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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

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for third day

15-member Public Accounts Committee formed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March — The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the third day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann announced the validity and start of the third-day session as 432 or 99.54% of the 434 entitled Pyithu Hluttaw representatives were present.

Regarding formation of the Public Accounts Committee, the Speaker said that the Public Accounts Committee will be formed with not more than 15 Hluttaw representatives in accord with Sub-section (a) of Section 115 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyithu Hluttaw Law Section 21 and 22 and Rules 33 and 47, and that suitable numbers of members, a list of nominees, the chairman and secretary shall be submitted and sought for approval.

He said that, according to the Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 49, although the term of the Public Accounts Committee is the same as that of the hluttaw but review will be carried out to make membership replacements as necessary one year after its formation.

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for the third day.—MNA

After formation of the Public Accounts Committee with Hluttaw representatives, duties, powers and rights of the committee will be designated. The deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker will make clarification to follow-up works to be approved by the hluttaw representatives as duties, powers, and rights of the committee shall be designated by the hluttaw in accord with the Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 34.

The deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers and rights of the Public Accounts Committee.

Duties of Public Accounts Committee are as follows: —

(1) the committee:
  (a) shall, in scrutinizing the budget of the Union Government and report of the Union Auditor-General, find out whether or not the budget approved by idaungsu Hluttaw is spent for the case concerned, in line with the rules and regulations and in an efficient way.
  (b) may inquire at the departments and enterprises to find out whether or not the budget is spent efficiently.
  (c) is responsible for submitting reports to Pyithu Hluttaw regarding the following matters:

(1) spending a budget approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in response to the report from the Union Government for a case under another heading,
(2) spending an approved budget under another heading is not consistent with the rules promulgated by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue,

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PERSPECTIVES

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Build capacity of the youth

In the Age of Knowledge today, the government devotes itself to the drive for all-round development of the Myanmar society, putting the education sector at the forefront with the aim of enabling the nation to keep abreast of the international level with sustainable development.

In such a time of rapid changes in various sectors, State stability, peace and community peace are fundamental requirements for the goal. Now, the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan is well underway to improve the national education standard in both arts and science.

Only then, will it be possible to broaden the horizons of the people in an effective way. And, the people will be able to improve their reasoning power with moral and spiritual development.

When and if the people have high intellectual power, they can distinguish between good and bad with a sense of abiding by the law and stand firm by the Myanmar society. To put it another way, they will equip themselves with a stronger sense of nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit and promoting and preserving national culture.

Now, the future of the nation is being shaped, making good use of the improvement achieved in the education sector. Therefore, faculty members are under a responsibility to inculcate nationalistic sentiment into and help build capacity of the youth, apart from their primary duties.

People's 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**

MAI starts Yangon-Guangzhou flight schedule

YANGON, 3 March—Myanmar Airways International (MAI) launched its maiden flight to Guangzhou from here at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and personnel of the embassy, MAI Patron U Aung Ko Win, personnel from Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

***Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence together with Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials formally open the ceremony to launch the maiden flight of MAI to Guangzhou from Yangon.*—MNA**

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the Commander and personnel cut a ribbon to open the ceremony and greeted passengers of the maiden flight to Guangzhou.

The flight is reported to be very convenient for around 5,000 to 6,000 Chinese jade traders who usually visit Myanma jade and jewels sales held by the government about three times a year. MAI has rented 16 charter flights for jade and jewels sales to be held in March.

With flights between Yangon and Guangzhou, marine products and various kinds of products from Myanmar can be transported to China in a short time. Yangon-Guangzhou flight will run on every Thursday and Sunday.

MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Soe Aung of Relief and Resettlement Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on expiry of the one-year probationary period.—*MNA*

PBANRDA Minister attends gravel road opening ceremony

***Minister U Thein Nyunt attends opening of new Aiwine-Thikekon rural gravel road.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt attended the opening ceremony of Aiwine-Thikekon rural gravel road, hailing 66th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, implemented by Development Affairs Committee of Maubin Township in Ayeyawady Region, on 28 February.

The 9 miles long and 10 feet wide gravel road was implemented by Maubin Township DAC with the fund of Development Affairs Department in 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The road contributes much to socio-economic status of residents of Aiwine, Letpankon, Thikekon, Ainyargyi and Thayagon village-tracts, who earlier relied only on waterway, as they have now access to all season road to Maubin.

The minister also attended the ceremonies to hand over Basic Education Primary Schools of Kyethaung and Seiktha villages in Maubin Township on 27 February.

MNA

***Maruart floor and wallpapers were on sale at Housing & Building Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon on 3 March.*—MNA**

Afghans stand around burning blankets, clothing and other items, which were distributed by coalition troops in Ghazni west of of Kabul, Afghanistan on 1 March, 2011. Residents in Ghazni burned blankets, clothing and other items that they said coalition troops had distributed in the city on Monday.
INTERNET

Afghan president condemns NATO air raids that killed nine children

KABUL, 3 March—Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the killing of nine children allegedly caused by NATO- led forces' air raids in the eastern Kunar Province a couple of days ago, a statement released by his office here in Afghan Capital Kabul on Wednesday said.

"The air strike by the NATO that killed nine innocent children and injured another in Kunar happened in less than ten days from a similar attack that left many civilians dead in the same Province. The children were collecting firewood when attacked," the statement added.

In the statement, the Afghan president who is currently visiting Britain, underlined that "fighting terrorism in Afghan Villages can't achieve any success, but poor and innocent civilians have to suffer in the unjustifiable operations and bombings carried out by the NATO and ISAF."

"I, therefore, once again remind with emphasis that NATO needs to focus on the safe havens of terrorists, or else killing innocent civilians would create them huge problems," Afghan president noted in the statement.—*Xinhua*

Suicide bomber kills 10, wounds 26 in Iraq

FALLUJA (IRAQ), 3 March—A suicide bomber killed at least 10 people and wounded 26 others at a government bank in the northern Iraqi town of Haditha Thursday, police and hospital sources said.

The police source said people were collecting their salaries at a branch of the state-owned Rafidain bank in Haditha, 190 km (120 miles) northwest of Baghdad, when the bomber struck. "There was a group of Iraqi army soldiers standing in front of the bank to collect their salaries when a suicide bomber wearing a vest came in between them and blew himself up," police Lieutenant Ali al-Ubaidi, who was at the scene, told *Reuters*. "The death toll is 10 killed, including eight soldiers, and 26 wounded, including 20 soldiers."

Eight years after the 2003 US-led invasion, insurgents are still capable of carrying out lethal attacks in Iraq, although overall violence has dropped from the height of sectarian warfare in 2006-7.

A hospital source said he expected the death toll to rise. "We received eight bodies and 13 wounded, including soldiers and civilians and we think the number of dead will increase because we have many critical cases among the wounded," Waleed al-Hadithi, manager of General Hospital in Haditha, said.

Haditha gained notoriety when US Marines were accused of killing 24 Iraqi civilians in 2005. Witnesses said angry Marines shot the men, women and children in November 2005 out of revenge after a popular comrade was killed in a roadside bombing.

News reports of the killings brought international condemnation of US forces in Iraq.—*MNA/Reuters*

A view of the damage at the production unit after a bomb attack in Baiji oil refinery, 180 km (112 miles) north of Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

An Afghan policeman inspects the site of a suicide car bomb attack in Khost Province recently.—INTERNET

Police surround a bus carrying US soldiers at the site where two US soldiers have been killed in a shooting in front of Terminal 2 of the Frankfurt Airport, Germany, on 2 March, 2011.
INTERNET

Gunman kills two in Frankfurt Airport shooting

BEIJING, 3 March—Two people have been killed, after a gunman, fired at US Air Force personnel, on a bus, outside Frankfurt Airport. Two others were also wounded, in the attack outside the airport's terminal 2 on Wednesday, before the gunman was apprehended. The bus driver, and a passenger were killed and there were unconfirmed reports that the two victims were members of the US military. German police have identified the 21-year-old suspect as Arif Uka, from Kosovo. There were no details of his motives for the attack. President Barack Obama said that he was "saddened and outraged" by the incident.—*Xinhua*

Nine killed, 30 injured in suicide blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 3 March—A suicide bomb blast, targeting a police centre, killed at least nine people including four policemen, and injured more than 30 others in northwest Pakistan, police and local media reports said.

The bomb exploded near a police mobile van, which also affected other passing by passenger vehicles in Hangu, a main city in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Province.

Local sources said that an explosives-laden vehicle ran into the police checkpost. According to Bomb Disposal Squad, about 300 kg explosives were used in the attack.

All the injured persons including 12 women and four policemen were shifted to the city hospital where four policemen succumbed to injuries.

All the police personnel were riding in the police vehicle which came under attack. With the impact of the blast 12 nearby houses also got damaged severely, local residents said.

Security officials reached the site and cordoned off the area and started a search operation.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. Taleban militants have in the past targeted police. *Xinhua*

Municipality workers clean up while Iraqi security forces stand guard at the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 March, 2011. A roadside bomb planted in al-Mustansiriyah Square targeting a police patrol, wounding a few civilians, police said.
INTERNET

Science

Spacewalkers complete to-do list outside station

Astronauts Steve Bowen (L) and Alvin Drew (R) participate in the mission's first spacewalk as construction and maintenance continue on the International Space Station in this photo provided by NASA and taken on 28 February, 2011.—INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 3 March — A pair of shuttle *Discovery* astronauts floated outside the International Space Station on Wednesday and completed a long list of chores to prepare the outpost for life after shuttle retirement. Space-walkers Stephen Bowen and Alvin Drew wrapped up the second of two spacewalks planned for *Discovery's* eight-day stay at the station, the shuttle's 39th and final mission.

During the space-walk that stretched over six hours, Bowen and Drew vented ammonia from a failed pump module that NASA plans to return to Earth on the final shuttle flight in June and removed an equipment pallet from outside Europe's Columbus module, among other tasks.The pair got a late start due to a leak in Bowen's pressurized suit, which was caused by a damaged seal that crewmates easily fixed.

Reuters

New 'Jaguar' catfish found in Amazon

A new species of catfish Stenolicnus ix â•" was discovered in CuruÃ¡ creek, left tributary of the Amazon River in ParÃ¡, Brazil.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 3 March — In a previously unexplored area of the Amazon rain forest, scientists have discovered a new species of catfish swimming in a tributary to the great Amazon River.

The fish was found during a series of expeditions to explore the biodiversity of the rain forests of the northern margin of the Amazon River in the Brazilian State of Pará, in the world's largest block of protected rain forest, which covers 10 million acres (4 million hectares).

The fish is a cream colour with a pattern of dark patches on its body, reminiscent of jaguar fur. For this reason, the fish was named Stenolicnus ix, "Ix" being a Mayan word used to describe jaguars. The newfound species differs from other species of the same genus by the length of the nasal barbells the whiskerlike tactile organs extending from the mouth.

Some 15 species of fish were also observed in the same narrow, shallow waters, in an area about 16 feet (5 metres) wide and less than 3 feet (1 m) deep.

Wosiack and his colleagues, Luciano Montag, of the Federal University of Pará, and Daniel Coutinho, a graduate student at the university, described the newly discovered fish in a study detailed in a recent issue of *the journal Zootaxa.*

The expeditions, organized by Emílio Goeldi Museum and Conservation International Brazil, took place in 2008 with about 30 researchers who set out to explore an area of more than 30 million acres (12 million hectares) and map out the biodiversity of this protected area pre-viously unknown to science. The expeditions were led by Alexandre Aleixo, researcher and curator of the ornithological collection of the Museu Goeldi.

Internet

Study finds sharks making 'mental maps'

GAINESVILLE, 3 March — Some shark species seem capable of forming "mental maps" of their home ranges, allowing them to navigate from locations many miles away, US researchers say. Researchers at the Florida Museum of Natural History analyzed data from tiger sharks tagged with transmitters, and found that they took "directed" paths from place to place, whereas other shark species did not exhibit the behaviour, the *BBC* reported on Wednesday. Researchers suggest tiger sharks are able to store and recall maps of key sites and navigate between them, possible utilizing Earth's magnetic field.

In that study, scientists used statistical techniques to show the journeys were not made by accident but the sharks were following some kind of path. "Our research shows that, at times, tiger sharks and thresher sharks don't swim randomly but swim to specific locations," said research leader Yannis Papastamatiou from the Florida Museum of Natural History.—*Internet*

Technology

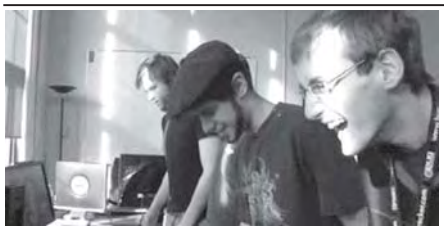
Panasonic adds skype video and voice calls to new Blu-ray players

NEW YORK, 3 March — Panasonic is expanding the reach of Skype with its newest batch of Blu-ray players.

After first offering Skype video calls on certain HDTV models last year with an optional camera, the company is bringing that same functionality to Blu-ray. The upcoming Panasonic BDT110, BDT-210, and BDT310 players feature integrated Skype functionality through a new $99 freetalk conference camera.

Users can access Skype on the Blu-ray players through the new Skype button on their respective remotes. The camera accessory allows 720p video to be sent to any Skype user, whether as part of a live video call or video message. Users of the new players can also receive video messages, using the devices like video answering machines; even when the players are off, they can record Skype voice messages to an SD card, triggering a message light to flash on the device. When a user returns to the player, they can listen to the message and send a response or video call the person back.—*Internet*

The robot "Jazz" by French company Gostai is pictured at the CeBIT, world's biggest IT fair, in Hanover, central Germany. "Jazz" is a shiny white humanoid robot that its makers believe could transform business meetings and reduce the need for long-distance travel.
INTERNET



Tech-Savvy gamers working for Bug-Tracker test a pre-release video game in a loft in Montreal to look for potentially fatal glitches and flaws. Bug-Tracker created in France in 1998 by programmer Antoine Carre, employs game testers to look for pesky.
INTERNET

New tech boosts processor's "IQ", makes them Power-Smart

WASHINGTON, 3 March—The problem with the smartphones, laptops, and tablets of our day is that the tools are multifunctional, but the energy that powers them can't be divided up by function. Well, until now.

Harvard graduate student Wonyoung Kim has unveiled a prototype device that could change the way that processing chips receive power, and eventually lead to slimmer smart-tools, and longer lasting batteries. The device is a "multi-core voltage regulator" whose on-chip design helps it allocate voltage to different processors with greater precision.—*Internet*

NEC unveils pro-grade 30-inch monitors

WASHINGTON, 3 March — Squarely taking aim at graphics professionals and power users, NEC Display Solutions of America has announced two new high performance 30-inch monitors, the MultiSync PA301W-BK and PA-301W-BK-SV. Boasting a rich gamut of colours, 2,560-by-1,600 resolution, and several hardware and software features, these monitors are designed with demanding users in mind.

The MultiSync PA-301W-BK and PA301W-BK-SV monitors feature vibrant 10-bit wide colour gamut LCD panels, 178-degree viewing angles, and an impressive 1000:1 contrast ratio. The two monitors also feature an array of hardware features, like dual DisplayPort and DVI-D connectors, a built-in USB hub, and DisplaySync Pro, which allows two computers to connect to a shared monitor and shared keyboard and mouse without a separate KVM switch.

Other advanced capabilities include Picture in Picture and Picture by Picture support, allowing two video signals to be viewed simultaneously on the same monitor. The PA301W-BK-SV also comes with SpectraViewII Colour Calibration software with a colorimetre colour calibration sensor.

Both the MultiSync PA301W-BK and PA-301W-BK-SV are available now, for an estimated price of $2,299 and $2,549 and ship with a limited 4-year warranty.—*Internet*

Health

Painkillers linked to some birth defects

ATLANTA, 3 March—The babies of women who took prescription opioid painkillers before or during early pregnancy have an increased risk of birth defects, US researchers say.

A study by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta found 2 percent to 3 percent of mothers interviewed were treated with prescription opioid painkillers or analgesics — codeine, oxycodone or hydrocodone — just before or during early pregnancy. The study did not examine the illicit use of these medications, the researchers say. The study, published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, found opioid analgesics were linked to several types of congenital heart defects as well as spina bifida, hydrocephaly, congenital glaucoma and gastroschisis compared with women who were not treated with these opioid medications. "Women who are pregnant, or thinking about becoming pregnant, should know there are risks associated with using prescription painkillers," Dr Thomas R Frieden, director of the CDC, said in a statement. "They should only take medications that are essential, in consultation with their healthcare provider."

The researchers used data from the CDC-sponsored National Birth Defects Prevention Study — an ongoing population-based study to detect causes of birth defects.—*Internet*

***This 2003 file picture shows a tourist smoking a cannabis joint in Amsterdam. Teenagers and young adults who use cannabis face increased risk of psychosis, research published in the British Medical Journal has shown.*—INTERNET**

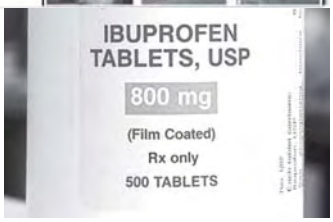
Health Tip: Soothe a bunion

A bunion occurs when the joint that connects the big toe to the foot grows larger, forcing the big toe to bend toward the other toes. This leads to a painful lump, making it difficult to wear shoes.

The American Podiatric Medical Association suggests how to ease bunion pain:

* Place a bunion pad around the swollen area. The pad should be non-medicated.
* Wear shoes with plenty of room in the toes.
* If the bunion swells and causes pain, ice the bunion several times a day.
* If you wear heels, make sure they're no higher than 2 inches.
* See a podiatrist if you don't get relief from the previous suggestions.

Internet



A bottle of Ibuprofen. Adults who take the anti-inflammatory drug ibuprofen may reduce their risk of getting Parkinson's disease by about 27 percent compared to those who do not, said a study published on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Red eyes in photo OK, but not white eyes

DALLAS, 3 March— White spots in eyes that show up in a photograph mean it's time to see a physician, a Dallas ophthalmologist advises.

Dr Nick Hogan, an ophthalmologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says flash photography is similar to an ophthalmoscope — a lighted instrument used to examine the interior of the eye.

"A red reflex that appears in people's eyes is caused by a reflection off the retina," Hogan says in a statement. "It appears red because of the blood and that is normal," Hogan says in a statement.

However, if a white or iridescent pupil is noticeable in a photograph, a visit to an ophthalmologist or a pediatrician for evaluation may be of value, Hogan says.

"Leukocoria, or white pupil, is caused by something blocking the red reflex," Hogan says. "Absence of blood in the retina would have to be extreme to reduce the red reflex and that would be enough to kill the retina, hence no reflection."

Internet

Business

Ford recalls 34,000 US, Canada trucks on fire risk

CHICAGO, 3 March—Ford has recalled 34,100 trucks in the United States and Canada due to two defects which could cause a fire, the automaker said Wednesday.

Ford told safety regulators it is not aware of any fires caused by the defects which affect 2010 and 2011 models of its popular trucks.

The first defect affects 25,000 *Ford Rangers*. A protective cover on the engine fuel line on those vehicles may not have been properly installed, which could put the fuel line in contact with the throttle body shield.

"Overtime, this contact may chafe the fuel line, resulting in a fuel odor and a potential fuel leak," Ford said in a notice to safety regulators.

The second defect affects 9,100 F-series tucks, along with *the Edge* and *Lincoln MKX*.

Those vehicles were part of an earlier recall but were inspected by a dealer diagnostic system which was not reading the correct set of characters.

They need to be reinspected to see if they have the previously identified problem with a body control module that has the potential for an internal electrical short.—*Internet*

***Hundreds of Ford Rangers are parked outside an assembly plant in 2006. Ford has recalled 34,100 trucks in the United States and Canada due to two defects which could cause a fire, the automaker said Wednesday.*—INTERNET**

Tommy Bahama candle sets recalled

WASHINGTON, 3 March — Retailer Tommy Bahama is recalling 1,800 mini-tin travel set candles due to a risk of burns, a US watchdog agency said. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission said flames from the Mini-Candle Travel Sets burn higher than expected, posing a risk to consumers.

The candle sets were imported from China and made in the United States. They were sold nationwide at Tommy Bahama stores from November 2010 through January 2011 for about $40. The candle sets were sold in packs of six each, including various scents, such as pineapple paradise, maui mango and hibiscus blossom.—*Internet*

***Customers walk through a market in Seoul. The South Korean government remained cautious about future economic trends, after figures showed inflation hit a 27-month high of 4.5 percent in February.*—INTERNET**

Singapore home prices may fall in next few years

SINGAPORE, 3 March— Home prices in Singapore may fall in the next few years as a record number of homes are expected to be completed over the period of time, local daily *the Straits Times* reported. Analysts expected 2013 and 2014 to be the risky years, the newspaper said Thursday. Statistics of the Urban Redevelopment Authority on homes under construction or already with planning approvals show 17,111 new homes were expected to be completed in 2013 and 17,421 in 2014, higher than the record 14,000 or so private apartments completed in 1998, said Chua Chor Hoon, head of real estate firm DTZ's southeast Asia research. The numbers could go even higher if the projects that get planning permission in the near future are included, she added, projecting a total of 21,680 homes to be completed in 2014 and 22, 520 in 2015. Together with the supply of new government-built flats, this could lead to a serious supply spike in two to three years.

"The demand-supply imbalance is expected to lead to prices and rentals coming under pressure, especially if interests are higher then," she said.

In comparison, an average of only 8,563 homes were supplied to the market a year over the past ten years.—*Xinhua*

48th Myanma Gems Emporium to take place at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw

Article: *Tin Htwe (MNA);* **Photos:** *Ko Htwe and Myo Myint (MNA)*

Myanmar has been auctioning jade, precious stones and pearl for foreign currency to foreign merchants through gems emporiums since 1964. Previously, the Myanma Gems Emporium was held only once a year. Later, it was held twice a year. Since 2004, it has been held thrice a year, with the special jade, gems and pearl sales in June. The last special jade, gems and pearl sales in Yangon was held in June/July, 2010. The Mid-Year Gems Emporium took place at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw in November 2010.

Of the Myanma Gems Emporiums, those held in March attract greater number of local and foreign gems merchants. This year, the Myanma Gems Emporium held in March is in its 48th time. The 48th Myanma Gems Emporium will be held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Myanma Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw from 10 to 22 March. It is the second of its kind to take place in Nay Pyi Taw. Now, better arrangements are being made than the first time for the comfort and convenience of foreign gems merchants in transportation, accommodation and meals.

The Central Committee for Organizing the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium has formed the Subcommittee for Displaying Gems, the Accommodation Subcommittee, the Catering Subcommittee, the Reception Subcommittee, the Communications Subcommittee, the Health Care Subcommittee, the Information Subcommittee, the Security Subcommittee, the Administration Subcommittee, the Financial Subcommittee, the Pearl Subcommittee, the Gems Subcommittee, and the Jade Subcommittee. It is now working in cooperation with the Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association for successful organization of the Gems Museum.

Semi Cut Sapphire to be sold at Myanma Gems Emporium by Yadanashin Gems Company.

On display at the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium are raw jade lots, cut jade lots, raw gems, cut gems, pearls, jewellery items made of jade, gems, and pearl, sculptures of precious stones, gems crystals, mosaic paintings and silverwares.

The organiza-tions that will stage their pavilions at the emporium are the Myanmar Pearl Enterprise; companies that produce pearls in line with the Myanma Pearl Law; the Myanmar Gems Enterprise; private companies and associations that produce gems in line with the Myanma Gems Law, those who are licensed to run jewellery shops in line with the Myanma Gems Law, and the private companies and associations that hold GTC licence.

At the emporium, jade lots, gems lots and pearl lots will be sold through the tender system and the competitive bidding system. Under the arrangements of the Myanma Gems Enterprise, licensed jewellery shops will have the right to sell jewellery, jade, gem sculptures, gem crystals, mosaic paintings, silverwares, jade bracelets and jade beads at the pavilions in the Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

Secretary-1 of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association explaining MGEA's participation in successful holding of Myanma Gems Emporium.

Now, jade lots have been at the emporium and arranged at the plot near Mani Yadana Jade Hall and at the place near the Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw). Jade lots on display this time are more than in the Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium (2010). So, the area for the emporium was expanded near the Myanma Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

At the emporium, 156 gems lots will be sold through the tender system and 50 gems lots, through the competitive bidding system, totaling 206 lots. Sales of gems lots through the tender system will start in the morning, and sales of gems lots through the competitive system, in the afternoon on 13 March.

And 16,000 jade lots will be sold through the tender system, and 500 jade lots, through the competitive bidding system, totaling 16,500 lots. Sales of jade lots through the tender system will run from 14 to 18 March, and sales of jade lots through the competitive bidding system, from 19 to 22 March.

Altogether 225 lots of pearl will be sold through the tender system, and 30 lots of pearl, through the competitive bidding system, totaling 255 lots or 29,479 pearls. Unlike previous times, large pearls will be on display this time, which are all State-owned ones.

Large-sized royal pearls to be sold at Myanma Gems Emporium.

At the empo-rium, gifts and certificates of honour will be presented to the merchant who will spend most to purchase jade lots, the merchant who will spend most to purchase gems lots, and the merchant who will spend most to purchase pearl lots.

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Uncut jade to be sold at Myanma Gems Emporium.

Construction Minister on inspection tour of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning inspected Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road, the 6th among seven Yoma crossing roads, and progress of box culvert of Ngaleikchaung Bridge between mile post Nos. 9 / 4 and 9/5, which has been constructed by Khitthit Company, construction of box culvert of Htantabin- chaung Bridge being built by Bridge, Construction Special Group 9 and called for completion of works meeting set standards.

It was learnt that five District Groups of Public Works, one Airport Group, one Building Group, four Road Groups, two Bridge Groups and 14 companies, totaling 27 Groups are making strenuous efforts implementing 157 – four bridges along the 6th Yoma crossing road and 153 box culverts – so as to be put into service soon.—*MNA*

Dy construction minister inspects Myaungmya-Labutta road

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein inspected Myaungmya-Labutta road this morning. He urged the district superintending engineers to extend earth embankment section of Labutta District to 40 feet and to complete dredging of drains before the rainy season.

Later on, the deputy minister looked into the axis diverted from mile post No.18/6 that will link Labutta-Thonegwa-Hteiksoon road and Myaungmya-Labutta road, and maintenance of Labutta bridge (Pinlelay river crossing bridge).

At Labutta district superintending engineer office, the deputy minister heard the report by district superintending engineer and deputy chief engineer. After that, he left necessary instructions.

After that, he inspected maintenance of Sarkyinchaung Bridge on Labutta-Thingangyi Pyinsalu road.—*MNA*

Talks on fire prevention given

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—An educative talks on fire prevention was held at Myawady fuel filling station No.010 in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday. Deputy Director U Than Win of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department and Assistant Director Yethura Thawdar gave talks on fire prevention. After that, a fire drill was carried out.—*MNA*

48th Myanma Gems Emporium to take place…

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The Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and the Myanam Gems Enterprise is now working closely for successful completion of the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium. Secretary-1 of the Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association U San Myo said that the association had formed respective committees and tasks were being carried out subcommittee-wise; that the association would organize Jewellery Show on the opening day and the following day; that they had formed a supervisory team to examine and accept jade lots and they were working in cooperation with the Myanma Gems Enterprise in arranging and weighing jade lots; that he noticed that more gems and jade lots were sold at the emporiums held in Nay Pyi Taw; that the association had over 3300 members; and that at the emporium, Central Executive Committee members and executives would supervise the tasks alternately.

Respective subcommittees are taking all possible measures for convenience of foreign merchants at the second emporium. Over 500 gem companies will take part in the emporium. The emporium is expected to drawn attention from about 4000 foreign merchants from 20 foreign countries and over 3000 local gems merchants.

For smooth transport for foreign merchants, Bandoola Transportation will run 150 Parami taxies of Saloons and Vans during the period. In addition, 16 chartered airplanes are ready to transport the gems merchants to the emporium through Guanzhou of the People's Republic of China. For accommodation security, about 1600 rooms of 24 hotels in Nay Pyi Taw have been booked. Hotels and motels are making arrangements to provide fresh and hygienic meals for foreign merchants.

The Myanma Airways International and private airlines will set up air ticking centres for flights between Yangon and foreign countries.

Uncut jades for 48th Myanma Gems Emporium on display.

In order to provide health care to gems merchants, a temporary clinic will be opened led by a specialist and two nurses (including an ambulance). To ensure smooth communication, two interpreters (Chinese language) will be appointed for the emporium. And there will be an information counter to inform the merchants.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State "the Myanmar's gems market must be in Myanmar", gems emporiums are being held with innovations, and more and more success is being achieved gradually. The Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium (2010) held in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time was more successful than expected and greater number of jade lots was sold there.

Foreign gems merchants purchased record number of gems lots at the emporium which was the first in Nay Pyi Taw, and witnessed development of Nay Pyi Taw. Foreign merchants are reported to attend the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium with great interest. Overall, the second emporium will be held on a grander scale than the first emporium.

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(3) discovering defects in the way of spending budgets which should be disseminated to the department and enterprise concerned,

(4) budgets asked by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue to submit to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,

(d) shall scrutinize accounts to be carried out in compliance with the order of the Union President regarding economic enterprises of the Union Government as well as the Union Auditor-General's report on the accounts.

(e) shall scrutinize the Union Auditor-General's reports on an account examined under the order of the Union President, stocks of stored goods, and the Union Auditor-General's reports on examination of the goods.

(2) Regarding matters the committee shall examine, the committee:

(a) shall scrutinize as necessary matters assigned by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker according to the information from Union Hluttaw, and submit its findings and remarks to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through Pyithu Hluttaw,

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives signing in attendance book.

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(b) shall scrutinize as necessary matters assigned by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker according to the resolution passed by Pyithu Hluttaw, and submit its findings and remarks to Pyithu Hluttaw session,

(c) shall scrutinize as necessary matters assigned by Pyithu Hluttaw having decided to do so according to the report by a Pyithu Hluttaw member, and submit its findings and remarks to Pyithu Hluttaw session.

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(3) In general, in scrutinizing matters under the responsibilities mentioned in para (a) and para (b), the committee:

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(b) Committee members have the right to hold discussions more than one time in a matter.

(4) Committee members, when assigned duties by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, shall serve as members of the combined Public Accounts Committee formed with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explaining matters related to formation of Public Accounts Committee.

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(5) What a committee member says or does and discussions at a committee meeting shall not be leaked out. All the discussions held in committee meetings shall be recorded and approved by the committee. Meeting minutes shall not be handed out. A copy of the report to Pyithu Hluttaw shall be dispatched to Hluttaw Office in order that the case can be kept in the case file together with meeting minutes.

Powers of the committee are:

(1) Committee meetings shall be held in accord with the provisions of Rule (50) of Pyithu Hluttaw Rules.

(2) Regarding the committee's submission of a report:

(a) The committee chairman or the secretary (when the chairman is away), or a member (when the chairman and the secretary are away) shall submit the committee's report to Pyithu Hluttaw.

(b) In the process, committee members shall put their signatures on the report to show their approval. If there is an exception or difference, they may attach exceptions and differences to the report with their signatures.

(c) After submission of the report, on the day that is not four days earlier and not 10 days later than the day designated by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, the committee chairman or the secretary (when the chairman is away), or a member (when the chairman and the secretary are away) shall submit the report for discussion.

(d) Pyithu Hluttaw representatives have no power to amend the report.

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Afterwards, names of persons to be included in Public Accounts Committee were announced and the session was adjourned for discussion with Pyithu Hluttaw representatives who are joining the committee.

When the session was resumed, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker submitted nomination of suitable numbers of members of committee, committee members, chairman and secretary for formation of Public Accounts Committee to Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with Section 21 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Rules 33 and 47 of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule.

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***Pyithu Hluttaw representatives arriving at Pyithu Hluttaw hall.—*MNA**

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint explaining matters related to formation of Public Accounts Committee.

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(2) spending an approved budget under another heading which is not consistent with the rules promulgated by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue,

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Amyotha Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book.

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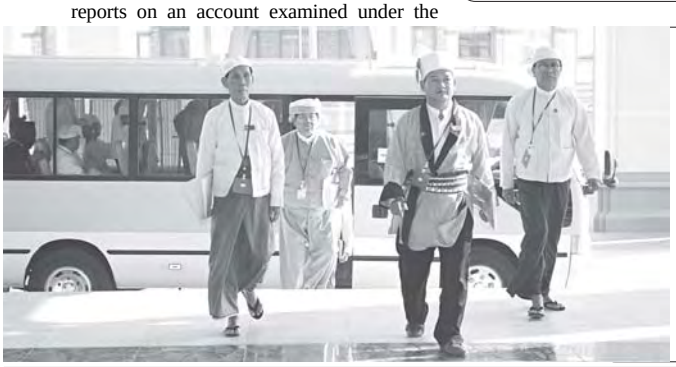

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arriving at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.

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The committee will be formed with 15 members who are—

(1)	U Sai Thiha Kyaw	Mongyai Constituency
(2)	U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan	Pantanaw Constituency
(3)	Daw Tin Nwe Oo	North Dagon Constituency
(4)	U Khun Maung Thaung	Pinlaung Constituency
(5)	U Khun Lane	Falam Constituency
(6)	U Thurein Zaw	Kawkareik Constituency
(7)	U Maung Toe	Minhla Constituency
(8)	U Soe Myint	Nyaunglebin Constituency
(9)	U Kyi Tha Gwa	Constituency
(10)	U Aung Mya Than	Nyaungdon Constituency
(11)	U Hauk Khant Man	Taunzan Constituency
(12)	U Aung Lin Hlaing	Bokpyin Constituency
(13)	Dr Win Myint	Hline Constituency
(14)	Daw Mi Yin Chan	Kyaikmaraw Constituency
(15)	U Moe Zaw Hein	Katha Constituency

U Thurein Zaw of Kawkareik Constituency will be appointed as the committee chairman and U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency as the secretary.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker sought approval for numbers and names of the committee members, and the chairman and secretary, duties, powers and rights of the committee from Pyithu Hluttaw and then announced the approval.

Afterwards, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the third day regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw ended and the fourth day regular session of the Hluttaw would be held at 10 am tomorrow.

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(2)	U Sa Ye	Kayah State Constituency (6)
(3)	U Saw Tun Mya Aung	Kayin State Constituency (5)
(4)	U Zon Hle Htan	Chin State Constituency (2)
(5)	U Steven Tharbeik	Chin State Constituency (4)
(6)	Daw Yi Yi Myint	Mon State Constituency (1)
(7)	U Khin Maung Aye	Sagaing Region Constituency (7)
(8)	U Thein Win	Sagaing Region Constituency (9)
(9)	U Moe Myint	Taninthayi Region Constituency (7)
(10)	Daw Cho Nwe Oo	Bago Region Constituency (7)
(11)	U Aung Tun	Magway Region Constituency (11)
(12)	Daw Khin Waing Kyi	Yangon Region Constituency (1)
(13)	U Khin Maung Yi	Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6)
(14)	U Khin Maung	Rakhine State Constituency (3)
(15)	U Shu Maung	Shan State Constituency (8)

U Aung Tun of Magway Region Constituency (11) will be assigned as the committee chairman and U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Region Constituency (7) as the secretary.

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Objectives of the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. **To work in concert with the people for further burgeoning the eternal principles namely justice, liberty and equality**
2. **To participate in the leading role of State's national politics hand in hand with the people**
3. **To crush internal and external subversives, who are disrupting State stability, peace and development, in collaboration with the people**
4. **To build a strong, competent and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes**

First regular sessions of Region and State Hluttaws held

Approval sought for number of committee members, nomination of chairpersons, secretaries and members, and duties, powers and rights of the bill committees and national races affairs committees

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The first regular sessions of the Region and State Hluttaws were simultaneously held in respective regions and states at 10 am today.

At the sessions, speakers of respective Region and State Hluttaws sought approval for number of committee members, nomination of chairpersons, secretaries and members, and duties, powers and rights of the bill committee and national races affairs committee submitted to respective Hluttaws. As there was no objection, speakers of respective Hluttaws announced the approval.

It is learnt that formation of bill committees and national races affairs committees in the first regular sessions of Region and State Hluttaws were carried out in accord with Article 67 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar or prescriptions in Region or State Hluttaw Rule 62.—*MNA*

Lifestyles Motors & Bike Show 2011 in Mandalay

YANGON, 3 March—Entrepreneurs who are organizing Lifestyles Motors & Bike Show 2011 to be held from 24 to 27 March in Mandalay met at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Road here this morning.

Over 100 booths will display cosmetics, computer & mobile accessories, building materials, cable & wire, construction materials, education services, electronics, fashion wears, foodstuffs, furniture, gas cooker accessories, generators & transformers, hospitals, medical equipment & medicines as well as motors industry, car wheels, tyres, tubes, car spare parts at the exhibition whose logo was sponsored by Mobile Mother Phone & Accessories. Those willing to sponsor logo to the exhibition may contact U Than Htwe (Chairman), MGB Business Group, No 78 in Kyeikkasan Street, Tamwe Township, Yangon, (Ph: 09-49 256048, 09-5123345) or U Min Aung (Super Power) (Ph: 01-704814, 09-5004523.—*MNA*

KNU's mine wounds one civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Maung Soe Htaik (a) Lalu residing at Thahtaygon Village in Zayatgyi Village-tract, Htantabin Township, Bago Region, on his way to cut woods with five companions, stepped a mine planted by KNU insurgents in the wood, about two miles from the village, around 8 am yesterday. He lost his calf in the incident and was rushed to Toungoo People's Hospital by authorities concerned for treatment.—*MNA*

Meeting on Prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—Organized by Mongton Township Health Department, the work coordination meeting on prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission was held at the Health Department in Kyaukme District of Shan State (North) this morning.

After township Chairman U Kyaw Zin had spoken on the occasion, Head of township Health Department Dr Aung Myint Oo extended greetings and leader of the group of eradication of HIV/AIDS Dr Nan Yi Hlaing Oo explained purpose of holding the meeting.

It was also attended by departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders. Knowledge on HIV/AIDS will be disseminated. —*MNA*

Japan to launch newest bullet train

BEIJING, 3 March— Japan is to launch its next generation of bullet train for the first time in 14 years. The new aero-dynamic train will be the fastest in the nation at an operating speed of 300 kilometres per hour.

This still falls short of China's Harmony Express, a cross-country rapid transit which travels at a maximum 350 kilometre-per-hour.

The new high speed train will service the newly opened Tohoku line to the city of Aomori, some 713 kilometres north of Tokyo.

Its first class service offers customers free and unlimited alcoholic drinks and light meals. The service also boasts genuine leather seats with personal reading lights and leg-rests.

Xinhua

A person visits the furniture museum in Wuhai City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 2 March, 2011.

XINHUA

French Air Force Mirage 2000 jet fighter apparently crashes

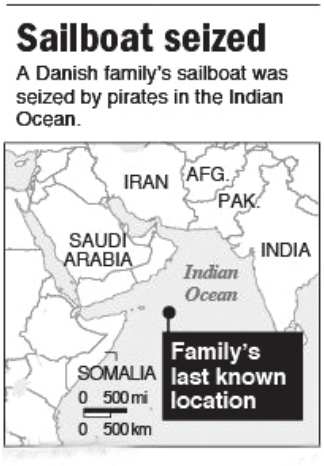
PARIS, 3 March— A French Air Force *Mirage 2000* jet fighter apparently crashed in central France during a training flight, the government said Wednesday. According to a statement from the Defence Ministry, the *Mirage 2000* disappeared from radar screens around 9:20 pm on Tuesday over central France, with a pilot and a navigator conducting a low-alitude night flying mission.

Military officials said that a water-filled crater with some metal debris in it was found Wednesday morning near where the jet disappeared but there was no news about the two men aboard the fighter.

A spokesman for the French army's public information service said the worst was expected.

Local authorities dispatched rescuers to conduct a search that was also joined by army helicopters. However, harsh weather conditions and thick fog in the night, forced a suspension of the search, the statement added.—*Xinhua*

Pirated Danish yacht, family anchor near Somalia



Map shows last known location of family.

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NAIROBI, 3 March—A Danish family kidnapped by pirates has reached the shore of Somalia, officials and a pirate said Wednesday, likely meaning a long hostage ordeal for the couple and their three teenage children who were abducted while yachting around the world.

A Somali pirate had warned that if any attempt was made to rescue them, they would meet the same fate as the four American yachters slain by their pirate captors last week. Any chance of a quick rescue seemed to disappear Wednesday.

The sailboat being piloted by Jan Quist Johansen, his wife and their three children, ages 12 to 16, anchored near the coastal village of Hafun late Tuesday, said Yusuf Abdullahi Sanyare, the commissioner of Hafun, which lies on Somalia's northern tip.

Abdiaziz Mohamud Yusuf, the spokesman for a community group called the Puntland Peacemakers, told *The Associated Press* that the family has been taken on land.

However, a Somali pirate who gave his name as Muse Abdi said the family was transferred to another, larger pirated ship.

"They are safe. They were just transferred from the boat to the big ship," said Abdi, who has provided reliable information in the past. "They have been added to other nationals in another ship to avoid any possible attack."—*Internet*

In this 8 April, 2009 file photo, people take photos of a bronze statue of Japanese Akita dog 'Hachi' during the 74th memorial service for the dog, intimately called Hachiko, in front of Shibuya railway station in Tokyo. He was rumoured to have swallowed a chicken skewer that ruptured his stomach. But veterinarians examining his innards said Wednesday, that Hachiko had terminal cancer.— **INTERNET**

Magnitude-6.2 earthquake shakes Panama, Colombia border

PANAMA CITY, 3 March — An earthquake measuring 6.2 degrees at Richter scale on Wednesday shook the border between Panama and Colombia, the Geosciences Institute of Panama's University said.

The earthquake had its epicentre in the Colombian northern coast and it was registered at 1:50 pm local time (1850 GMT), with a depth of 35 kilometres.

According to the institute, the earthquake did not cause any casualties or material damages.

Director of the Civil Protection National System Arturo Alvarado said that the earthquake was felt from Darien Province in Panama to Chorrera District in the west zone of Panama City.

On Monday, an earthquake of magnitude-4.5 struck Bocas del Toro Province in the northwest of Panama, without report of any casualties or damages. The Panamanian authorities have suggested that people take necessary precaution for more earthquakes.

Xinhua

Yellow and green fields, woven into each other, spread like a woolen carpet.

INTERNET

11 Filipinos buried in building in NZ presumed dead

MANILA, 3 March — The 11 Filipinos who were trapped under the rubble of the CTV building in Christchurch, New Zealand have been "presumed" dead, Philippines' Acting Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto del Rosario said Thursday. Del Rosario said New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully on Wednesday talked to him over the phone "to convey his government' s condolences to the families of the deceased."

Among those missing were Jesse Lloyd Redoble, John Christopher Chua, Ezra Mae Medalle, Emmabel Anova, Jewel Francisco, Ivy Jane Cabunillas, Mary Louise Anne Amantillo, Valquin Bensurto, Rhea Mae Sumalpong, Erica Nora and Lalaine Agatep. The Department of Foreign Affairs is currently helping the families of the victims to go to New Zealand by facilitating their passports and visas.—*Xinhua*

Somali pirates release 20 Filipino seafarers

MANILA, 3 March — The 20 Filipino seafarers who were abducted by Somali pirates five months ago were released last weekend, local media *Philippine Daily Inquirer* reported.

The *Inquirer* reported that the Philippine Embassy in Kenya is already making arrangements for the repatriation of seafarers.

The seamen were crew members of the Panamanian-flagged cargo vessel *MV Isumi*, which was hijacked by Somali pirates off the coast of Kenya last 10 October.

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China to launch first space lab by 2016

BEIJING, 3 March —A Chinese senior space technology expert said Thursday that China is expected to launch its first space laboratory before 2016.

"With the technological program ready, the lab's research and development are going smoothly," Qi Faren, former chief designer of Shenzhou spaceships, told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview.

As the second phase of China's manned space program, the lab, likely to be named Tiangong-2, will gradually be developed into the core module or experiment module, said Qi.

China is to launch its first unmanned space module, Tiangong-1, or Heavenly Palace, in the second half of 2011, serving as a platform for spacecraft to rendezvous and dock — allowing for the building of the space station.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (019) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Nanoscope breaks small item record

LONDON, 3 March — Scientists may soon be able to watch viruses in action for the first time using the world's most powerful optical microscope. British researchers from the University of Manchester helped develop the instrument, which has broken all records for magnifying small objects using ordinary white light. The "microsphere nanoscope" is capable of examining objects as small as 50 nanometres across — 20 times smaller than the present limit for optical microscopes of around one micrometre, or 0.001 millimetres.

Theoretically the microscope should allow scientists to look at tiny details inside cells and even "live" viruses. Electron microscopes, which use a focused beam of electrons instead of light, can image extremely small objects but have limitations. Either they are designed only to view surface details, or they require extremely thin specimen sections, making it difficult to image fine biological structures.—*Internet*

***Scientists have developed a microscope which has broken all records for magnifying small objects using ordinary white light.*— INTERNET**

A medical worker explains a family planning method using the Intra Uterine device (IUD) to housewives in a local government health centre in Navotas, Metro Manila on 3 March, 2011.
INTERNET

Chinese shares open slightly higher Thursday

BEIJING, 3 March — Chinese shares opened higher on Thursday with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index up 0.17 percent to 2,918.73.

The Shenzhen Component Index edged up 0.07 percent at the opening to 12,889.23. —*Xinhua*

China trains army of messenger pigeons

BEIJING, 3 March — China is training 10,000 messenger pigeons to deliver vital military communications in the event of the country's communication systems breaking down. According to the Chinese state media, the pigeons are being trained by a special unit of the People's Liberation Army in the central city of Chengdu. "They will be primarily called upon to conduct special military missions between troops stationed at our borders," said Chen Hong, an air force expert, to China Central Television (CCTV), the state broadcaster.—*Internet*

Alien invasion hoax fooled MoD, archive papers reveal

LONDON, 3 March — A "war of the worlds" rag week hoax by aircraft engineering apprentices was treated as a real alien invasion of Britain — for a few hours at least, according to newly released Ministry of Defence files. The army's southern command, four police forces, bomb disposal units, RAF helicopters and the MoD's intelligence branch were all mobilised in the early hours of Monday 4 September 1967 to meet the threat.

***A etch of UFO in Scotland, newly released by the National Archives.*— INTERNET**

They went into action after the police and RAF were flooded with calls from the public reporting the discovery of six small "flying saucers" in locations in a perfect line across southern England from Sheppey to the Bristol Channel. It was not until a Scotland Yard bomb disposal squad with orders to check one of the objects with portable X-ray equipment arrived at Bromley police station, south London, that the hoax was uncovered — the Ever Ready batteries were a bit of a giveaway.—*Internet*

A garbage collector transports monitors and computers for recycling on a bicycle on a street in Hanoi on 3 March, 2011.
INTERNET

Photo taken on 2 March, 2011 shows a piece of bizarre stone displayed at a stone showroom in Anshun, southwest China's Guizhou Province. Guizhou, with a typical subtropical monsoon climate, is located in the center of eastern Asian karst areas, which contributes to it rich natural stone resources.

Calif woman survives 35-mile ride on minivan hood

The woman desperately gripped a windshield wiper blade, her body splayed across the hood of the minivan as it raced down a Northern California freeway in the middle of the night, reaching 100 mph, witnesses said.

With the temperature hovering in the low 30s, Christopher Michael Carroll drove 35 miles from Manteca to nearby Pleasanton on Saturday with his wife clinging to the hood, prompting 911 calls from at least two alarmed witnesses, police said.

Carroll, 36, was being held without bail Wednesday at the San Joaquin County Jail on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping and domestic assault, according to sheriff's department records. Carroll got into the family's minivan around 12:30 am Saturday after he and his wife had an argument at their Manteca home, said police spokesman Rex Osborn.

California woman sues after slipping on banana peel

A banana peel, the torment of many a cartoon character, has allegedly become the real-life downfall of a woman in California. Ida Valentine, 58, is suing the 99 Cents Only store where she slipped on one last April.

She said that she suffered a herniated disk and tissue damage, spent $9,000 on medical bills and is seeking an unspecified amount in damages. "She fell and landed on her backside," said Courtney Mikolaj of the Quirk Law Firm in Ventura, California, which is representing her.

Mikolaj said the 99 Cents Only store in Fontana, California, refused a proposed settlement of $44,000. Executives from the company, a deep-discount retailer with hundreds of stores in western states, were not immediately available for comment. The image in popular culture of an unwary pedestrian tripping head over heels on a banana peel stems from the late 19th century, when bananas were a popular street food in American cities and the press portrayed them as a public nuisance.

In 1879, Harper's Weekly groused that "whosoever throws banana skins on the sidewalk does a great unkindness to the public, and is quite likely to be responsible for a broken limb."

61-year-old Turk Mehmet has an 8.8cm long nose, which is the longest nose in the world. He was named the man with longest nose by the Guinness World Records recently.

WWII-era letter from Ala gets delivered in Calif

A World War II-era letter addressed to a woman at a Red Cross hospital in California has been delivered nearly 70 years after its postmark in Alabama, but the mystery of the message remains.

The letter is addressed to Miss RT Fletcher, American Red Cross Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. That building was torn down years ago. Women who worked at the hospital were typically nurses or administrative clerks.

Camp Roberts was closed in 1970, so the letter was delivered to the Camp Roberts Historical Museum. Curator Gary McMaster says he hasn't opened the letter for privacy reasons. The envelope is torn where the return address would be located, so it's not clear who sent it. But the tear reveals a handwritten letter inside.

Craziest job in the world: crocodile wrestler

News Album

Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez confirm romance

Singers Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez arrive at the 2011 Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, California on 27 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 3 March—Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez seemingly confirmed their relationship by showing up together at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party on Monday, according to media reports.

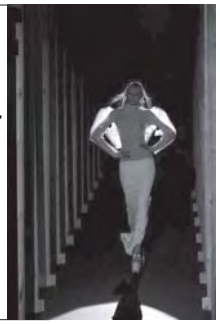
The teen pop sensation and the singer-and-actress have been rumoured to be dating since November last year and been spotted together several times.

But the low-profile couple denied the romance rumours ever since and it is the first time that they made a public appearance together.

The pair even matched their outfits for the party, with 18-year-old Selena wearing a floor-length red dress and 17-year-old Justin dressed in a black suit with a red pocket handkerchief.

Previously when Justin was asked about his feelings for the "Wizards of Waverly Place" actress, he said, "I think anyone would be lucky to date her. She's a great person. I like girls with nice, pretty eyes and a nice smile. I like girls that are funny because I like to laugh and joke around."—*Xinhua*

A model presents new creation at the Fall-Winter 2011/2012 women's ready-to-wear fashion collection for fashion house Thierry Mugler during Paris Fashion Week on 2 March, 2011.
XINHUA



Lady Gaga makes catwalk debut

BEIJING, 3 March—Lady Gaga hits the headlines again by making her catwalk debut Wednesday at designer Thierry Mugler's show during Paris Fashion Week, according to *AP* reports. The singer announced on Twitter, "I'm making my debut as a runway model, walking in the MUGLER PARIS FASHIONSHOW 3/2."

Lady Gaga rocked the show not for her eccentric meat dress or futuristic egg but for her confidence and sex appeal.

She hit the runway wearing a beret, two pigtails, a dazzling diamond necklace, and towering boots. It seems that Mugler is perhaps the perfect line for Lady Gaga as its Gothic aesthetic fits her style. Although Lady Gaga didn't sing herself during the show, some of her new songs, such as "Born This Way" and "Government Hooker", were played out in the background.—*Xinhua*

Richards daughter arraigned in drug, graffiti case

NEW YORK, 3 March—The daughter of Rolling Stones rocker Keith Richards was arraigned Wednesday on drug and graffiti charges after patrol officers said they saw her painting graffiti on the side of a New York City building.

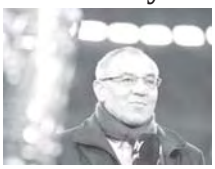
Theodora Richards, 25, was released without bail after her arraignment. She didn't enter a plea or speak to reporters as she left the courtroom.

According to the criminal complaint, officers noticed the model drawing a small "T (heart) A" in red ink on the side of a building that houses a convent in the swank Soho section of Manhattan on Tuesday night.—*Internet*

In this file photo of 11 May, 2010, Theodora Richards, attends a screening of the documentary 'Stones In Exhile' at The Museum of Modern Art in New York.
INTERNET

Lady Gaga shows a creation as part of Thierry Mugler Fall-Winter ready-to-wear 2012 fashion collection presented in Paris, on 2 March, 2011.
XINHUA

Sweet revenge for Magath as Bayern exit Cup



Former Bayern handler Felix Magath

BERLIN, 3 March — Another piece of silverware slipped from Bayern Munich's grasp on Wednesday as the holders were dumped out of the German Cup after a 1-0 semi-final home defeat to Schalke 04, coached by former Bayern boss Felix Magath.

A first-half goal from Schalke's veteran Spaniard Raul means the Royal Blues will face second-division MSV Duisburg in the final at Berlin's Olympic Stadium on 21 May.

This is Bayern's second straight home defeat and pressure is mounting on coach Louis van Gaal with signs demanding 'Van Gaal out!' seen around the stadium.

The picture is now much bleaker exactly a week after the joy of Munich's 1-0 win at Inter Milan in the first leg of the Champions League Round of 16 clash as Bayern are virtually out of the league race and now out of the cup.—*Internet*

Man City ease past second-string Villa in FA Cup

MANCHESTER, 3 March — Roberto Mancini believes Manchester City are still to see the best from Mario Balotelli, despite seeing his striker go some way to answering his calls with an eye-catching performance in the 3-0 victory over Aston Villa on Wednesday in their FA Cup fifth round clash. The Manchester City manager questioned the Italian striker's work-rate and demanded he do more ahead of the match.

Manchester City's Mario Balotelli celebrates scoring during their FA Cup match.—INTERNET

Balotelli, who cost £24million, has been struggling with a knee problem and had threatened to earn more yellow cards than goals since his arrival from Inter Milan. But after his fine finish took him into double figures for the season, Mancini said: "Mario played well and scored a fantastic goal against Villa.—*Internet*

Wenger focuses on title after FA Cup romp

Arsenal's Nicklas Bendtner (left) celebrates scoring with teammate Ma-rouane Chamakh. INTERNET

LONDON, 3 March — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger turned his attention back to the English Premier League title race immediately after defeating Leyton Orient to seal a place in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup on Wednesday.

The Gunners were the beneficiaries of Chelsea's win over Manchester United on Tuesday, as their game in hand and meeting with Sir Alex Ferguson's team mean their destiny is in their own hands.

"For us, it keeps us even better in the race," Wenger said.

"I felt anyway, no matter what happened (in United's clash), whether it was a draw, would have been good as well. It just depends on us.—*Internet*

Messi downs Valencia as Barcelona go ten clear

MADRID, 3 March — Argentine sensation Lionel Messi scored his 27th league goal of the season as champions Barcelona defeated Valencia 1-0 at the Mestalla stadium on Wednesday to move ten points clear of rivals Real Madrid at the Spanish first division summit.

Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi celebrates scoring during the Spanish league foot ball. —INTERNET

Messi netted a 76th minute winner as Barcelona continued their unbeaten away run and put Real under extra pressure to win at home to Malaga on Thursday.

Ballon D'Or winner Messi had missed several chances in the first half but came good 14 minutes from time slotting in a cross from Adriano to clinch a vital win.

It handed coach Pep Guardiola his first ever victory at the Mestalla, which had been the only top-flight venue where he had failed to secure three points.—*Internet*

Chambery's cup dream dies, teenagers save PSG

PARIS, 3 March — Chambery's French Cup fairytale came to an end on Wednesday when they were defeated 3-0 by second tier Angers, while holders Paris Saint-Germain edged Le Mans 2-0 in extra time to reach the semi-finals.

They were joined later by Lille, who kept alive their hopes of a domestic double as the Ligue 1 leaders edged fellow Ligue 1 side Lorient 5-3 on penalties after the match ended 0-0 after extra-time.

Fifth-tier Chambery, who had previously eliminated Ligue 1 sides Sochaux, Brest and Monaco, fell behind in the 45th minute at Grenoble's Stade des Alpes when Henry Saivet converted a left-wing cross from Yves Deroff.—*Internet*

French amateur football league CFA2 club Chambery's Thomas Dubard (L) clashes with Angers' Sebastien Menouard during their French quarter-final football cup match in Grenoble.—INTERNET

Higuain returns to pitch after surgery

MADRID, 3 March — Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain returned to the pitch on Wednesday for the first time since he underwent back surgery in January to fix a slipped disc, the Spanish club said.

Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain

"(Higuain) began a new stage in his recovery process this morning. The striker worked out on the pitch today for the first time since his surgery and did ball work," Real said in a statement.

"Higuain will be subjected to diagnostic tests in the coming weeks before starting the stage in which he will gradually rejoin the squad."

Doctors who carried out the surgery at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital said at the time that it would take between 3-4 months for Higuain to return to competitive action and up to a year before he is fully recovered.—*Internet*

Celtic beat Rangers as tempers boil over

GLASGOW, 3 March — Celtic's dreams of a domestic treble remain on course as they progressed on Wednesday to the Scottish Cup quarter-finals with a 1-0 win over nine-man Rangers, who also had El-Hadji Diouf ordered off after the final whistle, amid shameful scenes at Parkhead.

Celtic's Scott Brown (R) and Rangers' El-Hadji Diouf are seen during the Scottish FA Cup foot ball.—INTERNET

An uneventful match turned ugly just after the half-hour mark when two yellow cards in eight minutes saw Steven Whittaker sent off sparking trouble on the sidelines with El-Hadji Diouf involved in a confrontation with Celtic manager Neil Lennon.

The Hoops made their numerical advantage count in the 48th minute when Mark Wilson scored at the second attempt as Sasa Papac, who had blocked his initial shot, lay dazed on the line.—*Internet*

Omark scores in SO, Oilers beat Predators 2-1

EDMONTON, 3 March — Martin Gerber is filling in just fine for the inured Nikolai Khabibulin.

Gerber won his the third straight for Edmonton, stopping 34 shots in regulation and overtime before making two more saves in a shootout as the Oilers beat the Nashville Predators 2-1 on Tuesday night."He was outstanding. He is the only reason we are talking about a win," Oilers coach Tom Renney said, adding that some goalies thrive on seeing a lot of shots.

Edmonton Oilers goalie Martin Gerber makes a save against the Nashville Predators after losing his stick.—INTERNET

"I think they love that. I think they would rather have 40 shots than 14. Although 30 of those coming before the third period isn't great." The 36-year-old Gerber stopped 18 shots in the first period alone for the Oilers, who have won five of eight. Linus Omark and Jordan Eberle scored in the shootout for Edmonton.—*Internet*

Tennis ace Serena Williams has blood clot removed from lung

Serena Williams

LOS ANGELES, 3 March — Serena Williams, a former world number one and 13-time Grand Slam singles champion, is well and was recovering at home Wednesday after emergency surgery on Monday to remove a blood clot from her lungs.

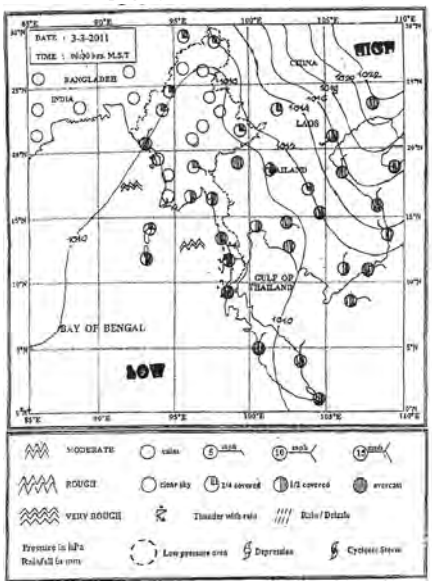
Williams suffered a pulmonary embolism last week and a second health scare that required her to undergo an emergency operation at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on Monday, said Williams representative Nicole Chabot.

The 29-year-old American tennis star issued a statement on Wednesday that said she was at home recovering but under strict doctor's supervision and with no idea when she might return to the sport she once dominated.

"This has been extremely hard, scary, and disappointing," Williams said. "I am doing better. I'm at home now and working with my doctors to keep everything under control. I know I will be OK but am praying and hoping this will all be behind me soon.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 3rd March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States . Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperature in Kachin and Nothern Shan States, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayah State and about March average temperatures in the remaning Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Aunglan (41°C) and Chauk (40°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.94) inch and Yangon (Central) (0.28) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 2-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-3-2011 was (62%). Rainfall on 3-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 2-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-3-2011 was (70%). Total sunshine hours on 2-3-2011 was (6.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 3-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northwest at (21:30) hours MST on 2-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 4th March 2011: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, weather will be partly cloudy in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Mon and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of day temperatures in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

West Ham stadium takeover gets formal approval

LONDON, 3 March—West Ham's bid to take over the 2012 Olympics stadium was given formal approval by the British Government and Mayor of London Boris Johnson on Thursday.

The green light allows the Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) to enter into negotiations with West Ham and their consortium partners to agree a lease for the facility.

"We are delighted with the progress that has been made and very pleased we have reached this very significant milestone in determining the long-term legacy for the Olympic Park following the Games," local government minister Bob Neill said in a statement.

The OPLC had given its backing to West Ham last month after a bitter battle for the stadium venue with Premier League rivals Tottenham.

West Ham won after tabling a bid which proposed retaining the stadium's running track.

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Bid rivals Spurs had proposed demolishing the stadium and replacing it with a purpose built venue without an athletics track, a plan that had been condemned by British Olympic officials.

Internet

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Programme Schedule
(4-3-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
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Local Transmission

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* Music Gallery
* News
* Culture Stage
* News
* The historicl sites of Taung Tha Man
* Myanmar Movie "The Moon Born from the Sun"

Myanmar TV

Friday, 4 March
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Health Programme

8:05 am
7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:15 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:25 am
9. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:05 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:15 pm
3. Song Of National Races

4:20 pm
4. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

4:35 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Myanmar)

4:50 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm
7. Songs Of Yester Years

5:10 pm
8. Myanmar Language

5:25 pm
9. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

5:35 pm
10. Images of Innocent Child

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. Internet Garden

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
19. TV Drama Series
20. Song Lover
21. Mitta Bavana By Mingun Sayadaw

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★ 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

First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw goes on for third day
15-member Public Accounts Committee formed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 March—The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the third day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the session as 223 or 99.55 % of the 224 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present.

Regarding the formation of the Public Accounts Committee, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Rules (33) and (47), a public accounts committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; that suitable number of members, and a list of suitable nominees, the chairman and the secretary shall be submitted to the hluttaw for approval.

He said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Law (27) and Rule (34), the number of committee members, and their duties, powers, rights and terms shall be designated by the hluttaw; that so the Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee is scheduled to be formed with 15 members; that after one year the members' assumption of duties, reviews will be carried out, old members will be replaced with new ones as necessary; and that the deputy speaker will make clarification to the committee's duties, powers, privileges and rights to be designated by the hluttaw.

The deputy Amyotha Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers, rights of the Public Accounts Committee.

Duties of Public Accounts Committee are as follows: —

(1) the committee:

(a) shall, in scrutinizing the budget of the Union Government and report of the Union Auditor-General, find out whether or not the budget approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is spent for the case concerned, in line with the rules and regulations and in an efficient way.

(b) may inquire at the departments and enterprises to find out whether or not the budget is spent efficiently.

(c) is responsible for submitting reports to Amyotha Hluttaw regarding the following matters:

(1) spending a budget approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in response to the report from the Union Government for a case under another heading,

(See page 9)

First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.—MNA