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13th Plenary Meeting of SSMNC 10-11 March, Fifth Meeting of SCWCS 13-15 March

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The coordination meeting for holding the 13th Plenary Meeting of the Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee will be held from 7 to 9 March 2011 and the 13th Plenary Meeting on 10 and 11 March.

Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee have been requested to come to Kaba Aye Hill of Yangon on 6 March.

The Fifth Meeting of the Sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha will take place from 13 to 15 March. State Ovadaçariya Abbots and members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha have been requested to come to Kaba Aye Hill on 12 March without fail, according to the Department of Religious Affairs.

MNA

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Serbian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mirko Cvetkovic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February, 2011.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Fifth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held Approval sought for nine members, Chairperson of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Proposal submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to form Union Election Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The fifth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Director-General U Myint Thein of the Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint took the position. He announced the validity and start of the session as 656 out of 659 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw who have the right to attend the today's session were present accounting for 99.54 per cent.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw declared that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objections, if any, with clear evidences regarding the candidature list of nine members—three persons each nominated by the elected President, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and one of them to be appointed as the chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union—does not meet qualifications prescribed in Article 333 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, there was no objection so that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed to the appointment of the said nine persons and (See page 7)



Photo shows fifth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 15 February, 2011

Take relaxation and knowledge at Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw)

Myanmar, blessed with plenty of natural forests, mountain ranges, and water and land resources, has about 50 per cent coverage of forests and a bio-diversity of over 20,000 species.

So far, the country has established 43 wildlife areas including sanctuaries. Hukaung Valley has been established as the largest tiger reserve throughout the world. Due to scenic beauties of waters, lands, forests and mountains, rare wildlife and rare ecosystem, six wildlife sanctuaries and national parks of Myanmar have been recognized as heritages of ASEAN.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) was opened on 12 February with the aim of enabling the people to take relaxation and observe nature of wildlife from both Myanmar and some other countries, to conserve endangered animal species and to understand the ecology system.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) is located on 291.52 acres of land, consisting of 202 animals of 16 species on three blocks—Asia, Australia and Africa safari. Unlike other zoological gardens, suitable natural environs are created for the animals to freely roam.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) accessible to the public for their relaxation and observation is built near Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

As wildlife can be seen naturally at Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), the people should visit there to take relaxation and to increase knowledge about nature of various kinds of wildlife.

*Photo shows
Thayuchaung
Bridge constructed by
Public Works on
Pathein-Monywa
Road in Salin
Township, Magway
Region.*

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Literary talks held in Dabayin, YeU, KhinU townships

YANGON, 14 Feb—To raise reading habit in rural areas of Sagaing Region, the literary talks in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day took

place in villages of Dabayin Township on 9, 10 and 12 January.

Similar talks were held in villages of YeU Township on 10 and 12 January and in KhinU Township on 13 January.

The literary talks were given by members of Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association writer

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe, writer Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk) and writer Maung Hsanda (Lewe) with the assistance of Dabayin and YeU Township Peace and Development Council U Myo Lwin and U Toe Toe Htet, townselder U Myo Tint and wife Daw Win Win Aye and heads of Township Information and Public Relations Departments.—MNA

Peoples' Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Thayuchaung Bridge on Pathein-Monywa Road in commission

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—Thayuchaung Bridge on Pathein-Monywa Road, Salin Township, Magway Region constructed by Special Group (3) of Road Construction Project of Public Works under Ministry of Construction was put into service yesterday. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development Council U Phone Maw Shwe, departmental personnel, officials of Public Works, members of social organizations, guests and locals.

Magway Region PDC Chairman U Phone Maw Shwe spoke on the occasion. The deputy minister explained salient facts about the bridge. Next, a local spoke words of thanks. The deputy minister and officials formally opened

the bridge and the Magway Region PDC Chairman unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge.

Thayuchaung Bridge is one-way bailey type facility. The bridge is 260 feet long and 10 feet wide and can withstand 18-ton load. It is the 256th above-180-foot bridge built by

FM felicitates Serbian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Feb—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vuk Jeremic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Serbia, which falls on 15 February, 2011.

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Public Works and the 22nd of its kind in Magway Region.

With Thayuchaung Bridge, Magway will become accessible

to regions in the east and west banks of Ayeyawady River, Chin State, and Rakhine State.

MNA



Deputy Minister U Tint Swe and Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe walk on Thayuchaung Bridge.

MNA

Danish warship captures pirate ship off Somalia, frees Yemeni hostages

COPENHAGEN, 14 Feb — A Danish warship has captured a suspicious pirate vessel and freed two Yemeni hostages in waters off the coast of Somalia, the Royal Danish Navy's Operational Command said on Sunday.

A surveillance helicopter from the warship *HDMS Esbern Snare* spotted a suspicious "mother ship" when patrolling waters off Somalia's east coast on Friday morning. It fired warning shots to force the ship to stop.

According to a statement released by the Danish Navy Sunday, an inspection team from

the *Esbern Snare* found "rockets, automatic rifles, ammunition, a large quantity of fuel, and two fast-moving boats (so-called skiffs), which are used as attack vessels by pirates."

The team also found 16 Somali crew members, and two Yemeni nationals who were thought to have been captured from a Yemeni fishing boat a year ago.

The *Esbern Snare* is part of a NATO counter-piracy mission responsible for protecting commercial ships in the Gulf of Aden since 2008.

Internet

Somali pirates hijack ship with 23 crew members

NAIROBI, 14 Feb — Somali pirates hijacked a ship with 23 crew, and a Danish warship freed a hijacked Yemeni fishing vessel that had been held for nearly a year, maritime authorities said Sunday.

The Maltese-flagged bulk carrier *MV Sinin* had 13 Iranians and 10 Indians onboard when it came under attack Saturday, the European Union Naval Force said. The ship subsequently lost communications and a maritime patrol aircraft photographed two skiffs onboard the vessel. The *MV Sinin* was taken about 350 miles (560 kilometres) east of Masirah in Oman.

In a separate incident,



An armed Somali pirate watches along the coastline as a cargo ship is seen anchored just off the shores of Hobyo town in northeastern Somalia in 2010.—INTERNET

a Danish warship freed a hijacked fishing vessel and arrested 16 suspected Somali pirates, NATO said. The *HDMS Esbern Snare* stopped a suspicious vessel with two skiffs on deck. The warship fired warning shots and sent a boarding party to the hijacked Yemeni vessel.—Internet

Strong earthquake hits off coast of central Chile

SANTIAGO, 14 Feb — An earthquake measuring 6.6 magnitude on the Richter scale hit off the coast of central-southern Chile Monday, causing no casualties or material damage.

According to the information published by the US Geology Survey (USGS) on its website, the quake took place at 0340 GMT and the epicentre was located offshore Maule.

So far there have been no reports of casualties or material damage. The National Office of Emergencies of Chile denied the risk of tsunami soon after the earthquake.

A few hours ago, an earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale shook Bio Bio in central-southern Chile Sunday, leaving no injuries or material damage.

Xinhua



Blood stains the sidewalk on 12 Feb, 2011 outside of the home in the Brooklyn borough of New York, where police claim a 23-year-old Brooklyn man fatally stabbed three people and later moved on to kill a pedestrian after hijacking a car. Police say Maksim Gelman was apprehended Saturday at 8:30 am in the Times Square subway station, after another stabbing on a train.—INTERNET



Afghan National Army soldiers check local residents in Kandahar city, Afghanistan, on 13 Feb, 2011. Multiple blasts for which Taleban claimed of responsibility and gun battles left 15 Afghan policemen dead and injured 45 others including 23 civilians in Taleban birthplace Kandahar on Saturday, Kandahar provincial governor said.—XINHUA

Armed group kills eight youngsters in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 14 Feb — An armed group on Sunday killed eight young people, including one woman, in the state of Mexico, centre of the country, the State Agency of Security (ASE) said.

The event occurred at 01:10 am local time (0610 GMT) in San Agustin Atlapulco District, bordering Ciudad Nezahualcoyotl and Chimalhuacan municipalities in the State of Mexico.

The victims were between 16 and 25 years old and all of them were killed with a shot in the forehead. According to the authorities, these murders were due to a revenge between rival drug trafficking groups fighting for the drug market in that area.

On 16 Jan, eight people died in similar violence.

According to local reports, in 2011, at least 800 people have died in violence nationwide related to organized crime and drug trafficking.—Internet

12 killed in road accident in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 Feb — At least 12 persons were burnt to death as a bus full of passengers caught fire in north area of Pakistan's Punjab Province on late Sunday night, police said.

A bus, full of passengers going to attend a wedding, caught fire while reaching Sohawa area of Jehlum, a city in the north of Punjab, local TV channel GEO reported quoting motorway police.

Passengers could not come out of the bus quickly and in the result 12 people including women and children were burnt alive.

Internet

An image available by the Iranian FARS news agency on 29 November, 2010 shows police standing close to a vehicle allegedly belonging to nuclear scientist Fereydoon Abbasi Davani.—INTERNET



Two suicide bombers attack in downtown Kabul

KABUL, 14 Feb — Two suicide bombers launched an attack in downtown Kabul on Monday, near a hotel that was the site of a major assault a year ago, a Western military official said. There were no immediate details about casualties.

One of the militants detonated his explosives at the start of the attack, said the official, who declined to be named.

A senior Afghan police investigator rushing to the scene said gunfire was

heard shortly after the blast.

"We have heard an explosion followed by gunfire but it is still not clear what is going on," said Mohammad Zahir, head of Kabul's crime investigation unit.

Violence in Afghanistan has reached the highest levels since the 2001 ouster of the Taleban, with civilian and military casualties at record levels. A period of relative calm in the capital also appears to have come to a bloody end.

Internet

Bomb attack survivor Iran's new atomic chief

TEHERAN, 14 Feb — Iran has appointed nuclear scientist Fereydoon Abbasi Davani, who survived a bomb attack in November, as the country's new atomic chief, state television reported on its website on Sunday.

Abbasi Davani, a target of UN sanctions, replaces Ali Abkar Salehi who was endorsed as foreign minister last month.

The announcement of his appointment was declared in an order issued by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the television website

said.

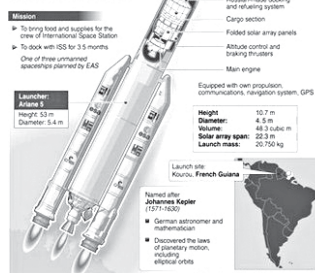
"You are hereby appointed as a vice president and head of Atomic Energy Organization considering the level of your commitment, piety and fruitful scientific and executive records," Ahmadinejad said in the appointment order carried by the website.

He survived the attack, but another senior nuclear scientist, Majid Shahriari, was killed in a similar assault on the same day in a separate part of the capital.—Internet

Science

Cargo delivery to space

A spacecraft carrying a 20-tonne payload is set for launch on Tuesday, the biggest ever hoisted aloft by the European Space Agency.



Graphic on the European Space Agency's mission to deliver an unmanned cargo ship, the Johannes Kepler, to the International Space Station, in a launch set for 15 Feb.

INTERNET

Europe set for landmark launch with robot freighter

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb—Designed to supply mankind's outpost in orbit, the Johannes Kepler will be hoisted by an Ariane 5 ES super-rocket from Kourou, French Guiana. Liftoff is pencilled for 2208 GMT.

A successful mission will boost the case for scientists who want the ATV to be the template of a manned spacecraft, placing ESA on an equal footing with the United States, Russia and China.

With a mass of more than 20 tonnes, the payload

is the biggest ever taken aloft by the European Space Agency (ESA).

It is a monster compared with the 1.6-tonne test satellite launched in 1979 by Ariane 1, the pencil-thin trailblazer in ESA's exploration of space. The unmanned supply ship is scheduled to navigate by starlight towards the International Space Station (ISS) and dock with it automatically, a feat of precision unmatched by any other space power.

Internet

NASA craft set for Valentine rendezvous with comet

LOS ANGELES, 14 Feb—After a long-distance courtship, a NASA spacecraft is set to meet up with its celestial sweetheart — a comet half the size of Manhattan that had an encounter with another spacecraft not long ago.

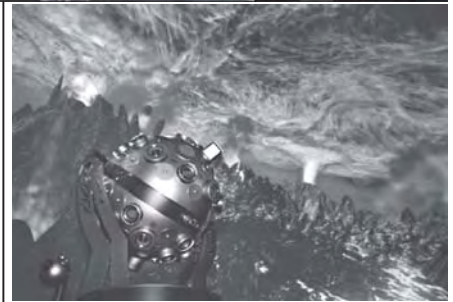
The rendezvous between Stardust and comet Tempel 1 occurs on Valentine's Day some 210 million miles from Earth. Hurtling at 24,000 mph, Stardust will fly within 125 miles of the potato-shaped comet, snapping

pictures along the way.

If successful, it will be the first time that scientists will have before-and-after images of Tempel 1, allowing them to observe any changes on the uneven surface.

In 2005, Tempel 1 received a not-so-loving visit from another NASA probe named Deep Impact, which fired a copper bullet into the comet on the Fourth of July that sparked cosmic fireworks and excavated a crater.

Internet



In this 13 Feb, 2011 photo, the new Zeiss projector fills the dome of the Hayden Planetarium with a digital projection of "Corot 7B" as part of the "Undiscovered Worlds: The Search Beyond Our Sun" show at the Museum of Science in Boston. The Charles Hayden Planetarium at Boston's Museum of Science is reaching for the stars again after a yearlong, \$9 million renovation. The 52-year-old planetarium reopens to the public on Sunday, 13 Feb, 2011 for the first time in more than a year. The new show takes viewers in a virtual spaceship to search for "exoplanets" — worlds being discovered beyond our own solar system.—INTERNET

Scientists find first aggression pheromone in squid

CANBERRA, 14 Feb—An Australian scientist has helped discover the reproductive chemical in squid that makes males of the species aggressive during mating, local media reported on Monday.

Dr Scott Cummins, from the University of the Sunshine Coast in southeast Queensland of Australia, was part of the US research team whose findings have been published in the respected international journal *Current Biology*.

The researchers found female squid coat their eggs with a single protein pheromone that transforms

male suitors into aggressive combatants. Dr Cummins said when male squid came into contact with this pheromone on the outside of the eggs, they instantly went from swimming along calmly and minding their own business to a state of extreme aggression where they fought for potential mates.

He added that that is notable because aggression is generally thought to be a complex process involving neural, hormonal, physiological and psychological stimuli.

Internet

Technology

A man watches a presentation of Sony interactive television during press day of the Internationale Funkausstellung (IFA) consumer electronics fair at "Messe Berlin" exhibition centre in Berlin, on 2 September, 2010.—INTERNET



Users warned of Valentine's computer viruses

TIANJIN, 14 Feb—Chinese technology experts on Monday warned computer users to be alert against Valentine-themed computer viruses.

China National Computer Virus Emergency Response Center issued a circular warning computer users not to open spam with Valentine messages in the title line as it may contain worms like "Worm Blebla.B", "VBS

ILoveyou" and "Vbs Valentin.A".

The centre warned Internet shoppers to be careful when ordering Valentine's Day items as some pop-ups may be bogus and cause computer problems.

It also alerted users that computer worms were being spread through Internet forums and online chatting tools such as QQ.

Internet

Sybase security software for Samsung Galaxy S

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb—Sybase will offer its Afaria Advanced Enterprise Security for Android on the Galaxy S and Galaxy S II tablets in conjunction with Samsung.

Working with Android 2.3 or later, Sybase Afaria Advanced Enterprise Security (AES) provides security management, application management, configuration management, Exchange client configuration, and over-the-air deployment automation.

A partnership between SAP subsidiary Sybase and Samsung will see AES available for the Galaxy S and S II by the end of June. Sybase provides a comprehensive solution that helps Samsung Galaxy S and Galaxy S II set a new security standard within the Android ecosystem. With the widespread adoption of both personally-owned and corporate-owned Samsung devices, our enterprise customers can now enjoy the benefits of Samsung's compelling Galaxy S devices in the most secure and consistent manner.—Internet

Apple developing smaller, cheaper iPhones

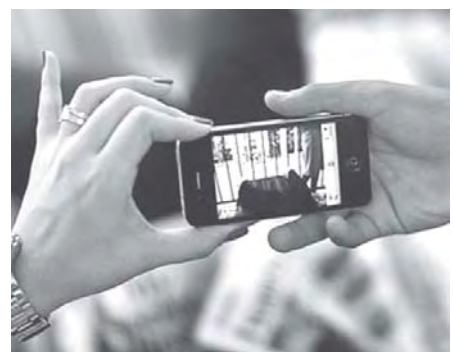
WASHINGTON, 14 Feb—Apple is developing a new line of smaller and cheaper iPhones and overhauling its software to facilitate users' access to entertainment, photos and video, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Sunday.

The new device — code-named "N97" — will be about half the size of the iPhone 4 and cost about half as much as Apple's main line of iPhones, the *Journal* said, citing a person who saw a

prototype of the new gadget several months ago.

Meanwhile, the computer and electronics giant is also revamping its MobileMe online storage service, which currently requires users to pay between \$99 and \$149 per year, and possibly making it a free service so users could upload photos and videos there instead of on devices, according to the report.

Internet



Customers check out the new Apple iPhone 4. Apple is developing a new line of smaller and cheaper iPhones and overhauling its software to facilitate users' access to entertainment, photos and video, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Sunday.—INTERNET



Health



Quick, simple test can detect concussion in athletes

PHILADELPHIA, 14 Feb—A quick, simple test done on the sidelines of sports events can accurately detect concussion in athletes, a new study says. The screening — known as the King-Devick test — is superior to current sideline tests that can fail to assess a wide range of brain functions, according to the researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

For this test, athletes are asked to read single digit numbers on indexed cards. Normally, it takes about one minute. Any increase in the time needed to complete the test suggests the athlete has suffered a concussion,

particularly if the delay is more than five seconds longer than the athlete's baseline test time.—*Internet*



A chef smokes a cigarette outside a side door to a small restaurant located in a 'Hutong', Chinese for alley, in central Beijing 3 August, 2010. Tobacco use will kill 6 million people this year from cancer, heart disease, emphysema and a range of other ills.—INTERNET

Berries may offer sweet protection against Parkinson's disease

HONOLULU, 14 Feb—People who eat foods rich in antioxidants called flavonoids, especially berries, may be protecting themselves from developing Parkinson's disease, a new study suggests.

In addition to berries, flavonoids are found in a variety of foods such as apples, chocolate, and citrus fruits. These compounds have been touted as protective against some diseases because of their antioxidant effects, researchers say.

However, not all flavonoids are created equal. Only those known

as anthocyanins, found in berries and other red/purplish fruits and vegetables, protected both men and women, according to the results of this study, which was funded by the US National Institutes of Health.

"Although it's too early to say that eating berries can reduce Parkinson's disease risk, benefits of berries have been reported in several previous studies, for example, lowering risk of hypertension," said lead researcher Dr Xiang Gao, an instructor in medicine at Harvard

Medical School. "So it is good, at least doing no harm, if we can have 2-3 cups of berries a week," he said.

"When we combined all individual flavonoids together, total flavonoid intake was also associated with a significantly lower Parkinson's disease risk in men — but not in women," Gao noted. Only anthocyanins seemed protective for both sexes.

The results of the study are scheduled to be presented in April at the American Academy of Neurology's annual meeting in Honolulu.

—*Internet*

Weight guidelines may be high for severely obese moms-to-be

NEW YORK, 14 Feb—Current US guidelines may overestimate the amount of weight that severely obese women need to gain during pregnancy, according to a new study.

Extremely obese women who gained less than the Institute of Medicine-recommended amount of weight during the second and third

trimester of pregnancy suffered no ill effects, nor did their babies, said the researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Centre in Rochester, NY.

However, obese and non-obese women who gained less than the recommended amount of weight did experience problems, including a higher likelihood of

delivering a baby that is small for gestational age.

The findings, scheduled to be presented 11 Feb at the annual meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, suggest a need to reconsider weight-gain recommendations for the most obese moms-to-be, the researchers said in a society news release.

—*Internet*

In this picture taken, 3 May 2007, one and half year old malnourished Indian child Nitesh rests in his mother's lap at the Kalyani Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) in Shivpuri District some 113 kms from Gwalior.

—*INTERNET*



Boeing raises a curtain to unveil the 747-8 jumbo passenger jet to thousands of employees and guests at the company's Everett, Washington commercial airplane manufacturing facility, 13 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Boeing unveils new passenger plane 747-8 Intercontinental

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Feb—Boeing on Sunday unveiled 747-8 Intercontinental, a new wide-body jet airliner touted by the US aviation giant as the only airplane in the 400-500 seat market.

About 10,000 guests, including customers, Boeing employees, government officials, partners and suppliers, gathered in Boeing's factory in Everett in the

US state of Washington Sunday morning to witness the premiere of the 747-8 Intercontinental, according to a Boeing Press release received by *Xinhua*. The new plane will offer airlines the lowest operating costs and best economics of any large passenger airplane while providing enhanced environmental performance, Boeing noted.

—*Xinhua*

Business

GE to buy John Wood extraction unit for \$2.8 billion

CONNECTICUT, 14 Feb—General Electric Co agreed to buy the well-support division of John Wood Group Plc for about \$2.8 billion, adding equipment that helps extract more oil and gas from mature fields to round out its offerings.

The transaction may close later this year, with the approval of John Wood holders, GE said in a statement today. The business, which also helps extract gas from shale, had sales of \$947 million and earnings of \$166 million before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization last year.

GE has spent about \$5 billion in the past five months on purchases tied to the energy segment, including those like Wellstream Holdings Plc to expand the oil and gas division. The purchase largely completes acquisitions at the unit by giving it submersible pumps, an area where the Fairfield, Connecticut-based company expects growth, Vice Chairman John Krenicki said in an interview. "If you can get a percent or two more out of these giant brownfields," it can mean more from existing resources," Krenicki said.

The key technology is pumps, such as the ones made by the division, which have "changed the game," he said. "We had an opportunity and we jumped on it."

GE Oil & Gas more than doubled revenue in five years to \$7.6 billion last year as Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Immelt looks to faster growing and emerging markets to boost revenue and earnings.—*Internet*

Japan eclipsed by China as world's second economy

TOKYO, 14 Feb—Japan lost its 42-year ranking as the world's second-biggest economy to China in 2010, with data out Monday showing a contraction in the last quarter due to weak consumer spending and a strong yen.

While Japan was expected to fall behind a surging China in the year, the data underlined the weak state of a Japanese economy burdened by deflation, soft domestic demand and pressured by the industrialised world's biggest debt.

"It is difficult for the deflation-plagued Japanese economy to achieve self-sustained growth," said Naoki Murakami, chief

Gross domestic product
US\$ trillion

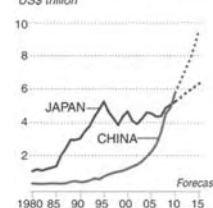


Chart comparing the nominal GDP of both Japan and China since 1980.

—*INTERNET*

economist at Monex Securities.

While China's leap forward reflects a shift in economic power as the country transforms itself from poverty-hit state to global heavyweight, it highlights the need for shrinking Japan to energise its economy, analysts said.—*Internet*

Daily diet soda raises stroke risk by 61%

BEIJING, 14 Feb— A new study suggested that people drinking soda regularly may raise the risk of stroke by 61 percent.



People clear snow in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Feb, 2011. Beijing embraced the second snowfall this winter since Saturday night. —XINHUA

Researchers at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine studied soda habits of 2,564 people for more than 9 years to see if there was an association with stroke. The subjects, who were 69 years of old on average, completed food questionnaires about the type of soda they drank and how often. Results showed that those who drank diet soda daily compared to those who drank no soda were 61 percent more likely to have a vascular event. Hannah Gardener, an epidemiologist and one of the researchers, said: "If our study is replicated it would suggest diet soda is not optimal."

Gardener was slated to present her research Wednesday at the International Stroke Conference 2011 in Los Angeles.

Earlier studies have shown that those who drank more than one soft drink a day, whether regular or diet, were more likely than non-drinkers to have metabolic syndrome. —Xinhua



An elderly man takes a break in front of luxury apartment buildings in Beijing. US finance firm Fortress Investment plans to raise \$1 billion for a China fund that would invest in housing for the elderly, as authorities contend with a looming ageing problem, a report said Monday. —INTERNET

Mine workers leave the 14 Shaft of the Impala Platinum mine in Phokeng, the capital of the Bafokeng kingdom, about 120 kilometres (75 miles) northwest of Johannesburg, in January 2011. South Africa's Bafokeng people live on the biggest platinum deposits in the world, a resource that has transformed the once-traditional tribe into a mini-state with its own investment company.

INTERNET

Venezuela loses \$1.5b a year in gasoline subsidy

CARACAS, 14 Feb— Venezuela's state oil company PDVSA loses around 1.5 billion US dollars a year through domestic subsidies that make the South American OPEC member's gasoline the cheapest in the world, the energy minister said on Sunday.

At a cost of 0.03-0.04 US dollar per liter (0.11-0.15 US dollar per gallon), most Venezuelans can fill their tank for under a dollar. And since deadly protests in Caracas in 1989, successive governments have been wary of changing the subsidy policy and hiking prices.

"Compared to the cost of production, (the subsidy) is more than 1.5 billion US dollars (per year)," Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez, who is also president of PDVSA, told President Hugo Chavez when consulted about the issue on a government TV programme.

Rather than raise prices, the government is trying to reduce internal fuel consumption. "We have to start to reduce gasoline use. Venezuelan gasoline is the cheapest in the world," Chavez said. "The government subsidizes 90 percent of that fuel's real cost."

MNA/Reuters

Near 1,800 Macao residents get free flu shots over weekend

MACAO, 14 Feb— A total of 1,772 local citizens get their flu shots over the weekend after Health Bureau of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) announced free vaccination for all Macao ID holders, the Macao Post Daily reported on Monday.

The newspaper quoted a statement by the Bureau as saying that about 70,000 locals have been vaccinated as of last Sunday.

The Bureau decided to launch free shots to all residents as more and more severe or serious flu cases was reported on youths and others normally not regarded as being among high-risk groups.

Macao SAR government has stocked up to 90,000 doses of seasonal flu vaccine for the 2010 and 2011 flu season.

According to the Bureau, the flu vaccines, supplied by a British company, have only minor side effects, but are effective in preventing flu-associated serious illnesses. —Xinhua



HSBC launches renminbi deposit accounts in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 14 Feb— HSBC said it has launched renminbi deposit accounts for its customers in Singapore, making it one of the banks offering such services in Singapore.

A service staff at the bank said on Monday that it is promoting the

account for a period of about two months from 27 Dec to 28 Feb.

Winston Teo, head of wealth management at HSBC Singapore, said many retail customers have already invested in China funds. "We are seeing more demand, particularly from affluent

customers, for instruments that allow them to gain access to the renminbi, as it provides an avenue to diversify their investment and unlock the full potential of the China growth story," the Straits Times quoted Teo as saying. Xinhua

California college student's body found

NEWPORT BEACH, 14 Feb—The body of a California college student missing for a week was found Sunday floating in Newport Bay, authorities said.

A passerby spotted the body of Alan Song-Long Lin, a 22-year-old mechanical engineering student at the University of California, Riverside, who was last seen alive 5 Feb, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported.

There was no sign of foul play and the initial indications were he died of natural causes though an investigation was ongoing, Newport Beach police said.

Lin had disappeared after leaving Rudy's Pub and Grill in Newport Beach. —Xinhua

Two "F16s" of Royal Thai Air Force crash

BANGKOK, 14 Feb—Two F16 jet fighters of the Royal Thai Air Force crashed on Monday while they were joining US-Thai military exercise, and two pilots on board were rescued.

According to Air Vice Marshal Monton Sanchukorn, two F16 jet fighters reportedly disappeared from the radar screen at around 10:20 am local time after four of them took off from an air force base in northeastern Nakhonratchasima Province to join joint military exercise with the US Air Force as part of Cobra Gold 2011 war game.

Later the two F16s were found crashed in northeastern Chaiyabhum Province.

Air Chief Marshal Intaporn Supawong has already directed the investigation and rescue team to go to the crash area.

Two pilots of both jet fighters were safely rescued afterwards.

The Royal Thai Air Force is now coordinating with relevant agencies to examine the cause of the accident.

The two F16s were initially reported to clash.

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The lights of the Marina Bay Sands resort lighting up the waterfront in Singapore on 9 February. Just one year after opening its first casino, Singapore has emerged as Asia's hottest new gambling capital with a revamped cityscape and billions of dollars pouring into the economy.

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Fifth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held...

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U Thein Soe as Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.

Next, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted a proposal on the number of the Union Election Commission made by the elected President.

The Speaker announced that the elected President, in accord with Sub-section (a) of Article 398 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Rules-24, submitted designation of the member of the Union Election Commission as seven. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives may participate in the discussions at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session tomorrow. The representatives who will take part in the discussions are to submit their names to the Director-General of the Hluttaw Office this evening.

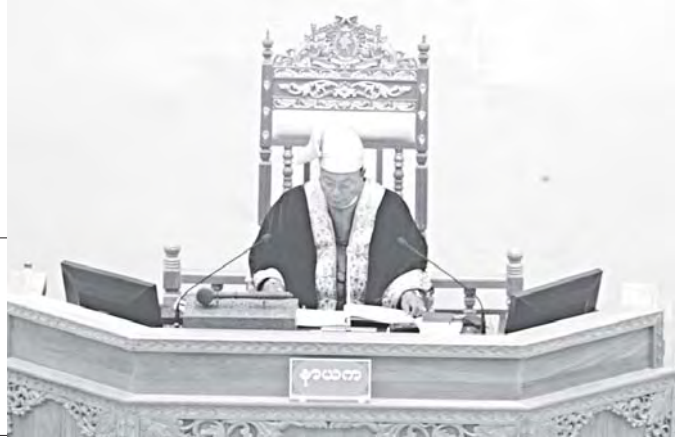
Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the fifth-day regular

session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the sixth-day regular session will continue at 10 am tomorrow.

The meeting came to an end at 10.15 am.
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**Speaker of
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
U Khin Aung Myint.**

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**Arrival of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
representatives at Hluttaw Building.**

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**Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign
attendance book.—MNA**



Village fire in Magway Tsp leaves 800 homeless

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—A fire broke out in Supitsan Village of Magway Township in Magway District around 2:15 pm on 12 February. Ember was the cause of the fire that burnt down 100 houses leaving 800 persons homeless.

In January 2011, the nation saw 72 fire outbreaks, according to statistics of Fire Services Department, of which 26 fire outbreaks occurred in villages. And it was found that negligence is the major factor in most of fire outbreaks. The department urged the public to take fire preventive measures as the open season is coming now.—MNA

Best Battery sets reduced prices in return for customers' choice

YANGON, 14 Feb — Best Battery Trading Co Ltd has reduced sale prices of ATLAS, E-NEX, DUPEX and ABX-AGM batteries, imported by the company as the sole agent, as a gesture of trading thanks for customers' choice starting on 1 February.

The brands are directly imported from ATLASBX Company's two factories in the Republic of Korea.

The maintenance free first-class batteries have widely become the likes of users in more than 100 global nations as they score satisfaction of sellers and users and promise the sanitation.

The batteries are available at many battery shops in downtown Yangon and the company's showroom at No (316), Maha Thukhita Street, East GyoKon Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region (Ph: 646363, 642721).—MNA



Sanctions

Yan Gyi Aung

(Continued from yesterday)

Experts, credible persons and officials of State Department revealed the hardships of ordinary Myanmar citizens caused by the sanctions against Myanmar. Those who put their reliance too much on West Bloc may find it hard to swallow these excuses but I believe they cannot deny it.

Moreover, I would like to present comments made by those who were in trouble within the country, entrepreneurs and responsible persons of organizations.

The article entitled "Reconsider Sanctions, Say Businesses and workers" written by Reporter Ye Lwin appeared in the 31 August-6 September, 2009 issue of *The Myanmar Times* journal.

In the beginning of the article, it is stated that **sanctions imposed by the western countries for political purposes adversely affected domestic businesses and led to rising unemployment at grass roots level in Myanmar.** The reporter said observers reported last week that **sanctions forced young women who lost their jobs in the garment sector to work at night clubs and bars as well as working abroad unwillingly on low wages.**

Regarding the matter, the reporter conducted an interview with Ma Ohnmar, 27, a street florist, who lost her job in September 2003 and had to live without a permanent job until 2009 when he started writing that article. She is a native of Ayeyawady Region and worked at a garment factory in Hlinthaya. She has been doing odd jobs to earn her living for many years since the closure of the sanction-hit garment factory that was exporting garments to the US.

Chairman of Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association U Myint Soe told *The Myanmar Times* that the US sanctions starting from July, 2003 left 85000 garment factory workers jobless, among them 95% to 98% were young women aged between 18 and 35.

U Myint Soe noted that **there should be a review on the sanctions on humanitarian grounds because sanctions can do harm to the general population.**

Before sanctions, there were 300 garment factories in Myanmar. Due to impact of sanctions, only 120 factories with 85000 workers were left in 2009.

The article stated that **Vice-President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation said that the US sanctions had impact not only on the garment sector but also on the fishery sector. Myanmar stood fourth in exportation of marine products to the US in Asia. He said that Myanmar would have become the second leading exporter of marine products if there had been no sanction against her.**

Although there are comments made by scholars at home and abroad and entrepreneurs that sanctions affected the general population, I will stop here to highlight the impact of sanctions as the said reports of those who are from various backgrounds and various countries are already enough for my presentation. I would like to make analyses of the NLD's paper by laying blame on argument about the impact of sanctions in the NLD's statement.

The statement proved a point that IMF did not

accept economic sanction is a major cause of country's economic hardships. Indeed, IMF did not have such a stance. I found that it stated that economic sanctions have a limited impact on Myanmar economy. IMF has not always said such a politically sensitive issue. Particularly, it is not possible to say in the time of opposing the sanctions by international community. According to Articles of Agreement of IMF's organizational structure, economic sanction and ban on remittance services were opposed. (Paragraph 2 of Article VI and Paragraph 21 of Article VII of Agreement Article of IMF)

The statement made an argument as to whether the reduction in international development aids caused by sanctions hinders economic growth or not. Their argument is that Myanmar was reduced to a least developed country in December, 1987 although it received US\$ 3712 million of Development Aids during the period from 1978 to 1988. It means that withdrawal of development aids after 1988 was not related to Myanmar's weak economy.

Superficially, this point may be correct but it is meaningless in deed. The development aid Myanmar received during the period from 1978 to 1988 was only US\$ 371 million. When it is divided by the population at that time, a citizen can get only about ten dollars. The peoples of neighbouring countries got 20 to 40 dollars each a year. How could Myanmar's development tasks be carried out in an effective way only through the very small amount of aid?

It is true that Myanmar suffered economic crisis at the end of 1987. In consequence, it caused political instability stirring up the 1988 uprising. Likewise, economic crisis occurred in other world nations and neighbouring nations. For instance, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia suffered the crisis in 1997. Monetary organizations such as IMF had to provide loans.

However, IMF and World Bank stopped disbursing loans to Myanmar in 1987 as it could not repay their loans. When Myanmar was hit by severe cyclone Nargis, they did not even loan a penny. (Haiti was given loans of hundreds of millions of dollars although it still had loans to repay.)

Overseas Development Aid (ODA) the rich nations provided for least developed countries almost halted after 1988.

The problem is that in the paper it is stated as though **'it was not a demerit to dip a drowning man with a bamboo'**. In other words, the paper carries a one-sided attitude by feeding a dying sick man nothing to die automatically.

In reality, the ODA Myanmar receives is far less than the neighbouring nations. For example, I have learned from a news report that Vietnam lodged a complaint as it had to sign a loan contract of over four billion dollars only although it first obtained a promise to get more than eight billion in 2010.

According to the data of 2008 in receiving ODA for a person, Laos received 48 dollars; (See page 9)

Myanmar government has worked hard on a self-reliant basis for national development amid various sanctions including aid sanctions. From the income from own resources, it had to build and upgrade infrastructures, roads and bridges necessary for the nation. A cluster of hydropower projects with large investment had to be implemented for energy consumption. Industrial zones were built for industrial progress. For improving agriculture essential to the nation's food and economy, projects of dams, reservoirs and river-water pumping were implemented. Moreover, efforts had to be exerted to build a modern Tatmadaw for national defence. Schools and universities were built for education and hospitals, dispensaries and medical institutions for health. Thanks to the continued endeavours, Myanmar achieved significant progress in all aspects.

Sanctions

Yan Gyi Aung

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Cambodia 51.6 dollars; Vietnam 43.5 dollars; Sri Lanka 50 dollars; and Myanmar 10 dollars only. But the amount received includes the aids provided for Nargis. So, actual amount is just over 3 dollars.

Considering that a person should receive 45 dollars a year on average, Myanmar with a population of 50 million had to lose about 2250 million dollars of ODA a year. The amount is equivalent to that derived from the annual sales of natural gas in Myanmar. If Myanmar had received the amount it deserved starting in 1988, it would have contributed to an extent to national development and the health and education of the people.

Anyway, the Myanmar government has worked hard on a self-reliant basis for national development amid various sanctions including aid sanctions. From the income from own resources, it had to build and upgrade infrastructures, roads and bridges necessary for the nation. A cluster of hydropower projects with large investment had to be implemented for energy consumption. Industrial zones were built for industrial progress. For improving agriculture essential to the nation's food and economy, projects of dams, reservoirs and river-water pumping were implemented. Moreover, efforts had to be exerted to build a modern Tatmadaw for national defence. Schools and universities were built for education and hospitals, dispensaries and medical institutions for health. Thanks to the continued endeavours, Myanmar achieved significant progress in all aspects. When it comes to the agriculture sector, Myanmar has not only enjoyed self-sufficiency in rice but also become a major rice exporter. It has also become a world leading exporter of beans and pulses. With agricultural development, the livelihoods of farmers, the majority of the nation's population have improved more remarkably than before.

However, the NLD paper pointed out that the living standard of Myanmar people has yet to improve as no priority has been given to improving the health and education of the people. The paper

Nation	HDI					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Myanmar	0.406	0.419	0.432	0.438	0.444	0.451
Laos	0.46	0.467	0.475	0.483	0.49	0.497
Cambodia	0.466	0.475	0.484	0.489	0.489	0.494

indeed refers to the 2011 human development report of UNDP. In that report also, it is stated that Myanmar's HDI has significantly progressed since 2005. As the paper says Myanmar has less human development than Laos and Cambodia, I would like to make a comparison by drawing the above-mentioned table how significant Myanmar's human development is although the index is still in low.

The rate of HDI in Myanmar between 2005 and 2010 was 0.045 while Laos and Cambodia were 0.037 and 0.028 respectively. It means the rate of human development in Myanmar is 21 percent higher than Laos and 60 percent higher than Cambodia.

I would like to explain why Myanmar's HDI is still low. Education and health development data in Myanmar are not very different from that in those two countries. And its data in other important sectors are far more progressive than the two countries. As to the education sector, Myanmar's literary rate is 89.9% whilst Laos and Cambodia are 73% and 73.6% respectively. As for the health sector, the mortality rate of mothers in labour is 380 per 100,000 while those of Laos and Cambodia are 660 and 540 respectively. The rate of the use of clean toilets in Myanmar is 81% but Laos and Cambodia have only 53% and 29% respectively.

Yet, the reason why Myanmar is still low in HDI is of two facts. First, Myanmar has different money exchange systems so it is difficult to calculate GNI. In addition, there are other incomes which are not included in the data (e.g. exportation and importation of goods and other business by evading taxes).

Second, in the issue of life security, the number of migrants in Myanmar is about 184,000 while those of Laos and Cambodia are 8600 and 17300 respectively. As the data are much different from each other, an overall calculation could not be made and Myanmar's index has decreased. And for this, blame should be put on prolonged internal insurgencies in Myanmar and those operating on the pretext of refugee camps.

Reviewing the impact of sanctions on Myanmar, it is undeniable that sanctions can affect the grass roots to an extent. But, the country's economy has improved without having the people below the poverty line not because the sanction imposers have become magnanimous. In reality, there are tougher sanctions against Myanmar and the US president himself signed an order to renew the sanctions. Despite the sanctions, Myanmar has been able to raise her head again thanks to the unity between the government and the people, effective exploitation of natural resources and cooperation and understanding of the regional countries.

However, it is regrettable that the imposers are trying to mislead the peoples of Myanmar and the world unreasonably saying the general public are not affected by their target sanctions.

I will continue to present 'the effectiveness of sanctions' showing how effective the sanctions against Myanmar are to help accomplish the aim of imposers.

(To be continued)

Translation:YM+ST

True Value to showcase Spector Soft at Exhibition

YANGON, 14 Feb — True Value Solution, a software wing of Lucky Bird Group, will put its tools for internet browsing and computer application management, Spector Soft Solutions, on show at

Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 at Strand Hotel on 18 and 19 February.

The Spector Soft will witness exploring internet and applying computer through monitoring and

recording on real-time basis.

The spyware will help cut back the side effects of technology from management level in time and track down the information leakages thanks to its auto

recording systems.

The software allows managerial role to set rules and schedule of computers at office.

The enquiry for detailed information is available at Lucky Bird

Group of Companies' True Value Show Room at No (351), Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 399011, 248167); Mandalay Office at No (5), 28th

Street, between 78th and 79th Streets (Ph: 02-21572); and Nay Pyi Taw Office at Thabyegon Market, North-West Wing, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-414113).

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Representatives attending third-day regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw.—MNA

Third-day regular session of First Region...

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The elected Chief Minister of Kachin State nominated national race representatives—Bamar national race representative U Pa (a) U Khin Maung Swe, Shan national race representative Daw Khin Pyone Yi, Lihsu national race representative U Ar Hsi and Rawan national race representative U Gwam Ring Dee—to be assigned as Minister for National Race Affairs, obtained from Kachin State Election Subcommission, and the Kachin State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of the First Kachin State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.12 am.

Kayah State

The speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Kayah State. It was unanimously approved by all 20 State Hluttaw representatives. The State Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Nine approved

ministers of Kayah State are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Tin Soe, U Tau Yei of Dimawhso Township Constituency No. 1, U Chit Hla of Bawlakhe Township Constituency No. 2, U Ye Win of Shadaw Township Constituency No. 1, U Saw Hu Hu of Pruhsa Township Constituency No. 1, U Koe Yei of Loikaw Township Constituency No. 2, U Than Kyaw Soe of Pasawng Township Constituency No. 1, U Poe Yei (a) Poe Yei Yan Aung of Dimawhso Township Constituency No. 2 and U Aung Naing Oo of Meisei Township Constituency No. 2.

The elected Chief Minister of Kayah State nominated Bamar national race representative U Sein Oo to be assigned as Minister for National Race Affairs, obtained from Kayah State Election Subcommission, and the Kayah State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of the First Kayah State Hluttaw ended at 10.15 am.

Kayin State

The speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw

submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Kayin State. It was unanimously approved by all 23 State Hluttaw representatives. The State Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Kayin State are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Aung Lwin, U Chit Hlaing of Myawady Township Constituency No. 1, U Saw Khin Maung Myint of Hpa-an Township Constituency No. 2, U Min Soe Thein (a) U Naing Min Soe Thein of Kawkaik Township Constituency No. 2, U Saw Christopher of Thantaunggyi Township Constituency No. 1, U Saw Hsa Law La of Kyauin-seikkyi Township Constituency No. 2, U Than Daing of Myawady Township Constituency No. 2, U Saw Win Htein of Papun Township Constituency No. 1 and U Saw Kyi Lin of Hpa-an Township Constituency No. 1.

The elected Chief Minister of Kayin State nominated national race representatives—Pa-O national race representative U Khun

Than Myint, Bamar national race representative U Khin Kyu and Mon national race representative U Naing Chit Oo—to be assigned as Minister for National Race Affairs, obtained from Kayin State Election Subcommission, and the Kayin State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

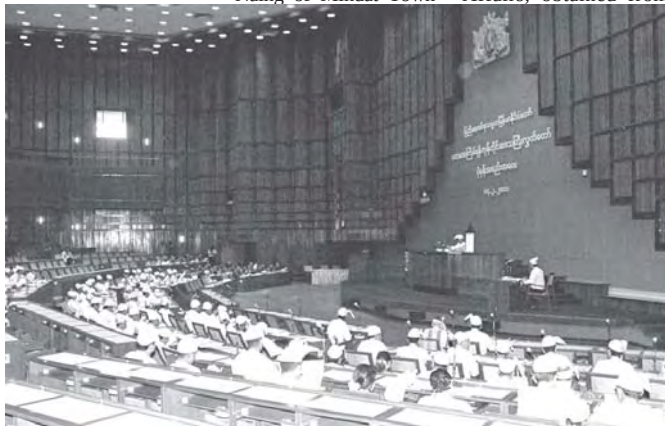
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approved by all 24 State Hluttaw representatives. The State Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Chin State are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Zaw Min Oo, U Nan Za Mon of Tiddim Township Constituency No. 1, U Ram Manh of Haka Township Constituency No. 1, retired Chin State Manager of Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise U Van Htaung, U Kyaw Nyein of Paletwa Township Constituency No. 1, U Kwi Thang of Kanpetlet Township Constituency No. 1, U Ciin Lyan Paung of Tonzang Township Constituency No. 1, retired Director-General Dr Ba Maung of Archaeology Department and U Nein Naing of Mindat Town-

Kalay Township Constituency No. 1, U Saw Myint Oo of Hkamti Township Constituency No. 1, U Sein Moun of Mawlaik Township Constituency No. 2, U Than Htaik of ChaungU Township Constituency No. 1, U Tin Ngwe of Wetlet Township Constituency No. 1, Dr Myint Thein of ChaungU Township Constituency No. 2, U Tin Win of Katha Township Constituency No. 1 and U Kyaw Win of Homalin Township Constituency No. 1.

The elected Chief Minister of Sagaing Region nominated national race representatives—Chin national race representative U Noh Thang Bell (a) Noh Thang Kat and Shan national race representative U San Shwe—to be assigned as Minister for National Race Affairs, obtained from



Third-day regular session of First Yangon Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Kayin State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.06 am.

Chin State

The speaker of Chin State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Chin State. It was unanimously

ship Constituency No. 1.

The third-day regular session of the First Chin State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.20 am.

Sagaing Region

The speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of region ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Sagaing Region. It was unanimously approved by all 101 State representatives. The Region Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Sagaing Region are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Kyi Naing, U Sein Win of

Sagaing Region Election Subcommission, and the Sagaing Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of the First Sagaing Region Hluttaw came to an end at 10.15 am.

Taninthayi Region

The Speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of region ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region. As all 28 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.

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Photo shows third-day regular session of First Kayah State Hluttaw.—MNA

Third-day regular session of First Region...

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Nine approved ministers of Taninthayi Region are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Zaw Lwin, U Myat Ko of Dawei Township Constituency (2), Dr Win Aung of Launglon Township Constituency (1), Dr Win Aung of Kawthoung Township Constituency (2), U Than Aung of Dawei Township Constituency (1), Dr Kyaw Hsan of Myeik Township Constituency (2), U Win Swe of Palaw Township Constituency (1), U Thein Lwin of Kyaukse Township Constituency (1) and U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Bokpyin Township Constituency (2).

The elected Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region nominated Kayin National Representative U Saw Harvey as Region Minister for National Race Affairs obtained from Taninthayi Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Taninthayi Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.17 am.

Bago Region

The Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Region Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region. As all 76 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region



Third-day regular session of First Magway Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Ministers.

Nine approved ministers of Bago Region are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Thet Tun, U Ye Myint Tun of Bago Township Constituency (2), U Myint Lwin Oo of Thayawady Township Constituency (1), Dr Kyaw Oo of Toungoo Township Constituency (2), U Kyaw Myint of Padaung Township Constituency (1), U Tun Wai of Monyo Township Constituency (1), U Tin Soe of Toungoo Township Constituency (1), U Kyaw Htay of Htantabin Township Constituency (2) and U Baby Ohn of Kyaukkyi Township Constituency (2).

The elected Chief Minister of the Region nominated Kayin National Representative U Saw Jubilee San Hla as Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Bago Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Bago Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.20 am.

Magway Region

At regular session of Magway Region Hluttaw, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Region Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region. As all 68 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.



Third-day regular session of First Mandalay Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Nine approved ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Arnt Zaw, U Win Myint Maung of Ganggaw Township Constituency (2), U Win Pe of Saw Township Constituency (2), U Nay Shin of Chauk Township Constituency (1), U Aung Kyaw Min of Natmauk Township Constituency (1), U Aung Naing of Pwintbyu Township Constituency (2), U Kyi Min of Thayet Township Constituency (1), U Thein Tun of Pakokku Township Constituency (1) and U Myint Naing of Yesagyo Township Constituency (1).

The elected Chief Minister of the Region nominated Chin National Representative U Salai Hla Tun for Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Magway Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Magway Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.15 am.

Than of TadaU Township Constituency (1), Dr Win Hlaing of Aungmyaythazan Township Constituency (1), U Phone Zaw Han of Aungmyaythazan Township Constituency (2), U Kyaw Hsan of Myingyan Township Constituency (1), U Than Soe Myint of Kyaukse Township Constituency (2), Dr Myint Kyu of Chanmyathazi Township Constituency (1) and U Aung Moun of Mahaangmyay Township Constituency (1).

The elected Chief Minister of the Region nominated Shan National Representative U Sai Maung Hla for Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Mandalay Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Mandalay Region Hluttaw was concluded at 10.10 am.

Mon State

At regular session of Mon State Hluttaw, Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of State Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the State. As all 31 State Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the State Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of State Ministers.

Nine approved State ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Htay Myint Aung, Dr Khin Maung Thwin of Bilin Township Constituency (1), Dr Toe Toe Aung of Mawlamyine Township Constituency (2), Dr Hla Oo of Mawlamyine Township Constituency (1), U Myo Nyunt of Thanbyuzayet Township Constituency (1), U Win Maw Oo of Bilin Township Constituency (2), U Tun Hlaing of Thaton Township Constituency (1), U Naing Lawei Aung of Ye Township Constituency (1) and Dr Min Nwe Soe of Mudon Township Constituency (2).

The elected Chief Minister of the State nominated Kayin National Representative U Aung Kyaw Thein, Pa-O National Representative U Pe Mya (a) Kun Pe Mya and Bamar National Representative U Thet Win for Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Mon State Election Subcommission. The State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Mon State Hluttaw was concluded at 10.10 am.

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Third-day regular session of First Bago Region Hluttaw in progress.

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Rakhine State

At regular meeting of Rakhine State Hluttaw, Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of State Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the State. As all 47 State Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the State Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of State Ministers.

Nine approved State Ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Htein Lin, U Kyaw Khin of Yanbye

nomination.

The third-day regular session of First Rakhine State Hluttaw concluded at 10.10 am.

Yangon Region

At regular meeting of Yangon Region Hluttaw, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of State Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region. Dr Nyo Nyo Thin of Bahan Township Constituency (2) welcomed the nomination of a female minister but raised an objection to nomination of Region Ministers, pointing out that all the nominees were from Union



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according to Rule 31 (q) of Chapter (5) Region or State Hluttaw by means of standing to express support. Of 123 Hluttaw Representatives, 118 representatives approved the nomination of Region Ministers submitted by the Region Chief Minister. The speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw

nominated Kayin National Representative U Saw Tun Aung Myint and Rakhine National Representative U Zaw Aye Maung for Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Yangon Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

Shwe of Kalaw Township Constituency (1), Dr Myo Tun of Kunlong Township Constituency (1), U Tu Maung of Tachilek Township Constituency (2), U Sai Aik Paung of Hsenwi Township Constituency (2), U Sai Hsulu of Kutkai Township Constituency (1), U Sai Naw Khan (a) U Tin Tun Aung of Hsipaw Township Constituency (1) and U Sai Tun Yin of Taunggyi Township Constituency (1).

The elected Chief Minister of the State nominate Kachin National Representative U Duwa Zok Dong, Kayan (Padaung) National Representative U Laurent, Bamar National Representative U Naing Win, Lahu National Representative U Sha Mwe Lashang, Lishu National Representative U Whan Hsan (a) Yaw Wi, Akha National Representative U Peter Thaug Sein and Inntha National Representative U Win Myint for State Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Shan State Election Subcommission. The State Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular meeting of First Shan State Hluttaw was concluded at 10.15am.

Ayeyawady Region

At regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of Region Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the Region. As all 72 Region Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the Region Hluttaw agreed to the

nomination of Region Ministers.

Nine approved Region Ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Maung Maung Win, U Tin Soe of Kyonpyaw Township Constituency (2), U Win Ko Ko of Myaungmya Township Constituency (2), U Hla Khaing of Zalun Township Constituency (1), U Soe Myint of Hinthada Township Constituency (1), U San Maung of Bogale Township Constituency (2), U Than Tun of Maubin Township Constituency (2), U Saw Mya Thein of Wakema Township Constituency (1) and U Kyaw Win Naing of Laymyathnar Township Constituency (1).

The elected Chief Minister of the Region nominated Kayin National Representative U Mahn Than Shwe and Rakhine National Representative U Ba Kyuu for Region Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Ayeyawady Region Election Subcommission. The Region Hluttaw approved the nomination.

The third-day regular meeting of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw concluded at 10.20 am.

It is learnt that appointment of State or Region Ministers and appointment of Minister for National Races Affairs in State or Region in the third-day regular meetings of First State or Region Hluttaws were carried out under Region or State Hluttaw Rule 50 and Article 262 of the constitution.—MNA



Third-day regular session of First Shan State Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Township Constituency (2), U Kyaw Thein of MraukU Township Constituency (2), U Soe Aye of Gwa Township Constituency (2), U Mya Aung of Maungtag Township Constituency (2), U Tha Luche of Sittway Township Constituency (1), Dr Aung Kyaw Min of Taunggyi Township Constituency (2), U Aung Than Tin of Ponnagyun Township Constituency (2) and U Hla Han of Thandwe Township Constituency (1).

The elected Chief Minister of the State nominated Chin National Representative U Ko Ko Naing for State Minister for National Races Affairs obtained from Rakhine State Election Subcommission. The State Hluttaw approved the

Solidarity and Development Party.

Elected Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe made clarification that Union Solidarity and Development Party won 75 seats and National Unity Party won 8 seats in the elections. In proportion, National Unity Party should get a minister position. Therefore, Hluttaw Representative U Aung Khin of National Unity Party and non-Hluttaw Representative Ambassador U Hla Myint (Retd) were nominated for Region Ministers in line with the constitution, Region or State Hluttaw Rules.

Then the Region Hluttaw made decision on nomination of Region Ministers submitted by the Region Chief Minister

agreed to the nomination of Region Ministers.

Nine approved persons as Region Ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Tin Win, Ambassador U Hla Myint (Retd), U Nyan Tun Oo of Dagon Township Constituency (2), U Soe Min of Mingaladon Township Constituency (2), U Kyaw Soe of Mingala Taungnyunt Township Constituency (2), U Than Myint of Htantabin Township Constituency (1), U Aung Khin of Kamayut Township Constituency (1), Daw San San Nwe of Shwepyitha Township Constituency (2), and Dr Myint Thein of Thongwa Township Constituency (1).

The elected Chief Minister of the Region

The third-day regular session of First Yangon Region Hluttaw was concluded at 10.53 am.

Shan State

At regular session of Shan State Hluttaw, Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of State Ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of the State. As all 142 State Hluttaw Representatives approved the nomination, the speaker announced that the State Hluttaw agreed to the nomination of State Ministers.

Nine approved persons as State Ministers are Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Col Aung Thu, U Kun Thein Maung of Taunggyi Township Constituency (2), U Thaug

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**‘Moby Dick’ captain’s ship found**

HAWAII, 14 Feb — US marine archaeologists have found the sunken whaling ship belonging to the captain who inspired Herman Melville's classic 19th Century novel, Moby Dick. The remains of the vessel, the Two Brothers, was found in shallow waters off Hawaii. Captain George Pollard was the skipper when the ship hit a coral reef and sank in 1823. His previous ship, the Essex, had been rammed by a whale and also sank, providing the narrative for the book.

The remains of the Two Brothers were found by researchers from America's National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (Noaa), about 600 miles (965 km) north-west of Honolulu in the remote chain of islands and atolls. The wooden vessel has disintegrated in the warm waters, but the researchers found harpoons, a hook for stripping whales of their blubber and cauldrons used to turn whale blubber into oil.

"To find the physical remains of something that seems to have been lost to time is pretty amazing," said Nathaniel Philbrick, an author and historian, who has been researching the Two Brothers, the Essex and their captain.

Internet

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The researchers found large pots used to turn whale blubber into oil and other items.

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‘Toughy’ the cat survives arrow wound

CROWN POINT, 14 Feb — An Indiana woman said a cat she found outside her door earned the nickname "Toughy" by surviving an arrow wound in freezing temperatures.

Buckett Pendley of Crown Point said she found the cat screaming outside her door on Thursday with an arrow piercing its shoulder and front paw, *The (Munster) Times* reported on Friday.

Pendley said her husband cut the shaft of the arrow and they called neighbour Jeff Jamrosz, who rushed the approximately 2-year-old cat to the St John Animal Clinic, where his wife, Melissa Buggie, works as a veterinarian. — Internet



The pups' mother was killed in a road accident.

INTERNET

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Organizers called off the final six races at Newbury.— INTERNET

Newbury horse racing deaths blamed on electrocution

NEWBURY, 14 Feb — An investigation has been launched after two horses died in the paddock at Newbury amid fears they were electrocuted by underground cabling. Fenix Two and Marching Song were due to feature in the day's opening race but collapsed. Another horse, Kid Cassidy, was withdrawn after stumbling. The Merry Giant was affected but took part in the race, finishing last and said to be "badly traumatised". Seven horses made it to the start but the last six races were abandoned.

Marching Song's trainer Andy Turnell said: "He went straight down. It looks like they've been

electrocuted." Trainer Nicky Henderson was quick to pull out his runner Kid Cassidy, but the novice hurdle race went ahead, more than 20 minutes late, and with three of the original 10 runners missing. It was won by Paul Nicholls' Al Ferof.

Racegoers saw no further racing, and organizers announced later in the day that they would be fully reimbursed. The British Horseracing Authority is investigating as is the Southern Electric Power Distribution and the police. A racecourse spokeswoman confirmed a cable, thought to be dormant, had been found under the paddock. — Internet

Charity wants homes for England rugby squad puppies

LONDON, 14 Feb — An animal charity in Hertfordshire is looking for homes for ten orphaned pups named after England rugby union stars. The 10 six-week-old Boxer-cross dogs were taken to a Blue Cross centre in Kimpton after their mother died when she was knocked down by a car.

They have been named Johnno, Tindall, Ashton, Flood, Wilko, Foden, Easter, Sheridan, Hartley and Haskell. "It seemed perfect to name the little bruisers after rugby players," said Emma Pannell, deputy manager. "Like many rugby players, these puppies are going to be big and boisterous so they'd like a home where they can run around." — Internet

Strugglers Gladbach sack coach Frontzeck

BERLIN, 14 Feb — Bundesliga bottom side Borussia Moenchengladbach sacked their coach Michael Frontzeck on Sunday, 24 hours after their 3-1 German league defeat at St Pauli.

‘Gladbach are seven points from safety at the foot of the table and 46-



Bundesliga bottom side Borussia Moenchengladbach sacked their coach Michael Frontzeck.
INTERNET

year-old Frontzeck, who has been in charge for 18 months, was shown the door after his side have won just 14 of their 56 league matches under him.

While the defeat to St Pauli was the nail in his coffin, ‘Gladbach allowed a 2-0 lead at home to Stuttgart slip to a 3-2 defeat the week before.

“After the two defeats against our main rivals, Stuttgart and St Pauli, we have had to consider our situation. This was a difficult decision,” said ‘Gladbach’s director of sport Max Eberl.

Internet

S P O R T S

Results on 13 February

Italy - Serie A

Palermo	2 - 4	Fiorentina
Bari	0 - 0	Genoa
Brescia	0 - 2	Lazio
Cagliari	4 - 1	Chievo
Catania	3 - 2	Lecce
Cesena	0 - 3	Udinese
Sampdoria	3 - 1	Bologna
Juventus	1 - 0	Inter Milan

Spain - Primera Division

Hercules	2 - 1	Zaragoza
Levante	1 - 0	Almeria
Malaga	2 - 2	Getafe
Real Sociedad	1 - 0	Osasuna
Deportivo La Coruna	1 - 0	Villarreal
Espanyol	0 - 1	Real Madrid

France - Ligue 1

Rennes	2 - 0	Nice
Valenciennes	3 - 0	Brest
Lille	2 - 0	Toulouse

Podolski double lifts Cologne out of drop zone

BERLIN, 14 Feb — Germany striker Lukas Podolski struck twice on Sunday to lift Cologne out of the bottom three following their 4-2 win over Mainz, as his team picked up their second consecutive league victory.

Podolski’s brace, either side of half-time, lifts Cologne up to 13th and out of the relegation zone as they backed up last week’s shock 3-2 win over current champions Bayern Munich with their third victory in four league games.

Having fired home a third minute free-kick, ‘Poldi’ scored Cologne’s



Cologne’s striker Lukas Podolski

third after he dribbled past two Mainz defenders and drilled his shot into the top left-hand corner of the net on 55 minutes.

Slovenia striker Milivoje Novakovic, who broke Bayern hearts with two goals last week, also scored twice to inflict a fifth defeat on Mainz from their last nine games.

Internet

Lille hold course with victory over Toulouse

PARIS, 14 Feb — Lille re-established their five-point lead at the summit of the French top flight after overcoming Toulouse 2-0 on a boggy home pitch at Stadium Lille-Metropole on Sunday.

The northern side had watched their title rivals close in on them over the course of the weekend but with 15 matches to play, they remain on course for a first Ligue 1 title since 1954.

Lille dominated proceedings in the first half, with Gervinho twice denied by superb reflex saves from Toulouse goalkeeper Matthieu Valverde and league top scorer Moussa Sow firing over the bar from the edge of the penalty area.

The breakthrough arrived in the 38th minute, Gervinho scrambling home via a deflection off Toulouse defender

Adrian Gunino after Valverde had pushed a Sow toe-poke onto his left-hand post.

Substitute Tulio de Melo slotted in Lille’s second in injury time from a Gervinho cut-back, while goalkeeper Mickael Landreau was able to celebrate his 500th Ligue 1 appearance with a clean sheet.—Internet



Lille’s Brazilian forward Tulio De Melo (C) celebrates after scoring a goal during the French LI.—INTERNET

Casillas relieved as 10-man Real defeat Espanyol

MADRID, 14 Feb — Real Madrid showed real character to close the gap on leaders Barcelona to five points winning 1-0 at Espanyol on Sunday, despite playing virtually the whole match with 10 men after goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas was sent off after just 90 seconds.

Brazilian international left back Marcelo scored the decisive goal on 23 minutes as Real took advantage of Barcelona’s 1-1 draw against Sporting Gijon on Sunday to edge closer in the title race — but it took a battling display from Madrid’s ‘Galacticos’.

“Espanyol are a strong opponent and they always have fantastic support. Losing your goalkeeper in the second minute and giving a debut to another keeper was tough,” said Real coach Jose



Real Madrid’s goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas leaves after receiving a red card.—INTERNET

Mourinho. “The players were fantastic, though, and we deserved to win.”

Asked about the five-point gap held by Barcelona, the Portuguese manager replied: “Five points is an advantage and I would like to be five points clear of second.”—Internet

Kurt Busch wins Shootout after Hamlin disqualified

DAYTONA BEACH, 14 Feb — It was a two-car tango at Daytona International Speedway, where the wild, pack racing was replaced Saturday night by sizzling fast speeds and a strange ending that gave Kurt Busch the win in the Budweiser Shootout.

The exhibition race was the first test on Daytona’s smooth new pavement, and speeds at times hit 206 mph in a race that had a record 28 lead changes among nine drivers.

The final pass, though, was ruled illegal as Denny Hamlin was disqualified for going below the out-of-bounds line.

It made Busch, who

actually crossed the finish line in second place, the first Dodge driver to win the non-points race that has opened Speedweeks for the last 33 years.

“What an unbelievable experience, this two-car draft. I had no idea what to expect going in,” Busch said. “I was just going to take it one lap at a time and see how it played out.”—Internet



Busch won and Hamlin was penalized for going under the yellow double line and finished in the 12th position.—INTERNET

Inter’s Italian title hopes hit by inspired Juve

ROME, 14 Feb — Alessandro Matri was the hero as Juventus stunned an out-of-sorts Inter Milan 1-0 in Turin on Sunday to dent the champions’ title hopes.

Inter now trail leaders AC Milan by eight points, with a game in hand, after falling to only their second defeat under Leonardo.

The champions produced a limp display against a dogged Juve, who breathed new life into their own Champions League hopes, moving up to sixth.

Juve coach Luigi Delneri said he hoped this win would give his team a boost.

“It was an important

game against an Inter team who were in good form and have great quality but we had good chances to finish the game,” he said.

“We’ve come through a difficult period psychologically and this win gives us security in what we’re doing.”—Internet



Juventus’ midfielder Alessandro Matri (R) fights for the ball with Inter Milan’s midfielder Housseine Kharja (L) during their Serie A football match at Olympic stadium in Turin.—INTERNET

Celtic extend lead at the top



Celtic’s players celebrate a goal during a Scottish FA Cup football match.—INTERNET

DUNDEE, 14 Feb — Celtic cruised to a 3-1 win at Dundee United on Sunday as the leaders moved five points clear at the top of the Scottish Premier League.

Neil Lennon’s side responded to Rangers’ 6-0 win over Motherwell on Saturday with a less emphatic but just as valuable victory thanks to goals from Anthony Stokes, Mark Wilson and Daniel Majstorovic.

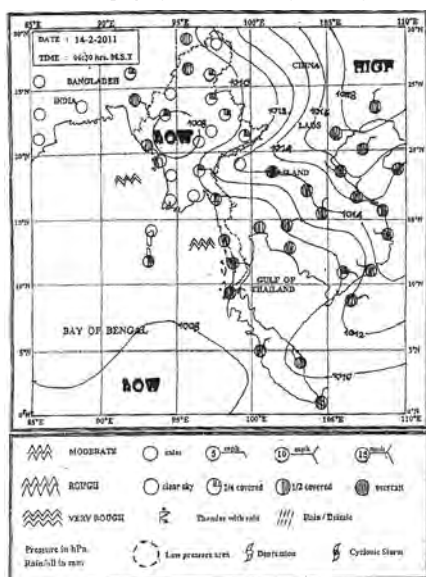
David Goodwillie had given the hosts hope after Celtic took a two-goal lead but the visitors were able to earn their fifth successive league win without much fuss.

That was a stark contrast to Celtic’s previous trip to Tannadice, which resulted in long-lasting controversy with referee Dougie McDonald eventually quitting amid the fallout over his false explanation of why he had rescinded a penalty award to the Hoops.

The Tannadice pitch passed an early-morning inspection following continuing heavy rain and Celtic were able to take control right from the start.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 14th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) above February average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States and (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, (5°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay Region, (7°C) below February average temperature in Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), Heho and Loilin (4°C) each, Lashio, Namhsan and Pinlaung (5°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 13-2-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 14-2-2011 was 59°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-2-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 14-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 13-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 14-2-2011 was 65°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-2-2011 was (62%). Total sunshine hours on 13-2-2011 was (10.2) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 14-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 13-2-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th February 2011:

Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Shan States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of light rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-2-2011: Generally fair weather.

Ronaldo set to announce his retirement

SAO PAULO, 14 Feb—Three-time FIFA player of the year Ronaldo has scheduled a news conference where he is expected to announce his retirement from football.

The 34-year-old striker is set to speak at 12:40 p.m. local time (1440 GMT) on Monday, ending an 18-year career in which he thrived with Brazil and some of Europe's top clubs.

He told the Estado de S Paulo newspaper on Sunday that "it's time" to stop because he can't stay fit anymore.

If confirmed, the announcement would come just days after Ronaldo was heavily blamed by Corinthians fans for the team's elimination from the Copa Libertadores.

Ronaldo won two World Cups—breaking the



Brazilian football legend Ronaldo (R), who helped his country to two World Cup trophies and is still the tournament's top scorer, is to retire Monday, Brazilian media reported.
INTERNET

record for most goals scored in the tournament—and starred for Barcelona, Real Madrid and Inter Milan.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-2-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (15-2-11 09:30 am ~ 16-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Race Walking for the Blind
- * News
- * Monastery Shwe In-Pin Kyaung
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Photography: The Art of Framing the Nature
- * Fine Arts Podium (Conch Shell, Wind Instrument)
- * News
- * Typical Traditional Customs of Mor Shan
- * Dawei Water Fetching Dance

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Sweet Memories in Pyin Oo Lwin
- * News
- * Monastery Shwe In-Pin Kyaung
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- * Dawei Water Fetching Dance
- * News
- * Bagan: The Land of Pagoda
- * News
- * I Love Myanmar
- * News
- * A Traditional Dish of Myanmar Lads
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Products of Aye Thar Yar Industrial Zone
- * Myanmar Movie "The True Love"



**Tuesday,
15 February
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

7:55 am

7. Songs Of Yester Years

8:05 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:15 am

9. Dance Of National Races

8:25 am

10. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

4:20 pm

3. Instrumental Music

4:35 pm

4. 2011 University Entrance Examination (Chemistry)

5:00 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

6. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

7. Sweet Melody

5:30 pm

8. Star Garden

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:50 pm

12. Sing A Song

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. Just for Laughs

18. TV Drama Series

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Third-day regular session of First Region or State Hluttaws commence simultaneously

Approval sought for ministers of Regions or States

Nomination of national race representatives approved for National Race Affairs Ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—The third-day regular session of the First Region or State Hluttaws simultaneously took place at the respective Regions and States at 10 am today.

At the meetings, the elected Chief Ministers of respective Regions and States announced the list of persons to be assigned as Region or State ministers by seeking approvals of respective Hluttaw representatives. Moreover, the respective Hluttaws approved the list of national race representatives as be assigned as the Minister for National Race Affairs in respective Regions and States.

Kachin State

The speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw submitted nomination to the post of state ministers made by the elected Chief Minister of Kachin State. It was unanimously approved by all 51 State Hluttaw representatives. The State Hluttaw Speaker announced the approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Nine approved ministers of Kachin State are Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Than

Aung, U Nyunt Aung of Mohnyin Township Constituency No. 1, U B Htaw Zaung of Chipwe Township Constituency No. 1, U Alay Par of M'Janyang Township Constituency No. 1, U Kaman Du Naw of Myitkyina Township Constituency No. 1, U Aung Naing of Shwegu Township Constituency No. 1, U Sai Maung Shwe of Mansi Township Constituency No. 2, U Khin Maung Tun of Myitkyina Township Constituency No. 2 and Daw Bauk Ja of Sumprabum Township Constituency No. 1.

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INSIDE

Despite the sanctions, Myanmar has been able to raise her head again thanks to the unity between the government and the people, effective exploitation of natural resources and cooperation and understanding of the regional countries.

YAN GYI AUNG

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Moderate earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Feb—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 55 miles north-west of Monywa), about 100 miles north-west of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (23) hrs (12) min (43) sec M.S.T on 13th February 2011, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA