Second Pyithu Hluttaw session continues

THE second Pyithu Hluttaw’s first regular session continued for its 15th day with the presentation of a report on the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) meeting and action taken against a letter of complaint by Defense Services personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives to a Member of Parliament’s discussion on an urgent motion.

First, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Khan Maung Thaung, who took part in the 8th UPDJC meeting, presented a report to the Parliament, calling for government to seize the moment for peace.

The chairman also suggested that the UPDJC should be formed with parliamentarians—three from the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) and two from the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House)—in the time of the next government.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets ambassadors

SPEAKER of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaging Thun received Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Murat Yavuz Ates, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. K.W.D Karanaratne and French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Oliver Richard separately in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present at calls were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung and officials of Amyotha Hluttaw Office. —Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives ambassadors

Speaker U Win Myint met French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Oliver Richard separately in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat and officials of Pyithu Hluttaw Office. —Myanmar News Agency

Fifteen Yangon townships to receive normal water supply today

WATER supply will return to some wards of 15 townships in Yangon starting from 8 pm today as the leaking Hlawa water pipe is set to be fixed by 9 March, according to Engineering Department (Water & Sanitation) of the Yangon City Development Committee.

The Hlawa water pipeline suffered a leak in Mayangan Township at about 4 pm on Monday, causing water supply disruption in townships in Yangon—Mingaladon, Insein, Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya, Mayangan, Tanway, Yankin, Bahan, Mingalataungnyunt, Thakayta, Pazundaung, Botataung, Pabedan, Hlina and Kamayut. The pipeline which is 66 inches in diameter is the main source of water supply to Yangon.

Waterworks were forced to stop operation following the pipeline leak, according to the department.

Despite water disruption in some townships, other townships are being supplied with water from the Gyw Pyu, Ngamoeyik and Pu Gyi dams, added the department. —Ko Moe

National Workshop on ESCAP Transport Facilitation Models held

ORGANIZED by Ministry of Rail Transportation jointly with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP) the UN regional commission based in Bangkok, a National Workshop on ESCAP Transport Facilitation Models was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The participants discussed challenges to cross border and transit transport, connectivity in Myanmar. Opening the workshop, Director General of Road Transport Administration Department U Chit Ko Ko thanked ESCAP for organizing the workshop saying that the workshop would be very useful for road transport and other authorities engaged in cross border and transit transport.

Ms Virginia Tanase, Chief of Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section of UNESCAP emphasized importance of having transport and transit rights as a prerequisite for efficient regional and international road transport. Around 30 participants from various ministries including rail transportation, trade, customs department and representatives from private sector attended the workshop.

UNESCAP was requested to provide assistance in enhancing capacity of Myanmar officials in handling and transportation of dangerous goods. Request was also made to help Myanmar in establishing integrated intermodal transport system in Myanmar.

—Myanmar News Agency

Golf contest for the disabled to be held

THE 26th Golf Contest for people with disabilities will be held at the Tatmadaw Golf Course on the 13th March at 6 am. The event has been organised by the Myanmar Disabled Sports Federation, Ministry of Sport.

Disabled persons who wish to participate in the contest can register through the following phone numbers: 09 450015794 - U Sein Whet, 0955459666 - U Min Naing Oo and 01 58369, number of the Myanmar Disabled Sports Federation Office. Sportsmen need to arrive the Golf Course by 5:30 am.

—Kyamon