevent erosion. Work on construction of the retaining walls started on 5 March and it is expected to complete on 12 March.

U Ko Min (Indaw)

**Regional development tasks carried out by parliament funds clarified**

**Wetlet**, 11 March—Clarification on carrying out of regional development tasks spending parliament funds in eight village-tracts of Ywathagyi Station was made on 10 March.

On the occasion Parliamentarian Thipriyanchi Thura U Aye Myint clarified using of the funds for regional development tasks. Administrators of the nine supporting committees also clarified their tasks.

The parliamentarian handed over the last amount of money in cheque to be paid for spending on rural development tasks to officials.

Nan Myint (Wetlet)

**Myanmar Chessmaster leaves for Vietnam**

**Yangon**, 11 March—To take part in International Open Chess Tournament in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam from 9 to 16 March, Myanmar Chess master Win Zaw Tun left Yangon for Vietnam on 9 March.

Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)
S Africa-Rwanda ties feared to hit new low after expulsions

JOHANNESBURG, 11 March — Relations between South Africa and Rwanda are feared to hit a new low with some reports even indicating a possible halt on diplomatic ties within 72 hours.

This came after Pretoria earlier last week threw out three Rwandan diplomats citing evidence linked to attacks on prominent Rwandan exiles living in South Africa.

In response, Kigali ordered six South African diplomats out of the East African country, saying South Africa harboured dissidents responsible for terrorist attacks in Rwanda.

An official within the South Africa Department of International Relations (SADIR) said South Africa would not stand by and watch people being “killed on our soil by another government, just because we happen to be opposed to a sitting regime,” reported South African media Daily Maverick.

The official said the freeze in relations was likely to continue for as long as Rwandan President Paul Kagame remained in office.

Chilean is first foreign fatality in Venezuela unrest

CARACAS, 11 March — A Chilean woman was shot dead while clearing a barricade put up by anti-government protesters, the first foreign fatality during a month of civil unrest in Venezuela, authorities said on Monday.

The deaths of Gisel Rubilar, 47, who was studying in the western Venezuelan city of Merida, and of a protester shot in the border state of Tachira, brought to at least 22 the number of fatalities in five weeks of unrest.

“She was ambushed by extreme right-wing groups. She was vilely murdered with a shot in the eye,” Alexis Ramirez, the governor of Merida state, told reporters, blaming the killing of Rubilar on unidentified demonstrators in the Andean city.

Students and militant opponents of President Nicolas Maduro have been maintaining street barricades in various cities since last month, demanding the president’s resignation and solutions to problems of rampant crime and economic shortages.

The barriers have become frequent flashpoints for violence between protesters, police and government supporters.

People from both sides of the political divide, as well as members of the security forces, have been among the victims of the country’s worst unrest in a decade.

Daniel Ceballos, mayor of San Cristobal in Tachira state, said on Twitter that a student, Daniel Tinoco, was shot dead there late on Monday as protesters and government supporters clashed. San Cristobal has been hardest hit by the turmoil.

In Merida, the authorities said Rubilar was a mother of four and a member of the ruling Socialist Party. A classmate told Reuters she was studying higher education, had lived in Merida for six years and worked as an artisan.

Italy must wait to see if reform efforts impact budget goals

BRUSSELS, 11 March — Italy will have to wait to judge whether planned structural reforms will affect its ability to meet strict European Union budget limits, Economy Minister Pier Carlo Padoan said on Monday.

Speaking after a meeting of euro zone finance ministers in Brussels, Padoan said that it was generally accepted that structural reform measures, which took time to bear fruit, could have a temporary impact on public finances.

“It naturally there could be implications for the profile of public finances which would of course be clearly linked to the structural measures,” he said.

“This is the principle, whether this leads to respecting the limits with greater or lesser precision is something we don’t know. We will see.”

He said the principle was generally accepted by Italy’s Eurogroup partners.

“It’s a concept that’s part of the way the euro and the Eurogroup functions,” he said.

Libya key source for illicit arms, fuelling conflicts

UNITED NATIONS, 11 March — UN experts say Libya has become a primary source of illicit weapons, including shoulder-fired missiles, which have been trafficked to at least 14 countries and are fuelling conflicts on several continents, Libya’s UN envoy said on Monday.

Rwandan Ambassador Eugene Gasana, chair of the UN Security Council’s Libya sanctions committee, briefed the 15-member council on the final report of the independent panel of experts who monitor violations of the world body’s sanctions.

A UN arms embargo was imposed on Libya at the start of an uprising in 2011 that ousted leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The fragile government is struggling to rein in dozens of militias that helped oust Gaddafi and now defy state authority.

“The panel noted that the control of non-state armed actors over the majority of stockpiles in Libya as well as ineffective border control systems remained primary obstacles to countering proliferation and that Libya had become a primary source of illicit weapons, including MANPADs,” Gasana told the council.

MANPADs are man-portable air defence systems.

“The panel furthermore noted that investigations relating to transfers to 14 countries reflected a highly diversified range of trafficking dynamics; and that trafficking from Libya was fuelling conflict and insecurity — including terrorism — on several continents,” he said.

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Three Taleban militants killed in Afghan raids

KABUL, 11 March — Three Taleban militants were killed while five others arrested in military operations, said the Afghan Interior Ministry on Tuesday.

“Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) carried out several cleanup operations in several provinces within the past 24 hours, killing three Taleban members and detaining five other militants,” the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates.

The ANSF also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

In addition, the Afghan National Police found and defused eight improvised explosive devices and roadside bombs planted on the side of main roads by the militants in recent days, according to the statement.

The army and police have stepped up efforts to clear the militants across Afghanistan as the country is preparing for the presidential and provincial council elections slated for 5 April.
Nepal to introduce Air Crash Investigation Regulation

KATHMANDU, 11 March — Nepal is introducing Air Crash Investigation Regulation in May in a bid to minimize air crash in future, officials said on Monday.

Nepal’s Aviation Ministry claimed that once introduced, the regulation will help to bring down the rate of air crash by 20 to 25 percent in Nepal.

“In line with comments from International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) that Nepal has made zero progress in avoiding air crash from 2009 to 2013, the new regulation is being introduced,” Buddhi Sagar Lamichhane, a high-level official at Aviation Ministry told Xinhua.

He said the envisioned regulation was crucial to bring down the number of air crash in Nepal and to abide by the standard of ICAO. “The final draft of the regulation has been prepared and we will submit it to the parliament within two weeks for endorsement,” Lamichhane added.

Ratish Chandra Lal Suman, chief of Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), said the new regulation will help to adopt modern and effective approach to probe air accidents by engaging required technical experts.

He said it will help to strictly implement the recommendations made by the probe committee and to learn from the past mistakes. “This will eventually help to promote air safety in Nepal by decreasing the number of air accidents,” he said. Given the poor air safety situation in Nepal, the European Union (EU) has barred all Nepal-based airlines from European skies. —Xinhua

Nepali PM visits famine-hit areas following children deaths

ISLAMABAD, 11 March — Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday flew into a famine-hit area in southern Sindh province where hunger reportedly killed dozens of children over the past few months.

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Officials said that the deaths were caused as the authorities could not deliver wheat to the affected people on time. “The responsibility should immediately be fixed on those who have failed to distribute wheat,” Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif issued instruction to the chief minister of Sindh Province at a high level meeting he presided over at Tharparkar. The state-run television aired Sharif’s remarks live.

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Foreigners with expertise to acquire permanent status after 3-yr stay

TOKYO, 11 March — The Cabinet on Tuesday approved a bill to revise the immigration law to allow foreigners with advanced knowledge and technology to acquire permanent residence status after staying in Japan for three years rather than the current five years.

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Police officers search for the remains of people still unaccounted for in the wake of the 11 March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami, on the coast of Kesennuma, Miyagi Prefecture on 11 March, 2014, the third anniversary of the disaster. The disaster killed 15,884 people — many from drowning — and another 2,633 people remained missing as of 10 March, 2014, according to the National Police Agency. —Kyodo News

Firefighters inflame to destroy drugs during a drug incineration ceremony at the Huashan Square in the county seat of Ningming, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 10 March, 2014.

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Myanmar Economic Holding Limited

Commercial Dispute No. 1

Applicant

Its authorised agent, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd.), head of department and production department

TAG Company Limited

Vs.

Respondent

Its authorised agent, U Than Oo, Chairman

Second summons to appear before the Arbitral Tribunal

Date , 4th March, 2014

There is a commercial dispute between Myanmar Economic Holding Limited (Its authorised agent, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd.), head of department and production department) and TAG Co., Ltd. (Its authorised agent, U Than Oo, Chairman) arisen from the leased Agreement of Padanomar soap factory (Paung T/S) together with production and sale of Padanomar soap, entered into on (1-9-2011). Both parties tried to settle such dispute amicably out side of the Court many times. But can not settle it so that both parties decided mutually to settle it through arbitral tribunal according to resolution of meeting held on (3-4-2013) in accordance with provisions of the Arbitration Act of 1944 and paragraph (17) of their Agreement. Therefore, both parties appointed each Arbitrator respectively and such two arbitrators opened the Arbitral Tribunal at the venue of arbitration, the hall (ground floor), of Myawaddy Trading Limited, No. 556/1, Strand Road, Yangon, Myanmar and commenced its examination on (15-7-2013). The Arbitrator examined Colonel Win Kyi (Retd.), authorised agent of Myanmar Economic Holding Limited firstly on (15-7-2013) under provisions of existing laws and finished such examination on (12-8-2013). Myanmar Economic Holding Limited (MEHL) produced its list of witnesses which contained 15 witnesses to be examined by Arbitrators. But cannot examine its 14 witnesses until now.

On (19-8-2013) the authorised agent of MEHL, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd.) submitted an interim application in respect of the matter to deliver the disputed Padanomar soap factory and its business to MEHL, without serving due court fees under schedule II, paragraph 18 of the Myanmar Court Fees Act. The authorised agent of TAG Co., Ltd, U Than Oo, submitted objection upon such interim application on (26-8-2013). Then, both parties submitted arguments respectively.

Then, two Arbitrators viewed on such interim application of MEHL's Colonel Win Kyi (Retd.) and gave awards respectively and severally. The Arbitrator U Kyaw Min (B.A., H.L., R.L) gave award that TAG Co., Ltd. must redeem disputed Padanomar soap factory (Paung T/S) to MEHL lastly on (7-11-2013). But another Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing (B.Sc., R.L) gave his award that such matter should be awarded only after getting complete depositions .and evidences submitted by both parties under real cause of action and provisions of law so that interim application submitted by Colonel Win Kyi (Retd.), has been dismissed.

The provisions of paragraph (17) of mutual leased Agreement described as ‘If any dispute is occurred arise from this Agreement both parties shall settle it amicably. If such dispute cannot be settled shall settle it through Arbitration by means of appointing each Arbitrator by either party and such two Arbitrators shall solve it. If cannot be settled it both of two Arbitrators shall appoint an Umpire under their mutual Agreement. Such Umpire shall give award on such dispute. The award of two Arbitrators or such Umpire shall bind on both parties and effect finally. The procedures of Arbitration shall be in accordance with the Arbitration Act of 1944 and all its existing amendments (Myanmar Act No. 4/1944). The costs of the Arbitration shall be borne by the party’. But MEHL does not abide by above terms and conditions of mutual Agreement.

The authorised agent of MEHL, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) does not abide by the terms and conditions of paragraph (17) of mutual Agreement intentionally and breach it. MEHL does not abide to appoint an Arbitrator under such paragraph (17) intentionally and then submitted the second interim application on (11-11-2013) with the intention to revise award of Arbitrator, U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing pronounced on (4-11-2013) but U Than Oo, authorised agent of TAG Co., Ltd, objected such second interim application on (11-11-2013). The Arbitrator, U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing dismissed such second interim application on (2-12-2013). During such period, the Arbitrators examined Brigadier General Aye Thike (Retd.) (Director of Account & Work Inspection Department) and Lt. Colonel San Myint (Retd.), head of Padanomar soap factory (Paung T/S), two witnesses produced by MEHL. During cross-examination on Lt. Colonel San Myint made by lawyer of TAG Co., Ltd on (13-1-2014) , Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), authorised agent of MEHL and his witness U Hla Kyi, was admitted to the Arbitral Tribunal. They described that they do not believe in the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing and proposed to cancel such Arbitration. As soon as their proposal has been submitted the Arbitrator U Kyaw Min declared before the Arbitral Tribunal that he resigned from his Arbitrator post with effect from (13-1-2014) and recommended the remaining Arbitrator, U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing instructed to MEHL’s side to appoint a new Arbitrator in time under provisions of the Arbitration Act, to the Arbitral Tribunal through a outsider who is not a party of such Arbitration. Such declaration was signed by both Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) and TAG Co., Ltd's side and signed the Arbitrator U Hla Kyi in respect of cancellation of such Arbitral Tribunal. Such letter’s meaning is one sided cancellation of the existing. Arbitral Tribunal which was formed under provision of the Arbitration Act of 1944 and paragraph (17) of the mutual Agreement. But the existing laws do not allow it. In Section 5 of such Act provided that an appointed Arbitrator or umpire shall not be revocable except with the leave of the Court, unless a contrary intention is expressed in the arbitration agreement.

It is to be known that the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing had dismissed both the proposed letter, dated (13-1-2014) to terminate such Arbitral Tribunal and declaratory letter, dated (7-2-2014) to cancel such Arbitral Tribunal under provisions of the Arbitration Act of 1944. Thus, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), authorised agent of MEHL and his Advocate U Hla Kyi did not appear before Arbitral Tribunal on adjourned date (3-2-2014) and absent, therefore, his proposal to terminate the Arbitral Tribunal and proposed to appoint a new Arbitrator at vacant post.

Then, Colonel Win Kyi (Retd), and his Advocate U Hla Kyi did not appear before Arbitral Tribunal again on (3-2-2014) and absent, therefore, his proposal to terminate the Arbitral Tribunal and proposed to appoint a new Arbitrator at vacant post.

Therefore, the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing transferred such Arbitral Tribunal Chamber to building No. 375/5, fourth floor, Sabey street, Bolane Aung Mingalar Ward, Tamwe Township, Yangon Region immediately and opened such temporary Arbitral Tribunal legally. It is to inform that all such Arbitral Tribunal is still opening legally at No. 121, first floor, Kyauktawgyi Region. Therefore, they described that they do not believe in the Arbitrator U Hla Kyi and his Advocate U Hla Kyi were carried out with the intention to terminate such Arbitral Tribunal and against provisions of the Arbitration Act. But such Arbitral Tribunal is still existing legally under provisions of the Arbitration Act.

Therefore, the Arbitrator U Maung Maung Ohn Myaing, B.Sc., R.L instructed to Colonel Win Kyi (Retd) to appear before the Arbitral Tribunal because both of you appeared before the Arbitral Tribunal.

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MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER DEPARTMENT OF HYDROPOWER IMPLEMENTATION INITIATIVE TO TENDER

1. Qualified Contractors and/or Joint Ventures are invited to submit Tender Proposals in United States Dollars for the design, construction and operation of the “Upper Yeywa Hydropower Project - Construction of Underground Facilities”

2. Closing Date of Tender Submission - 9.4.2014 (10:00) AM

3. Tender Invitation Letter and Documents with detail information shall be available at the following address.

Department of Hydropower Implementation
Office No. (3), Npy Tpy Taw
Phone : 067 411415, Fax : 067 411081

Invitation for Open Tender

16th Term Supply Tender

1. Open Tenders are invited for the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of High Speed Diesel 1.645 M bbls ±10% and Jet A 0.752 M bbls ±10%. Tender Closing Date : 2-4-2014 at (12:00) noon.

2. Tender Opening Date : 2-4-2014

3. Delivery Time : 10%.

4. Loading, Unloading and delivery : 10% and Jet A1 0.752 M bbls

5. Liability : 2015

Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise

Contact: Mr. U Kyaw Min, B.Sc., R.L

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Nadal and Sharapova beaten at Indian Wells

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Nadal beat Dopolgopolov in the final of the inaugural Rio Open last month but the Ukrainian got his revenge on the world number one in the Californian desert. “I feel great, as after every win, of course. I beat the defending champion and the number one in the world,” said Dopolgopolov, whose next opponent is Fabio Fognini after the Italian saved two match points in a 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 win over Frenchman Gael Monfils. Giorgi, a 22-year-old ranked 79th in the world, made the fourth round of the US Open last year as a qualifier, but her win over the world number five Russian was the biggest of her career. “I did not play a good match at all,” said Sharapova, who dropped serve eight times and committed 58 unforced errors. “I’ve never played against her, but she’s someone that doesn’t give you much rhythm. She’s quite aggressive, but some shots she hits incredible for a long period of time. “Sometimes they go off a bit. But, if I’m speaking about my level, it was somewhere near where it should have been.”

Giorgi will play her countrywoman Flavia Pennetta in the next round after she beat Australian Sam Stosur 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. There were no other major surprises although Britain’s Andy Murray was forced to dig deep to see off promising Czech Jiri Vesely and avoid a similar fate. The Wimbledon champion won 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-4 but only after clawing back from the brink of defeat against the 20-year-old Vesely. Murray lost the opening set despite going up an early break but then struggled on serve against the left-handed Vesely, ranked 77th in the world.

The Scot stunned six times in the match and trailed in both the second and third sets but fought back each time, reeling off four consecutive games to seal victory. “It was just one of those matches where there wasn’t one period where I thought that the level of tennis from both of us was high at the same time,” said Murray. “That can create a lot of breaks and a lot of sort of back and forth swings in the match. It wasn’t just the start of the match that was frustrating. The whole match was.”

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Patience key for Atletico clash, Milan’s Seedorf says

Monaco, 11 March — AC Milan will play a patient game in Tuesday’s Champions League last 16 second leg at Atletico Madrid when they attempt to overturn a 1-0 deficit, coach Clarence Seedorf said on Monday. The only player to win Europe’s club elite competition with three different clubs, former Ajax Amsterdam, Real Madrid and Milan midfielder Seedorf said Atletico were clearly the favourites to advance to the quarter-finals.

However, he said the seven-times European champions’ glittering history could give them an edge at the Calderon, where Atletico will be trying to reach the last eight for the first time since 1997. “You always have to have balance on the positions,” Seedorf, who took over from the sacked Massimiliano Allegri in January, told a news conference. “The lead is minimal and the tie is open and I don’t expect much to change from the first leg,” he added. the former Netherlands international.—Reuters

Last Tango in Paris but Leverkusen will fight

PARIS, 11 March — Bayer Leverkusen will resist the option of fielding a second-string team despite taking an almost insurmountable 4-0 deficit to Paris St Germain on Wednesday for their Champions League last-16 second leg. “We cannot just throw ourselves away,” said Julian Brandt. Leverkusen are without midfielder Jens Hegeler who tore ankle ligaments in the 1-1 draw against Hannover 96 on Saturday and is out for the rest of the season. As far as the Champions League is concerned we are out,” said keeper Bernd Leno who saved a penalty and was outstanding against Hanover. “But that does not mean we want to go and get slaughtered in Paris.”

PSG have been in rampant form since their first-leg rout, netting nine goals in three Ligue 1 outings. Laurent Blanc’s side have won their last five matches in all competitions. Led by talisman Zlatan Ibrahimovic, they have scored 16 goals and conceded twice.—Reuters

Bayer Leverkusen’s (L-R) Stefan Reintartz, Lars Bender, Julian Brandt and Gonzalo Castro react after their Champions League soccer match against Paris St Germain in Leverkusen on 18 Feb, 2014. REUTER

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The Spanish champions were adamant they had not broken any rules and said they had made the payment due to a possible difference of interpretation about how much tax was owed. “Barcelona acted in the proper way but if somebody thinks that there is damage to the name of Barcelona then there is damage to be repaired,” Bartomeu added. “We are not happy with the situation but we will defend our club very strongly.”—Reuters

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**Kun the potential key to City’s salvation**

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**MADRID, 11 March —** Sergio Aguero has a proven scoring record against Barcelona and the Manchester City forward may have a crucial role to play if his side are to upset the odds and reach the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time.

City trail 2-0 ahead of Wednesday’s last 16, second leg at the Nou Camp, a Lionel Messi penalty and a late Daniel Alves goal in Manchester last month putting the Spanish champions on the brink of their seventh consecutive appearance in the last eight of Europe’s elite club competition.

Aguero, who missed the first leg through injury but returned for City’s English Capital One (League) Cup final victory on 2 March, scored five goals in 10 La Liga games against March, between 2006 and 2011.

He has never tasted victory at the Nou Camp though in six visits but did score in a 1-1 draw in 2006-07. “As always in important games the individual performance of players is key,” City coach Manuel Pellegrini, who has labelled Aguero the third best player in the world behind his Argentina team mate Messi and Portugal forward Cristiano Ronaldo, said on the club’s website (www.mcfc.co.uk) on Monday.

“Of course it’s difficult,” added the Chilean, in his first season in charge coach in the 2009-10 season, 1-0 away and 2-0 at home.

“It’s difficult because they are a very good team with great players and that’s the most important thing,” Pellegrini said.

We will try to get the tempo we need to score goals. If we can score a goal early Barcelona may be more nervous.

“There are so many things affecting the outcome of big games that it is very difficult to know what will be the key factor. If we have a good day I am absolutely sure we can do it.”

**Argentina, Thailand agree to boost Customs cooperation**

**BUENOS AIRES, 11 March —** Argentina and Thailand agreed on Monday to enhance Customs cooperation to curb cross-border crimes and boost mutual personnel and technical assistance.

Under an agreement signed here by the customs authorities of the two countries, the two sides will be able to protect each other’s economic, fiscal and commercial interests, according to Argentina’s Federal Public Revenue Administration.

The agreement is aimed at curbing cross-border crimes such as smuggling and customs tax evasion, and boosting mutual personnel or technical assistance.

“This agreement will allow us to access the fiscal databases linked to foreign trade,” said Ricardo Echeagaray, head of the administration.—Xinhua

**China becomes world’s second largest agricultural insurance market**

**BEIJING, 11 March —** China has become the world’s second largest agricultural insurance market after the United States, the country’s insurance regulator said on Tuesday.

China’s agricultural insurance covered 1.1 billion yuan (73 million hectares) of crops in 2013, accounting for 45 percent of the total planting acreage, said Xiang Junbo, head of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission.

The agricultural insurance scheme paid 20.9 billion yuan (3.4 billion US dollars) in compensation and benefited 33.67 million rural households last year, said Xiang at a press conference on the sidelines of the National People’s Congress, China’s top legislature.

A major planter in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province received as much as 3.52 million yuan in compensation from the scheme last year, he said. Xiang said China has always supported foreign capital in the country’s agricultural insurance programs.

China will continue to extend the coverage of the insurance, strengthen supervision and pay high attention to risk control, he said.

The head of the commission also stressed the importance of establishing a catastrophe insurance system, adding that it would relieve the financial burdens on the government. Compensation from catastrophe insurance normally covers 30 percent to 40 percent of losses internationally. In China it covers less than 1 percent, said Xiang.

The Wenchuan earthquake in 2008 caused direct economic losses of 845.1 billion yuan but compensation paid out from insurance was just over 2 billion yuan, accounting for 0.2 percent of the total losses, he said.—Xinhua

**Horses carry spring ploughing materials for farmers in Fanlu Village of Chang-tanhe Dong Autonomous Township in Xuan’en County, central China’s Hubei Province, on 10 March, 2014. More than 30 caravans in Xuan’en County, where most labor choose to migrate to big cities for working, take on tasks to carry spring ploughing materials for the women and the elderly who are stayed at home to take care of the fields.—Xinhua**
Parliament passes Bills amending Income Tax Law, Commercial Tax Law

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw passed the two Bills amending the Income Tax Law and the Commercial Tax Law after holding discussions on each amendment at its 22nd session on Tuesday. The Joint Bill Committee and representatives proposed amendments and discussed them before seeking approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. According to Section 1 (b) of the newly-approved income tax law, the Law shall come into force with effect from 2014-2015 assessment year.

The commercial tax law that has been recently passed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw allows taxpayers to present a petition against any orders of tax collectors in accord with rules and regulations.

### Ducheeadan probe commission releases investigation report

The investigation commission led by Dr Tha Hla Shwe held in Myanmar Peace Centre here this morning, the chairman of the commission said the report would not do "naming and blaming", but aimed at promoting social harmony and stability in Rakhine State.

The investigation commission had carried out focus group discussion, in-depth interview and field surveys during their investigation into the conflict from 15 to 20 January.

The commission interrogated 175 villagers during the investigation. Dr Tha Hla Shwe noted that the commission sought advices from forensic experts to compile the report. International legal practitioner Dr Salai Ngon Kyon Hlyan, a member of the commission, said that according to the 200-yard distance between the two fire and the photos taken by police and authorities, the commission has assumed that the fire outbreaks in the village could be political motivated by a group and arson attacks. He denied that a villager was killed during the conflict, saying that that villager was being detained at a local police station for interrogation. Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, the secretary of the commission, recommended the enforcement of the 1982 Citizenship Law to support rule of law measures in Rakhine State.

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### 14 killed in insurgent violence in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 March— Up to 14 people were killed and 14 others wounded in shootings and bombings, mainly targeting security forces, in Iraq on Tuesday, police said. In Iraq’s western province of Anbar, four soldiers were killed and three others wounded when a land mine struck their patrol in Amriyat al-Fallujah area, some 50 km west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, Commander of the Army’s 10th Division Ali al-Hashimi was wounded in his foot in a clash with gunmen near the town of Khalidiyah, some 80 km west of Baghdad, the source said.

Also in the province, a sticky bomb attached to a military vehicle exploded and killed an intelligence officer on a main road in south of Fallujah, the source added.

Anbar province has been the scene of fierce clashes that flared up after Iraqi police dismantled an anti-government protest site outside Ramadi in late December last year.

Earlier, the police said that nine people were killed and 10 others wounded in separate bomb attacks in northern and central Iraq.

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