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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

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Hluttaw Rights Committee formed to scrutinize cases concerning breach of duties, powers and rights of Hluttaw, Hluttaw Committee or Hluttaw representative

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

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the fourth 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 fourth day session as 431 or 99.54 % of 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives were present.

Regarding formation of the Hluttaw Rights Committee, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that formation of Hluttaw Rights Committee, one of four Hluttaw Committees, would be carried out today; that according to Pyithu Hluttaw Law Section 21 and 22 and Rules 33 and 54, the Hluttaw Rights Committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; that the deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker would discharge as the chairman of the committee according to the position; 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 subject to provisions of the law relating to the Pyithu Hluttaw, a Hluttaw representative with the permission of the Hluttaw speaker may

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PERSPECTIVES

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The whole Ayeyawady Region seeing new roads and bridges

Rich natural resources, favourable geographical conditions, smooth transportation and swift commodity flow are basic factors for regional development as well as socioeconomic growth of the people.

The southern part of Ayeyawady Region abounds with rivers and creeks. Rich in fertile soil and natural resources, it produces rice, meat and fish, salt and other marine products in abundance. As a result, the nation is in a position to enjoy domestic food sufficiency and contribute towards the food security of the regional countries.

Now, transport facilities are being built in Ayeyawady Region. Construction of new roads and upgrading of old ones have led to the emergence of a network of roads and better transport in the delta. The 360-foot-long Kyaukchaung Bridge on Pathein-Chaungtha road in Pathein Township was inaugurated on 27 February. It is of broad crest type with two motorways and can bear 60 tons of loads.

It is the 258th bridge of over 180 feet, built by the Ministry of Construction. It is the 54th bridge in Ayeyawady Region. With the advent of the bridge, one can easily go to Chaungtha from Yangon and local products can easily be transported to markets.

Nowadays, the whole Ayeyawady Region can be reached not only by sea but also by car and train. Major products such as rice, beans and pulses and marine products can quickly be transported to various regions. Emergence of more roads and bridges will contribute to improved economy of the delta.

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**

Central Committee for organizing 48th Myanma Gems Emporium meets

Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint addresses the third work coordination meeting of the central committee for organizing the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — The third work coordination meeting of the central committee for organizing the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium 2011 took place at the meeting hall of Myanma Gems Enterprise this evening.

It was attended by patron of the central committee for organizing the 48th Myanma Gems Emporium 2011 Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, vice-chairmen of the central committee, the secretary and central committee members, officials of subcommittees and Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and guests.

First, the patron of the central committee Minister U Ohn Myint made an opening address.

Next, the secretary of the central committee Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe gave accounts on arrangements made for organizing the emporium.

Then officials of subcommittees reported on preparations for their respective sectors and follow-up tasks.

Responsible persons of MGEA held discussions on general matters with those present.

After reviewing reports, the minister made concluding remarks.

The 48th Myanma Gems Emporium 2011 will be held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanma Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw from 10 to 22 March.

MNA

Victorious Myanmar archery team in the First Asian Archery Grand Prix 2011 honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—A ceremony to honour the victorious selected Myanmar archery team in the First Asian Archery Grand Prix 2011 took place at the Ministry of Sports here yesterday evening.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint, Members of MOC Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min and Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Aung Ko, Chairperson of Central Working Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and members, officials from the Sports Ministry, Vice President of Asia Archery Federation Honorary President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe, President of MAF U Tint Hsan, President of Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation U Win Myint, President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun and invited persons, the team members and their families.

Chairman of MOC Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint delivered an address followed by Vice President of Asia Archery Federation Honorary President of MAF Dr Khin Shwe.

President of MAF U Tint Hsan presented reports on preparation for the event and follow-up tasks.

Minister Thura U Aye Myint respectively honoured the archers with cash awards and so did Daw Aye Aye, Dr Khin Shwe, U Tint Hsan and Vice-President of MAF U Phyo Ko Ko Tint Hsan.

On behalf of the team, Aung Ngein, who won three gold medals, spoke words of thanks. The team members had the dinner and enjoyed performance of Shwe Myanmar Anyeint Cultural Troupe entertained by the Ministry of Culture.

MNA

Minister Thura U Aye Myint awards victorious Myanmar archers.

MNA

Rising violence dampens local confidence for smooth security transition in Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 March— A dramatic rise in Taleban-led violence recently nationwide in Afghanistan will dampen local people's confidence in Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) to take over the security, which is to be announced on 21 March.

Since last December, the capital City Kabul has witnessed at least 6 attacks, which claimed at least seven ANSF soldiers' lives and injured many other civilians, and hit by 3 rockets on 26 Feb for the first time during the past several months. Security in Afghanistan has worsened to the lowest point since the collapse of the Taleban regime, according to Robert Watkins, the outgoing UN deputy special representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan. On 12 Feb, the headquarters of policeman in Afghan southern Kandahar Province was attacked by Taleban, with 15 policemen killed and 45 others injured, including 23 civilians.

"By the end of 2014, the ANSF will be able to take over the lead responsibility for security in this country," Josef Blotz, spokesman of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), said in an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* recently. However, many local Afghan citizens are doubtful and to some extent, their confidence in ANSF is eroded by a worsening security nationwide, which claimed a large number of civilian lives.—*Xinhua*

Afghan policemen and men inspect the site of a suicide attack in Imam Sahib District of Kunduz Province, north of Afghanistan recently. A Taleban suicide bomber struck an Afghan government office, killing 31 people and raising to more than 100 the death toll from a surge in high-profile bomb attacks.—INTERNET

Ten people feared killed in Nigeria rally bomb blast

LAGOS, 4 March— Undisclosed numbers of lives have been lost on Wednesday in Suleija, central north Nigeria's Niger State when a bomb blast exploded during political rally organized by the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Security sources told *Xinhua* that 10 people were feared killed, noting that the bomb exploded minutes after Governor Babangida Aliyu of Niger addressed his party faithful.

The bomb exploded from a parked bus by the roadside close to Government Secondary School, Suleja, killing and maiming passersby, the source said.

State police spokesperson Richard Oguche confirmed the blast to reporters in Minna, the state capital but decline further comments. Suleija is some 45 km from Abuja, the country's Federal Capital Territory (FCT).—*Xinhua*

Security forces, emergency responders and civilians stand near a destroyed building after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq recently.—INTERNET

Gunmen kill two in Iraq's Diyala

BAQUBA, 4 March—A member of a local paramilitary group, known as Awakening Council, was killed by gunmen in Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala on Thursday, a provincial police source said.

Gunmen stormed the house of Dhiyaa Mahmoud Ali in a village near the town of Maqdadiyah at dawn, some 100 km northeast of Baghdad, killing Mahmoud and his wife, the source from the provincial operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. Mahmoud's four children, aged from one to four years, were also wounded, the source said. Iraqi security forces have cordoned off the area in search of the attackers, the source said, adding that the incident is under investigation.

The Awakening Council group, or al-Sahwa in Arabic, consists of armed groups, including some powerful anti-US Sunni insurgent groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities. Diyala Province, which stretches from eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border, has long been the stronghold of al-Qaeda militant groups and hotbed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion broke out in 2003.—*Xinhua*

Former FBI agent missing in Iran still alive

WASHINGTON, 4 March— US has received indications recently that a former FBI agent who disappeared when visiting Iran four years ago is still alive, said US State Secretary Hillary Clinton on Thursday. Clinton said in a statement that the US citizen, named Bob Levinson, is now being held "somewhere in southeast Asia."

"We respectfully request the Iranian government to undertake humanitarian efforts to safely return and reunite Bob with his family," she said, adding that the US would appreciate the Iranian government's efforts in this regard. Bob Levinson, an American private detective and former FBI agent, disappeared in March 2007 when he was visiting Iran.

Washington has repeatedly asked Teheran to make efforts to determine the whereabouts of Robert Levinson and ensure his rapid and secure return to the United States. But the Iranian authorities had denied knowledge of the case.

Xinhua

Pakistani fire fighters try to extinguish the Afghanistan-bound NATO oil tanker on fire in Peshawar, Pakistan on 3 March, 2011. The tanker was allegedly attacked by militants, police said.—INTERNET

Two American men plead guilty to terrorism conspiracy charge

NEW YORK, 4 March—Two Americans have pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder individuals outside the United States by joining a Somali terrorist group, prosecutors have said.

According to *the New York Daily News*, Mohamed Alessa and Carlos Almonte have been in custody since their arrest at New York's John F Kennedy (JFK) Airport in June last year. The prosecutors said the pair was planning to wage jihad alongside Al-Qaeda-linked militants. Both men admitted that they were flying to Egypt on their way to join Al-Shabaab movement in Somalia, and they wanted to murder people whose beliefs they viewed as contrary to Muslim law. Al-Shabaab is a group on the US terrorism watch list.

"Through covert recordings and their admissions, Alessa's and Almonte's own words confirm they took steps down a deadly path," US District Attorney Paul Fishman said. "The defendants planned and trained for a mission that began in their New Jersey neighbourhoods and would end with the murder of innocent civilians," he added.

Internet

A suicide car bombing and an ambush by militants targeting police in northwestern Pakistan, killed 15 people including nine officers, police and officials have said.
INTERNET

Science

This NASA handout obtained in March 2010 shows an image from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometre on NASA's Aqua satellite of two massive icebergs drifting along the coast of East Antarctica. An international team of scientists has discovered that masses of ice in the Antarctic form underneath the ice sheet instead of on top, according to a study published on Thursday.

INTERNET

World's largest rocket production base takes shape in north China

BEIJING, 4 March—The world's largest design, production and testing base for rockets is being built in north China's Tianjin Municipality, Liang Xiaohong, deputy head of the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology, told *Xinhua* Thursday.

The first phase of the rocket industrial base in Tianjin's Binhai New Area will be completed within the year. Rocket parts will be designed, manufactured, assembled and tested at the base, Liang said.

Twenty of the 22 plants have been completed, and some of them are ready for operation. The base is designed to meet China's growing demand in space technology research and development for the next 30 to 50 years, he added.

By integrating the industrial chain, the base will be able to produce a whole spectrum of rockets of different sizes and types for China's moon probe project, space station and other projects, he said.

China's new rockets, including *Long March IV*, will be designed and manufactured in the 200-hectare base, he said.—*Xinhua*

Air Force to launch 2nd unmanned spaceplane

LOS ANGELES, 4 March—The Air Force is preparing to send a second version of its secretive *X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle* into space.

The unmanned craft resembling a tiny space shuttle is to be launched aboard an *Atlas 5* rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

The launch window opens at 3:39 pm EST Friday but weather could cause delays. The first *X-37B*, built by Boeing's Phantom Works in Southern California, was launched last April and autonomously landed itself in December at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The Air Force said the primary purpose of the flight was to test the craft but it hasn't revealed what it intends to do with the plane's capability.

The Air Force says the second mission is for further testing. The landing will again be in California.

Internet

The X-37B space plane prototype is seen on a runway during flight tests in this undated photo released by the US Air Force.

INTERNET

HIV genetic 'editing' treatment described

PHILADELPHIA, 4 March—US researchers say they've successfully genetically engineered immune cells in HIV-positive patients to make them resistant to HIV infection.

Scientists say they took the immune cells from the patients' own blood, then snipped out a single gene.

When put back in the patient, the cells no longer make a receptor that HIV needs to enter the cell, effectively blocking the virus, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported on Thursday.

University of Pennsylvania gene-therapy expert Carl June presented the findings at an AIDS conference in Boston Wednesday, the newspaper said.

June said nine HIV-positive patients had received the novel treatment in Philadelphia, New York, and California. The engineered cells stayed free of HIV infection in all nine patients and multiplied greatly in eight of them, he said.

June, who has worked on other experimental gene therapies to treat HIV, said the new approach "shows the most promise of any yet tested."

"It's a big accomplishment because this is the first successful attempt at genetic editing," he said. "It gives us an essential tool."—*Internet*

Technology

Fruit Ninja creators announce Machine Gun Jetpack

WASHINGTON, 4 March—The heavily armed hero from Halfbrick Studios's undead-exterminating adventure games Age of Zombies and Monster Dash will return to the iPhone in an all new high-flying adventure, the developer announced on Thursday. Barry Steakfries's newest adventure is Machine Gun Jetpack.

Players will control Barry as he navigates a dangerous laboratory by flying up and over various obstacles, including electricity fields, mobile lasers, and high-powered missiles. He's aided in this ordeal by his eponymous MGJP, which can shoot enemies and obstacles below him.

The game operates as a one-button, Canabalt-style runner, but with flying instead of jumping, and, of course, the addition of Barry's never-ending stream of ammunition. Players can also collect coins through the various levels, which they can spend on upgrades for Barry, ranging from simple cosmetic additions like a top hat to a more powerful jetpack with bigger and better weapons and abilities.

Future upgrades to the app will also include new add-ons as well as upgrades to the app and the in-gameâ•™s mod-store. The game will land in the App Store sometime this summer, but pricing and an exact release date have not yet been announced.

Internet

A man shops for a laptop at a Best Buy store in Florida in 2009. Apple's iPad and other Internet-connected media tablets are draining demand for laptops and notebook computers, research firm Gartner said Thursday, sharply lowering its worldwide PC forecast this year.—INTERNET

A staff member shows the performance of AMD Fusion APU (Accelerated Processing Units), a new product of American chip producer Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Mail Perspectives brings compact view to Mail

NEW YORK, 4 March—Want to keep an eye on your e-mail without juggling windows just to fit Mail on your display? Indev on Thursday released Mail Perspectives, the feature-packed successor to its popular MiniMail plugin for Mail.

Mail Perspectives lets you take a different look at your e-mail by shrinking Mail's interface and sprinkling in some useful customization. It distills Mail's large, comparatively sprawling window into a resizable box containing just the essentials, like a list of e-mail subjects, along with filters to view all messages, just unread messages, or just those from a certain day. You can adjust this list to show messages from multiple mailboxes and even other folders, giving you a comprehensive, yet compact glance at all of the e-mail that matters.

Messages can be viewed with Quick Look or opened in a separate window, and you can still use all of Mail's standard keyboard shortcuts for actions like replying, deleting, and forwarding. If you prefer clickable icons, you can also display a small Mail Actions Window with buttons for most common features, including creating new messages, notes, and tasks.

Instead of a message list, Mail Perspectives can optionally display a preview of each message and allow you to flip through e-mails with arrow keys.—*Internet*

Health

Lack of sleep takes a toll at work, while driving

BOSTON, 4 March— Less than seven hours of sleep each night is leading to a host of sleep-related problems including drowsy driving and difficulty concentrating at work, according to two new studies released on Thursday.

Roughly one-third of adults in 12 states reported getting less than seven hours of sleep each night with about the same number saying they've unintentionally dozed off during the day, according to one of the studies on sleep-related behaviour from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Perhaps the most surprising finding is that one in 20 adults reports having nodded off at least once while driving.

Drowsy driving has been linked to more than 1,500 fatalities and 40,000 nonfatal injuries annually in the United States, government statistics show.

Lack of sleep has also been linked to chronic diseases including obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, researchers said. Fitting in the recommended seven to nine hours of sleep each night is critical.

"In addition to eating right and exercise, sleep is also very important, but tends to fall to the bottom of everyone's priorities," said Anne Wheaton, CDC researcher.

Wheaton was lead author on the second study, which centered on lack of sleep and daily routines. Her findings showed people who sleep less than seven hours were more likely to report trouble concentrating, remembering things and performing at work.

Reuters

Health Tip: Help prevent carpal tunnel syndrome

Carpal tunnel syndrome occurs from repetitive use of the wrists, including activities such as typing on a computer keyboard.

The University of Maryland Medical Centre offers these suggestions for computer users:

* Take short breaks from the keyboard throughout the day to stretch and shake out the arms and wrists.
* When using the computer, practice good posture.
* Make sure your chair offers good support and can be adjusted for your height.
* Consider using voice recognition software to cut down on typing.
* Consider adding a pad to help cushion your wrists.
* Use a light touch while typing and using a mouse.
* Perform hand and wrist exercises to stretch and strengthen the muscles.—*Internet*

Patients down with summer cold are treated with traditional Chinese medicine techniques such as "Gua Sha" (L) and cupping treatment (R), at a clinic in Chongqing municipality on 30 July, 2010. "Gua Sha", which means "scrapping away ailments" in Chinese, involves rubbing the skin with an instrument to create red petechiae, a red rash which will subside after two to three days.— INTERNET

A patient is prepared for banding surgery. Several options exist for bariatric, or weight-loss, surgery.

INTERNET

Spice in curry may help treat cancer

TEL AVIV, 4 March — Turmeric, a bright yellow spice in curry and what makes mustard yellow, may help treat cancer in combination with an arthritis drug, US researchers say. Dr Shahar Lev-Ari of Tel Aviv University's School of Public Health at the Sackler Faculty of Medicine and colleagues found that curcumin — turmeric's active ingredient — can fight cancer when used in combination with a popular anti-inflammatory drug used to treat arthritis — Celecoxib, which also inhibits proliferation of colon cancer in laboratory settings — in alleviating the inflammatory response caused when cancer takes root in the body. The treatment has had promising results in human clinical trials, the researchers say. "Although more testing will be needed before a possible new drug treatment is developed, one could combine curcumin with a lower dose of a cancer anti-inflammatory drug, to better fight colon cancer," Lev-Ari says in a statement.—*Internet*

Business

Heinz says 3Q net up, buys stake in Brazilian Co

Heinz ketchup is seen on the shelf of a market on 2 March , 2011, in Barre, Vt HJ Heinz Co's third-quarter net income rose 20 percent as its popularity grew overseas and the company raised prices to offset higher commodity costs.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 4 March—HJ Heinz Co announced a major step Thursday in its push into emerging markets — the purchase of an 80 percent stake in a Brazilian food company.

The news came as Heinz reported that its revenue from the US and emerging markets, along with recent price increases, helped drive its third-quarter net income up 20 percent.

Heinz, the world's largest ketchup maker, has relied recently on emerging markets like China, India and Russia to fuel its growth. It said its plan to acquire the stake in SA Industrias Alimenticias, the Brazilian maker of Quero brand tomato sauce and ketchup, eventually will double its sales in Latin America.

Terms of the deal, which will also give Heinz a factory and distribution service that could be critical to its future in the fast-growing region, were not disclosed. But the company said it will pay with cash on hand.

"This is a major growth step under our emerging-market strategy," Heinz CEO William R Johnson said.

Internet

Facebook valued at $65 billion in new investment

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 March— Investment firm General Atlantic is investing in Facebook, valuing the leading social network at $65 billion, representing a 30 percent boost from its last big investment in January, according to a report on CNBC.

General Atlantic is purchasing a block of roughly 2.5 million Facebook shares from former Facebook employees, giving the firm a 0.1 percent stake in the company, CNBC said.

The deal, which has not closed and requires approval from Facebook, would give General Atlantic a 0.1 percent stake in Facebook, according to the report.

General Atlantic declined to comment on the reports. Facebook did not immediately return requests for comment.

In January, Facebook said it had raised $1.5 billion from investors including Goldman Sachs and Digital Sky Technologies, as well as through a private offering to overseas investors conducted by Goldman Sachs, at a valuation of roughly $50 billion.

Reuters

Japan sales of new imported vehicles climb 41.2% in Feb

TOKYO, 4 March— Sales of new imported vehicles climbed 41.2 percent in February from a year earlier, data released Friday by the Japan Automobile Importers Association showed. According to the association, sales of new imported vehicles in February, including Japanese brands manufactured overseas, totaled 20,376 units, marking the 16th consecutive month of year-on-year increase.

Helped by a spike in imports of Nissan Motor Co.'s March minicar, sales of Japanese-brand vehicles surged 344.9 percent to 6,193 units, whiles sales of foreign-brand cars, trucks and buses for the domestic market rose 8.8 percent to 14,183 units, marking the second straight month of rise, the association said. Having stopped producing its top selling March minicar in Japan and moving operations to Thailand, Nissan sold 14,183 units in the recording period, to claim a 22.9 percent share of the market, compared to a meager 16 units sold during the same period a year earlier.—*Xinhua*

The day's numbers are displayed on a screen above the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 3 March, 2011.

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submit a case concerning a breach of rights of the Hluttaw or a Hluttaw Committee or a Hluttaw representative to the Hluttaw as prescribed in Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 58 (a); that concerning such provisions, there are duties, powers and rights for an individual Hluttaw representative, a single Hluttaw committee or the whole Hluttaw; that the privileges of the Hluttaw, a Hluttaw committee or a Hluttaw representative as prescribed in Rule 58 (a) are all concerned with those duties, powers and rights; that the Hluttaw Rights Committee is therefore formed so as to scrutinize cases concerning the breach of duties, powers and rights of the Hluttaw, a Hlutaw Committee or a Hluttaw representative.

The speaker continued to say that although it is prescribed in line with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 56 that the tenure of the Hluttaw Rights Committee is the same as that of the Hluttaw, reviews will be made to make membership replacements as necessary one year after its formation.

Just after the formation of the Hluttaw Rights Committee with the deputy speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw as chairman, the Hluttaw will have to designate duties, powers and rights of the committee in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 34. So, the deputy speaker will continue to explain the said matters to the representatives for approval, added the speaker.

The deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker clarified

***Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker explains duties, powers and rights of Hluttaw Rights Committee.*—MNA**

duties, powers, privileges and rights of the Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee.

Duties of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee are as follows: —

(1) the committee:
- (a) shall scrutinize the matters transferred to it, as follows:—
  - (1) making a decision based on facts about the matters transferred to it whether the matters violate the rights of Pyithu Hluttaw,
  - (2) making a decision what violates the rights and how,
  - (3) reporting to Pyithu Hluttaw to suggest what action Pyithu Hluttaw should take regarding the case,
- (b) subject to the provisions in para (a), the committee in its report shall suggest how Pyithu Hluttaw should do to accomplish the suggestion,
- (c) it has the right to submit a report to Pyithu Hluttaw if so may require in order that Pyithu Hluttaw can deal with regional or international hluttaws.

(2) in general, in scrutinizing matters according to abovementioned responsibilities, the committee:
- (a) does not need to ascertain support regarding tabling motions and submitting suggestions.
- (b) Committee members have the right to hold discussions more than one time in a matter.

(3) 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.

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

MNA

Powers of the committee are:—

(1) Committee meetings shall be convened in accordance with the provisions of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 61.

(2) Regarding the committee's 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) The committee shall convene meetings occasionally to assess a rights matter transferred to it, and shall submit the reports to Pyithu Hluttaw on the designated day. Provided that Pyithu Hluttaw does not designate a date to submit the report, the committee shall submit the case to Pyithu Hluttaw within one month from the day Pyithu Hluttaw hands over a rights mater it.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Provided that the committee is unable to submit a final report on schedule, it shall submit an interim report.

(3) In discharging duties, the committee:--
- (a) has the right to summon related persons for questioning. It also has the right to summon related persons to evidence necessary documents and records. If occasion arises to decide whether or not the statement or documents and evidences of a person are related to functions of the committee, the committee chairman has the right to submit the case to Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker for decision. The decision made by the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker shall be final. The Union Government has the right to deny a document or record in case of harm to State security and interest.
- (b) shall issue a written summon for a related person to provide a statement or submit documents or evidences before the committee. The committee has the right to decide whether or not the statement or documents and evidences should be kept secret.
- (c) may invite experienced officials in coordination with the departments and organizations concerned for advice.

(4) If occasion arises, the committee shall invite the Union Attorney-General to the committee meetings for legal advice.

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***Pyithu Hluttaw representatives signing in attendance book.*—MNA**

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(5) Regarding the committee's report:—
(a) After the committee's report has been submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw, the committee chairman or the secretary (when the chairman is away), or a member (when the chairman and the secretary are away) shall submit a case for the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker to assess the report on the designated day.
(b) After Pyithu Hluttaw has assessed the case submitted according to para (a), the initiator shall submit the case to Pyithu Hluttaw for approval.

(6) Committee members:
(a) have the freedom of speech and the right to vote subject to the provisions of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyithu Hluttaw Laws.
(b) have the rights to be members of in maximum two hluttaw committees of Pyithu Hluttaw.
(c) have the right to submit resignation letters to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker with sound reasons.

Privileges and rights of a committee member

(1) Committee members, being Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, have the rights to enjoy relevant privileges described in law on allowance and expense as well as privileges granted by the Union Government while they are at the committee head office or on a duty trip to carry out functions of the committee.

(2) Committee members:—
(a) shall not be taken action against other laws except under Pyithu Hluttaw Law regarding discussion held at committee meetings,
(b) shall not be arrested while the committee is in session without the prior approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the organization concerned,
(c) shall, if arrested under a crime, have the right to attend committee meetings with the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, until a verdict is delivered against them.

Afterwards, names of the designated persons to be included in Hluttaw Rights 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 Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker submitted nomination of suitable numbers of members of committee, committee members, chairman and secretary for formation of Hluttaw Rights Committee with not more than 15 representatives to Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with Section 21 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Rules 33 and 54 of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule.

Members nominated to the post of committee members are—

(1) U Nanda Kyawswar	Dagon Constituency
(2) U Nelson (a) U Saung Si	Kyaukme Constituency
(3) Daw Mi Myint Than	Ye Constituency
(4) Dr Than Win	North Okkalapa Constituency
(5) U Saw Thein Aung	Hlaingbwe Constituency
(6) U Aye Pe	Coco Island Constituency
(7) Dr Soe Yin	Kamayut Constituency
(8) U Hla Myint Oo	Pyinmana Constituency
(9) U Min Swe	Daik U Constituency
(10) U Thein Lwin	Chauk Constituency
(11) Dr San Hlaing	Taungup Constituency
(12) U Peik Htwe	Kama Constituency
(13) U Tin Maung Oo	Shwepyitha Constituency
(14) U Myint Soe	Pyawbwe Constituency
(15) Daw Nan Nun	Shadaw Constituency

Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyawswar will be assigned as the committee chairman and U Hla Myint Oo of Pyinmana 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 fourth-day of the first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw ended and the fifth-day regular session would be held at 10 am on 7th March.

The session came to an end at 11.15 am.—*MNA*

Education Minister inspects preparations in exam centres

***Minister Dr Chan Nyein inspects arrangements made at exam centres in Nay Pyi Taw.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein this afternoon visited No.1 Basic Education High School and No.6 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw and No.1 BEHS, Lewe, in Nay Pyi Taw District.

During the visit, the minister left instructions on systematic holding matriculation examinations and ensuring the convenience of examinees and arrangements being made for holding of the examinations.—*MNA*

Opening, closing and prize-presenting ceremonies of Commander-in-Chief's Shield Sepak Takraw Tournament (Navy) held

YANGON, 4 March—The opening, closing and prize-presenting ceremonies of Commander-in-Chief's Shield Sepak Takraw Tournament (Navy) was held at Ayeyawady Naval Regional Command Headquarters on 28 February. Acting Commanding Officer Col Tun Lwin Oo addressed the opening of the toumament on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy).

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers, officers and other ranks of the navy from Yangon Station and Thanlyin Station, guests, and athletes.

In the final match after the opening ceremony, Ayeyawady Naval Regional Command Headquarters won the Commander-in-Chief's Shield Sepak Takraw Tournament (Navy). It was followed by prize-presenting ceremony at which the acting commanding officer presented the trophy to Ayeyawady Naval Regional Command Headquarters.

MNA

Basic English Language Course on Labour Affairs (1/2011) concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March — The closing ceremony of Basic English Language Course on Labour Affairs (1/2011) of the Ministry of Labour took place at the assembly hall of the ministry here this morning with an address by Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi.

The minister presented outstanding trainees and Deputy Minister U Tin Tun Aung completion certificates.

The eight-week course was organized with the aim of improving English language proficiency of the staff in dealing with international labour affairs. —*MNA*

Minister U Aung Kyi awards an outstanding trainee.

MNA

Car turnover kills 5, injures 16

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—A truck driven by Maung Myint of Myothit Ward in Pyawbwe carrying firewood and bamboo plunged into a ravine at 5-Mile creek bridge and overturned as it was going along Kintha-Pinlaung road at about 4 pm on 2 March. The incident killed five people and injured 16 others on board.

Among the injured, four are in serious condition. And they all are being treated at Zeyathiri Township Hospital (50-bed). Tatkon Police Station has filed a lawsuit against the driver. Some car drivers know only the ABC of driving, lack good knowledge of traffic rules and fail to follow them. Moreover, those drivers are still weak in carrying out vehicle maintenance tasks. Consequently, mechanical errors occur, causing car accidents, said an official of Myanmar Police Force.—*MNA*

Amyotha Hluttaw carries on first regular…

Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw clarifies duties, powers, privileges and rights of Hluttaw Rights Committee.

MNA

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Duties of Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee are as follows: —

(1) the committee:
  (a) shall scrutinize the matters transferred to it, as follows:—
    (1) making a decision based on facts about the matters transferred to it whether the matters violate the rights of Amyotha Hluttaw,
    (2) making a decision what violates the rights and how,
    (3) reporting to Amyotha Hluttaw to suggest what action Amyotha Hluttaw should take regarding the case,
  (b) subject to the provisions in para (a), the committee in its report shall suggest how Amyotha Hluttaw should do to accomplish the suggestion,
  (c) it has the right to submit a report to Amyotha Hluttaw if so may require in order that Amyotha Hluttaw can deal regional or international hluttaws.

(2) in general, in scrutinizing matters according to above mentioned responsibilities, the committee:
  (a) does not need to ascertain support regarding tabling motions and submitting suggestions.
  (b) Committee members have the right to hold discussions more than one time in a matter.

(3) 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 Amyotha 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 convened in accordance with the provisions of Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 61.

(2) (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 Amyotha Hluttaw.
  (b) The committee shall convene meetings occasionally to assess a right matter transferred to it, and shall submit the reports to Amyotha Hluttaw on the designated day. Provided that Amyotha Hluttaw does not designate a date to submit the report, the committee shall submit the case to Amyotha Hluttaw within one month from the day Amyotha Hluttaw hands over a right mater to the committee.
  (c) 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.
  (d) Provided that the committee is unable to submit a final report on schedule, it shall submit an interim report.

(3) In discharging duties, the committee:—
  (a) has the right to summon related persons for questioning. It also has the right to summon related persons to evidence necessary documents and records. If occasion arises to decide whether or not the statement or documents and evidences of a person are related to functions of the committee, the committee chairman has the right to submit

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***First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw goes on for fourth day.*—MNA**

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the case to Amyotha Hluttaw for a decision. The decision made by the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker shall be final. The Union Government has the right to deny a document or record in case of harming national security and interest.

(b) shall issue a written summon for a related person to provide a statement or submit documents or evidences before the committee. The committee has the right to decide whether or not the statement or documents and evidences should be kept secret.

(c) may invite experienced officials in coordination with the departments and organizations concerned for advice.

(4) If occasion arises, the committee shall invite the Union Attorney-General to the committee meetings for legal advice.

(5) (a) After the committee's report has been submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw, the committee chairman or the secretary (when the chairman is away), or a member (when the chairman and the secretary are away) shall submit a case for the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker to assess the report on the designated day.

(b) After Amyotha Hluttaw has assessed the case submitted according to para (a), the initiator shall submit the case to Amyotha Hluttaw for approval.

(6) Committee members:

(a) have the freedom of speech and the right to vote subject to the provisions of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Amyotha Hluttaw Laws.

(b) have the rights to be members of in maximum two hluttaw committees of Amyotha Hluttaw.

(c) have the right to submit resignation letters to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker with sound reasons.

Privileges and rights of a committee member

(1) Committee members, being Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, have the rights to enjoy relevant privileges described in law on allowance and expense as well as privileges granted by the Union Government while they are at the committee head office or on a duty trip to carry out functions of the committee.

(2) Committee members—

(a) shall not be taken action against other laws except under Amyotha Hluttaw Law regarding discussion held at committee meetings,

(b) shall not be arrested while the committee is in session without the prior approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the organization concerned,

(c) shall, if he is arrested under a crime, have the right to attend committee meetings with the approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, until a verdict is delivered against him.

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

When the session was resumed, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker submitted nomination of suitable numbers of members of committee, committee members, chairman and secretary for formation of Hluttaw Rights Committee to Amyotha Hluttaw in accord with Section 21 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Rules 33 and 54 of Amyotha Hluttaw Rule.

Members nominated to the post of committee members are—

(1)	U Mya Nyein	Yangon Region Constituency (7)
(2)	U J Yawwu	Kachin State Constituency (12)
(3)	U Bo Yel	Kayah State Constituency (3)
(4)	U Saw Tawpale	Kayin State Constituency (7)
(5)	U Hui Yein	Chin State Constituency (11)
(6)	U Naing Tun Ohn	Mon State Constituency (5)
(7)	U Myat Ko	Sagaing Region Constituency (12)
(8)	U Tin Maung Myint	Taninthayi Region Constituency (3)
(9)	U Ye Myint	Bago Region Constituency (4)
(10)	U Aung Nyein	Magway Region Constituency (2)
(11)	U Win Maung	Mandalay Region Constituency (2)
(12)	U Nyunt Tin	Yangon Region Constituency (2)
(13)	U Nu	Yangon Region Constituency (10)
(14)	U Kyaw Kyaw	Rakhine State Constituency (2)
(15)	U Nay Win Tun	Shan State Constituency (9)

U Mya Nyein of Yangon Region Constituency (7) will be assigned as the committee chairman and U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency (2) as the secretary.

Next, the Amyotha 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 Amyotha Hluttaw and then announced the approval.

Afterwards, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the fourthday of the first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw ended and the fifthday regular session would be held at 10 am on 7th March.

The session came to an end at 11.10 am.

MNA

***Amyotha Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book.*—MNA**

***A three-member private Myanmar media team led by CEO of Yangon Media Group U Ko Ko seen at Yangon International Airport on 1st March before departure for Pakistan to make a six-day study trip, at the invitation of Strategic Studies Department of Pakistan.*—MNA**

Myanma Electric Power, eight companies sign contract

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March— A contract-signing ceremony between Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and eight companies— Central China Power Grid International Economic & Trade Co Ltd, Alliance Global Technologies Pte Ltd, United National Oil & Gas Pte Ltd, Supplier Global Pte Ltd, Gunkul Engineering Public Co Ltd, Baron Machinery & Engineering Pte Ltd, Global Quality & Management Pte Ltd and Royal GK Pte Ltd— took place at the ministry here yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Khin Maung Kyaw, departmental heads and others.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint delivered an address. On behalf of the companies, Managing Director Daw Thanda Nay Win of Global Quality & Management Pte Ltd, spoke words of thanks.

Managing Director of MEPE U Aung Than Oo and Managing Directors of the companies signed contracts on purchasing power grid accessories for power grids of Minhla Power Station, Thabyewa (Meiktila)-Nay Pyi Taw-Taungoo grid, Shwe-taung-Myaungdaga grid, construction of Minhla Power Station, extended construction of Thabyewa, Nay Pyi Taw, Taungoo Power Stations, Hlawga, Thazi, Taungoo and Tagondaing Power Stations, and exchanged documents.

MNA

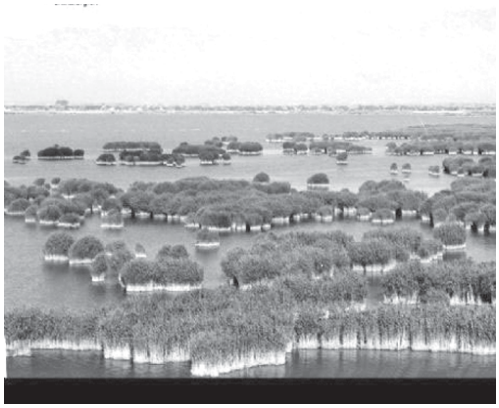
Dead goose tests H5N1 positive in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 4 March— A goose carcass found in Lantau, Hong Kong, was tested positive for H5N1 avian influenza virus, a spokesman for the city's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department said on Friday.

The goose carcass was collected at a beach near Sham Shek Tsuen, Lantau, on 1 March. They were highly decomposed when found and required a series of tests before H5N1 avian influenza was confirmed Friday.

The spokesman said there were no poultry farms within three kilometers of the place where the dead goose was found.

Xinhua



The Sand Lake, a national 5A-level tourist attraction in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, is a picturesque world of half lake and half desert. Its scenery in spring is marvelous with quiet, clear water and endless shiny green reeds under the sunshine. **INTERNET**

Herbel teas have health benefits

BOSTON, 3 March— Herbal teas — hibiscus, peppermint and chamomile — may provide a variety of health benefits, US Department of Agriculture-funded scientists found. Diane McKay and Jeffrey Blumberg of the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Centre on Aging at Tufts University in Boston says chamomile tea has long been considered a brew that soothes. However, Blumberg and McKay reviewed scientific literature on the bioactivity of chamomile and found no human clinical trials that examined this calming effect. They published a review article describing testtube evidence that chamomile tea has moderate anti-microbial activity and significant anti-platelet-clumping activity, which reduced the risk of blood clots. The researchers describe evidence of bioactivity in peppermint tea. In test tubes, peppermint has been found to have significant anti-microbial and anti-viral activities, strong antioxidant and anti-tumour actions and some anti-allergenic potential, the researchers say. A human clinical trial reported that drinking hibiscus tea lowered blood pressure in a group of pre-hyperten-sive and mildly hypertensive adults, the review finds. The findings are published in *Agricultural Research magazine.—Internet*

19 Cambodians killed in road accident in southwest province

PHNOM PENH, 4 March—At least 19 Cambodians were killed and another eight seriously injured in a car crash in Cambodia's southwest province of Sihanoukville Friday, chief of military police for Sihanoukville Province said by phone.

"The accident happened after a container truck crushed with a tourist van coming from opposition dir-ection," Horn Seyha said.

The drivers of both vehicle were killed instantly in the accident and the tourist van was completely destroyed. "It's almost flattened," he said. Of the 19 dead, ten were male and 9 female, while six men and two women were injured.

The accident happen-ed on the national road No. 4 about 17 kilometres from the provincial town.

The tourist van was from Takeo Province en route to Sihanoukville while the container truck was on its way to Phnom Penh from original departure in Sihanoukville. The traffic police are working out which side of the two vehicles had caused the accident. Police confirm-ed that the 18 killed were Cambodians; no foreigners were on the tourist van.

Sihanoukville is located at 230 kilometres southwest of Phnom Penh. Death toll from traffic accidents in Cambodia is the second largest danger after HIV/AIDS. Last year, 1,709 people were killed in road accidents in Cambodia.—*Xinhua*

Earth-orbiting satellite Glory ready for launch

LOS ANGELES, 4 March— After a series of delays, NASA's earth-orbiting satellite Glory is ready for launch from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) announced on Thursday.

The launch is currently planned for Friday, 4 March, at 2:09:43 am. PST (5:09:43 am EST), said JPL, Pasadena, Los Angeles. The weather forecast is 100 percent "go," with the possibility of some fog and a low ceiling not expected to be an issue, according to JPL. NASA originally planned to launch the satellite on 23 Feb, but during the final 15 minutes before the scheduled launch, the vehicle interface control console, a ground interface with Orbital Sciences' *Taurus XL* rocket, gave an unexpected reading, prompting NASA to scrub the first launch attempt.

Then NASA postponed the rescheduled launch for two times due to failure to resolve the technical problems.—*Xinhua*

Works by Yayoi Kusama are displayed during the Armory Show in New York, the United States, on 3 March, 2011. The annual Armory Show, a leading fine art fair, kicked off on Thursday with the participation of artists, galleries, collectors, critics and curators from all over the world. **—XINHUA**

World first artificial bronchus graft in France

This file photo shows surgeons performing an operation at a hospital in Paris. An artificial bronchus was successfully grafted onto a 78-year-old patient with lung cancer, a world first that avoided the complete removal of the lung, medical authorities announced.— **INTERNET**

PARIS, 4 March—An articifial bronchus was successfully grafted onto a 78-year-old patient with lung cancer, a world first that avoided the complete removal of the lung, medical authorities announced.

The surgical innovation, carried out on 28 October 2009 by a team at Paris's Avicenne Hospital, meant that "the cancerous growth could be removed with greater safety margins" and also "avoidance of the foreseen complete removal of the lung carrying very high risk of post-operatory death," the group Public Assistance - Paris Hospitals said in a statement.

The patient "is very well" following the graft of the articifial airway, thoracic and vascular surgeon Emmanuel Martinod, who carried out the surgery, said.

"Our procedure followed 10 years of research," he said, adding however that "we must remain very prudent."

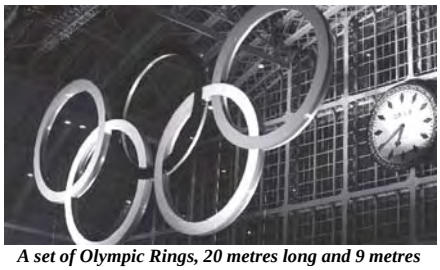
The artificial bronchus was made up of biological material strengthened by a stent. The use of aortic tissue, preserved by cold and available from a tissue bank, had the advantage of not needing anti-rejection medicaments, which are counter-indicated in treatment of cancers.

Details of this medical first are published in the review *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery.*

A Press conference was scheduled for 1330 GMT Thursday at the suburban hospital where the implant was carried out.

Internet

Actors perform during a news conference of "songjiang" martial art array, a kind of folk performance featuring the character of Chinese kungfu and traditional art, on a plaza in Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 3 March, 2011. The "songjiang" martial art array activity, which is usually performed by 36 or 72 persons, has a history of more than 400 years. It originated in the coastal area of southeast China's Fujian Province.— **XINHUA**



A set of Olympic Rings, 20 metres long and 9 metres wide, is seen after being unveiled at the St. Pancras International Station in London, Britain, on 3 March, 2011. The St Pancras Station is the terminal of the Eurostar trains which will connect continental Europe and the London Olympic Park during the 2012 London Olympic Games. It will take only 7 minutes to reach the Olympic Park by high-speed trains from the station.
XINHUA

US has much higher obesity rate than Canada

ATLANTA, 4 March—American adults have a significantly higher rate of obesity than their neighbours to the north, a new study says.

About 24 percent of Canadians are obese compared to more than 34 percent of Americans, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention study released on Wednesday. Researchers looked at height and weight data taken in surveys in both countries during 2007-09. The two countries have different racial demographics. The United States has more black and Hispanic people, and both have higher rates of obesity. But even looking solely at white people, there was still a big difference a 26 percent obesity rate in Canada compared to 33 percent in the United States.

It's not clear why that is, said study-co-author Cynthia Ogden, an epidemiologist with the CDC's National Centre for Health Statistics.

"We share this border and many other things. It's a question we need to investigate more," said Ogden, whose co-authors included a researcher at Statistics Canada.

Another mystery: In children there was little difference. The childhood obesity rate was 15.5 percent in the United States and 12 percent in Canada, but the difference was not statistically significant.

This study is the first time the CDC has compared American obesity rates with another country.The report adds to a growing pile of studies that show Americans are less healthy than people in other developed nations.

Internet

US files 22 new charges against WikiLeaks soldier

WASHINGTON, 4 March—The US military said it has brought 22 new charges against a soldier accused of leaking hundreds of thousands of sensitive US government documents that were later published by the website WikiLeaks.

Bradley Manning, a former intelligence analyst suspected of obtaining the documents while serving in Iraq, is being held at a Marine base in Virginia as US officials investigate last year's publication of State Department cables and military documents related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The US Army's new charges against Manning, the result of a seven-month probe, include 'aiding the enemy' and 'wrongfully causing intelligence to be published on the Internet,' the military said in a statement.

Reuters

Colorado boy, 12, arrested in shooting deaths

DENVER, 4 March—A 12-year-old boy was arrested on Wednesday for the shooting deaths of a husband and wife and the critical wounding of the couple's two small children in a rural eastern Colorado Town.

Steve Johnson, division director for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, said the boy, who is a relative of the victims, called 911 Tuesday night to report a multiple shooting at a home in Burlington, Colorado about 165 miles east of Denver.

When police responded they discovered a married couple with fatal gunshot wounds, and two of their children, a five-year girl and a nine-year-old boy, with life-threatening injuries, Johnson said.

All the warrants in the homicides have been sealed, so authorities would not say if the boy is another son of the slain couple, who are identified as Charles Long, 50, and his wife Marilyn, 51.

Detectives questioned the boy for several hours on Wednesday, and at mid-afternoon, Johnson announced that the boy was under arrest.

"The 12-year-old family member who placed the 911 call from the residence has been taken into custody," Johnson said.—*Reuters*

An Indonesian subsidiary of budget airline AirAsia hopes to raise up to $200 million in an initial public offering that will hand investors up to a fifth of the firm, it has said.
INTERNET

***German retail sales gained 2.6 percent in January from the same month a year earlier at constant prices, and 3.8 percent in nominal terms, the federal statistics office said.—*INTERNET**

Ex-prosecutor pleads guilty to misconduct

DETROIT, 4 March— A former Michigan narcotics prosecutor faces six months in jail after pleading guilty to misconduct in office.

Karen Plants, who was head of the narcotics unit in the Wayne County District Attorney's Office, admitted Wednesday she committed perjury to hide the identity of a police informant, *The Detroit News* reported.

Two Inkster police officers have also entered guilty pleas. Retired Wayne County Circuit Judge Mary Waterstone has also been charged with misconduct in office. She is scheduled to go on trial in May.

The charges stem from a 2005 drug trial. Jurors were not told a witness against bar owner Alexander Aceval was an informant. Aceval eventually pleaded guilty and is serving a long prison term.

Internet

***File photo taken on 1 Oct, 2010 shows tourists at the Changlong resort in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province.—*INTERNET**

Series of moderate quakes rattle S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 4 March—A moderate earthquake struck parts of southern Philippines late Thursday night, hours after a milder but much shallower temblor struck the same area hours earlier, the US Geological Survey said.

The magnitude 5.4 quake hit at 11:12 pm local time, and was traced 62 kilometres east-southeast of Surigao City in Mindanao at a depth of 38.7 kilometres, the USGS said.

The shaking happened just six hours after a magnitude 4.5 temblor with a depth of 18 kilometres rattled the same region, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology in Davao City, said. That quake was followed by a magnitude-3.9 aftershock several minutes later. Officials have yet to report damage or casualty following the quakes.

The Philippines sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where continental plates collide, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.

Xinhua

4.7 magnitude quake hits Wellington Region

WELLINGTON, 4 March—An earthquake measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale struck Wellington Region early Friday, causing no casualties or damages. The quake, which struck at 2.19 am on Friday (13:19 GMT Thursday), was centreed 10 kms north-east of Upper Hutt, it had a depth of 30 km.

The New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences said it was felt widely in the lower North Island and upper South Island.

It was the second earthquake in Wellington in three days. A magnitude 4.5 earthquake struck Wellington on Tuesday night. It was centreed 20 km north-west of the city.—*Xinhua*

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SAN JIANG KOU VOY NO (246) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T 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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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI QUARTZ VOY NO (04) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1108)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1108) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Spider web fire risk prompts Mazda6 recall

TOKYO, 4 March — Japanese carmaker Mazda has announced it is recalling 65,000 cars in North and Central America because of concerns over spiders in the fuel system. A Mazda spokesman said dealers had found 20 cases where webs of yellow sac spiders were found in a vent line. The company said this could increase pressure in the fuel tank, leading to possible cracks and a risk of fire. Dealers will check the cars for cracks, clean out any webs and install a spring in the line to keep out the spiders. About 50,000 Mazda6 vehicles from the 2009-10 model years are being recalled in the United States, with another 15,000 in Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. —*Internet*

***It is not clear why the yellow sac spider seeks out the Mazda6 to build its webs.*— INTERNET**

Don't Smoke

***The podium is crowded with the women's 4x5 km relay race Nordic Ski World Championship winners, gold medalists of Norway with left-right Vibeke Skofterud, Therese Johaug, Kristin Stoermer Steira and Marit Bjoergen, as they pose during the medal ceremony after the women's 4x5 km relay race at the FIS Nordic Ski World Championships in Oslo, Norway, on Thursday.*— INTERNET**

Robbers steal truck with 100 live pigs in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 March—Malaysian police say they are searching for 100 live pigs stolen from a truck by armed robbers. Police official Roslan Bek Ahmad says three men with machetes hijacked the truck on Wednesday as it was leaving a pig farm in northern Perak state. The driver was tied up and left by the roadside.

Roslan said on Friday that police had recovered the vehicle in central Negri Sembilan state, but it was empty. He said police believed the pigs were transferred to another truck to be sold in Malaysia.

Internet

Japanese investors eye business opportunities in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 4 March— Some Japanese investors in Vietnam have tried to seek alternative country to invest in because of rising labour cost and production-interrupted electric blackout in Vietnam, a representative of Japanese investors said here Friday.

"We are here in order to study the investment possibility as Vietnam currently has a rising labour cost, constant power cut, and difficulty in currency convertibility," Yoshida Sakae, managing director of Japan External Trade Organization to Ho Chi Minh Office, said during a meeting with officials at the Council of the Development of Cambodia (CDC).

"Moreover, Cambodia is closed to Vietnam, so it will be favourable to consider their investment," he added. Yoshida Sakae led 15 Japanese companies investing in IT manufacturing industry, garment factories and automobile assembly plants in Vietnam to seek alternative investment opportunity in Cambodia.

Meanwhile, Sok Chenda, CDC's secretary general, told them that Cambodia has the investment law that is much preferential for investors. "We treat both local and foreign investors equally," he said." But foreign investors have to partner with local investors as to the right of land ownership."

So far, Japanese investors still ignore Cambodia. According to CDC's reports, Cambodia received no investment from Japanese companies in 2010; while in 2009, it got Japanese investment of 4.7 million US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Eight Mexican troops arrested for transporting cocaine

TIJUANA, 4 March—Eight Mexican soldiers have been arrested for transporting nearly a ton of cocaine near the border city of Tijuana. Gen Alfonso Duarte says the eight had been collaborating with a group of civilians to traffic drugs. The soldiers were arrested last week at a military checkpoint south of Tijuana, which is across the border from San Diego.

Duarte confirmed the arrests on Thursday but declined to identify the soldiers or give their ranks. While corruption is widespread among Mexican police, the military has rarely been accused of colluding with drug cartels. Tens of thousands of soldiers are fighting drug traffickers across the country.— *Internet*

Elderly gunman kills three in French town of Rivesaltes

RIVESALTES, 4 March — A man of 78 shot dead two council workers and a passer-by on a street in the southern French town of Rivesaltes before trying to take his own life. The gunman, a former plumber who lived in the town near Perpignan, was apparently in the grip of a "murderous rage", a local prosecutor said.

He was taken to hospital suffering from serious injuries. There was no immediate official comment on a possible motive for the shooting, which was carried out with a rifle. The passer-by is believed to be another pensioner. Rivesaltes, which has a population of less than 9,000, is a wine-growing town in the Western Pyrenees Region.— *Internet*

Cruise line celebrates MacLeod's 80th

Princess Cruises says it honoured its ambassador, former "Love Boat" star Gavin MacLeod, with an 80th birthday party aboard Golden Princess in Los Angeles.

Crew members, along with MacLeod's friends and family, sang "Happy Birthday" and presented him with a a 5-foot-long, 3D cake replica of Pacific Princess, the cruise ship upon which "The Love Boat" series was set.

The show ran from 1977 to 1986 and is still in syndication in 92 countries worldwide.

This year also marks MacLeod's 25th anniversary serving as Princess Cruises' spokesman.

MacLeod's other small-screen credits include "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "McHale's Navy," "Hawaii Five-O," "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "Hogan's Heroes," "The Big Valley," "Ironside," "To Catch a Thief," "Run For Your Life," "Hotel" and "Murder She Wrote."

Gavin McLeod arrives for the TV Land Awards on 13 March, 2005, in Santa Monica, CA.

The Las Vegas strip is seen on 1 April, 2009.

Vegas resort objects to Walgreens sign

A resort on the Las Vegas Strip said a shopping centre's proposed animated sign is "gaudy for the sake of gaudy." Jan Jones, Caesars Entertainment senior vice president of communications and government relations, said the resort opposes the flashing sign, which is planned to measure 322 feet wide and 60 feet high, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported Thursday. The gigantic sign is planned to be installed on the facade of a new shopping centre to be anchored by a Walgreens drugstore. "If this was somehow going to enhance the Las Vegas Strip, drive tourism or produce a compelling marketing message, that would be fine," Jones said. "But it's none of those things. It's gaudy for the sake of gaudy." "We hate it," she said.

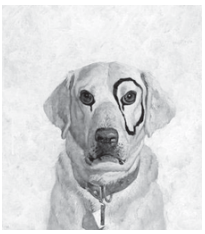
The developers behind the shopping centre, BPS Partners, are asking county officials to approve variances from five zoning guidelines to allow them to install the gargantuan sign, which would otherwise exceed maximum sign size regulations. A representative for BPS Partners declined to comment, *the Sun* said.

Jamie Wyeth dog picture sells for $218,500 in NYC

A Jamie Wyeth work depicting his yellow Labrador with a black circle around his eye has sold for $218,500 in New York City. Christie's said "Study of Kleberg" brought more than five times the $40,000 presale estimate. It was purchased Thursday by private art dealer Ann Richards Nitze on behalf of a client who was not identified.

Wyeth said he painted the circle around Kleberg's eye in the 1980s after the pooch got too close to his easel. Wyeth's a big fan of the old comedy "Little Rascals," which featured a pit bull with the same marking.

Wyeth is the son of the great American painter Andrew Wyeth and grandson of classic novel illustrator NC-Wyeth. He lives in Pennsylvania and Maine and has a studio in Delaware.



This undated file photo provided by Christie's in New York shows one of 12 studies for 'Kleberg' by Jamie Wyeth. The painting, a study in gouache, watercolour and india ink, was sold at an auction in New York on 3 March, 2011 for $218,500.

News Album

Paula abdul calls cops on Boyfriend

LOS ANGELES, 4 March — An emotional 911 call from Paula Abdul has surfaced from Valentine's Day, in which the TV personality is heard attempting to flee the car of an unidentified man.

"Yes, I'm on the 101 Freeway and I want out of this car and he won't let me," Paula can be heard saying on the call obtained by Access Hollywood, as she explains that she's in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"Are you gonna drop me off? Are you gonna drop me off 'cause I have emergency on the phone? he's dropping me off," the "Live To Dance" host is heard telling the 911 operator moments later. A rep for Abdul told Access, "Argu-ments with loved ones are often times heated. After the call was made everything was worked out."

Internet

Paula Abdul arrives at the open casting call For CBS' "Live To Dance" in Burbank, California on 28 Oct, 2010.

INTERNET

Cast members Kim Hee-sun, Francis Ng, Jin Chen, Jing Tian and Sun Honglei (from L to R) attend the launching news conference of official website of the film "The Warring State" in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 March, 2011. The film directed by Jin Chen and performed by Sun Honglei and Kim Hee-sun will be staged on 15 April.—XINHUA

"Star Wars: Episode I" goes 3D in 2012

LOS ANGELES, 4 March— Lucasfilm Ltd and 20th Century Fox will release the 3D version of "Star Wars: Episode I:The Phantom Menace on 10 February, 2012."

George Lucas' Industrial Light & Magic is supervising the 3D conversion, with an eye for both technological considerations and artistic intentions.

Lucasfilm believes "Star Wars" is perfectly suited to be seen in 3D.

Lucas hopes that releasing the film early in the year, outside of summer blockbuster season, will give it an open run at the box office and also set up the opportunity to sell merchandise through the balance of the year.

If the first in the series meets with success, the remaining five films would follow a year apart on comparable dates. However, depending on how the first release performs, the companies could also decide to open the subsequent entries in different spots on the calendar.

When the new, special-edition versions of the original three "Star Wars" movies were re-released in 1997, that cycle began with a re-release of "Episode IV: A New Hope" on 31 January, followed by "Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back" on 21 February and "Episode VI: Return of the Jedi" on 14 March.

Launching the movies in the first quarter of the year would also give Lucas Licensing the opportunity to offer new licensing programmes throughout the course of the year.—*Xinhua*

'Born' tops US record chart

LOS ANGELES, 4 March—Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" is No 1 on the US record chart for a third week, Billboard.com reported on Thursday. Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 is Cee Lo Green's "F**k You (Forget You)," followed by Bruno Mars's "Grenade" at No 3, P!nk's "F**kin' Perfect" at No 4 and Rihanna's "S&M" at No 5. Rounding out the top tier are Katy Perry's "Firework" at No 6, Enrique Iglesias' "To-night (I'm Lovin' You)" featuring Ludacris and DJ Frank E at No 7, "ET" featuring Kanye West at No 8, Jennifer Lopez's "On the Floor" featuring Pitbull at No 9 and Dr Dre's "I Need a Doctor" featuring Eminem and Skylar Grey at No 10.

Internet

Beckham returns to Galaxy in losing effort

SAN DIEGO, 4 March — Landon Donovan and David Beckham gave Los Angeles Galaxy fans plenty of reason to cheer, even though Xoloitzcuintles de Caliente defeated the Major League Soccer team 4-3 on penalty kicks after a 2-2 tie in an exhibition on Wednesday night.

Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham

The Galaxy trailed 1-0 on a goal from Armando Pulido when Beckham sent a corner kick that was redirected by Omar Gonzalez past goalkeeper Adrian Zemeno in the 41st minute to tie the game. Donovan then gave Los Angeles a 2-1 lead in the 75th when he converted a pass from Chris Birchall.— *Internet*

Ronaldo inspires Madrid to seven goal defeat of Malaga

MADRID, 4 March – Cristiano Ronaldo scored a second half hat-trick to make it 27 league goals for the season as Real Madrid crushed hapless Malaga 7-0 at the Santiago Bernabeu on Thursday to close the gap on league leaders Barcelona to seven points.

Barcelona won 1-0 at Valencia on Wednesday to put the pressure on Real who had drawn 0-0 at Deportivo La Coruna in their last match, but Jose Mourinho's side responded by maintaining their 100 percent home record with their biggest win of the season. Ronaldo had gone four games in all competitions without a goal — a drought by his high standards — but the Portuguese star hit the goal trail as Real ran riot. *Internet*

***Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates his second goal after scoring against Levante during their Spanish league football match Real Madrid vs Malaga at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.*— INTERNET**

Serbia open Davis Cup title defence with tie against India

PARIS, 4 March — Serbia open up their defence of the Davis Cup on Thursday with a home tie against India, while Jim Courier takes charge of the United States for the first time with a tough tie away to Chile. The Serbs grabbed their first ever Davis Cup triumph in December by bouncing back from 1-2 down to defeat France in an enthralling final in Belgrade. Hero of the 2010 Serbian campaign and now Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic will miss the tie as he takes some time off to recover physically from a hectic start to the year.

But with such experienced campaigners as Victor Troicki, Janko Tipsarevic and doubles expert Nenad Zimonjic, the Serbs should still have more than enough firepower to see off the Indians, especially since they will be without top doubles pair Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi, who are both injured. *Internet*

***(From left) Serbia's team captain Bogdan Obradovic, Ilija Bozoljac, Nenad Zimonjic, Janko Tipsarevic and Viktor Troicki pose for a photo after the draw for their Davis Cup games against India, in Novi Sad, on 3 March.* INTERNET**

Carrick extends Man Utd deal to 2014

Manchester United central midfielder Michael Carrick

LONDON, 4 March — Manchester United central midfielder Michael Carrick on Thursday signed a new three-year contract with the Premier League leaders, committing him to the club until 2014. The 29-year-old has struggled for form this season but was selected to start United's most recent game, a 2-1 defeat at Chelsea on Tuesday. "I am thoroughly enjoying my time at this great club," said Carrick.

"There is a fantastic team spirit within the squad and I am pleased to have committed my future to United." Carrick joined United from Tottenham in 2006 and has since collected three Premier League titles and a Champions League trophy. Despite the setback at Chelsea, Carrick believes United remain on course for silverware this season. *Internet*

Pique tight-lipped on Shakira romance

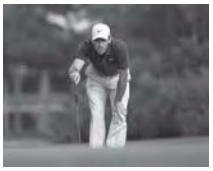
MADRID, 4 March – Spanish World Cup star Gerard Pique on Thursday told reporters that he would prefer to talk about football than discuss his burgeoning romance with singing superstar Shakira. The 24-year-old Barcelona centre-back has become the focus of intense media attention in Spain this week after pictures of him hand in hand with the 34-year-old Colombian singer were published in gossip magazines.

"I'd like it if people only talked about me from a sporting perspective but I get the impression that, ultimately, it's inevitable," said Pique during a press conference at Barca's training centre. "I think that the other aspect sells more." He added: "I accept that people can criticise me for sporting reasons but what I don't like is when they use an easy excuse and say that my performances are affected by my private life. "If we're here it's to talk about football."— *Internet*

Spanish World Cup star Gerard Pique

Levin leads windy Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS, 4 March – Spencer Levin would have needed a 9-iron to reach the decorative fountains in the lake near the 18th fairway, and yet as he walked toward the green he could feel their mist. It was that windy on Thursday at the Honda Classic. Pins rattled, putters shook and scores soared as the PGA Tour began its annual Florida swing in breezes blustery rather than balmy.



***Charl Schwartzel, from South Africa, studies his putt on the third green during the first round of the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla, on Thursday.*— INTERNET**

Levin handled the conditions best, shooting a 3-under 67 for a 1-shot lead over five others. The first round was suspended because of darkness with 12 players still on the course. Even by the standards of the Sunshine State, where wind is par for the course, the gusts of more than 20 mph at PGA National were unusual.— *Internet*

Ferguson charged over Chelsea ref rant

LONDON, 4 March — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was charged with improper conduct by the Football Association on Thursday following his criticism of referee Martin Atkinson in the defeat at Chelsea. Ferguson appeared to question Atkinson's impartiality following United's 2-1 loss at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday, which saw the Red Devils manager hit out at Atkinson's failure to dismiss Blues defender David Luiz.

Manchester United's Scottish manager Sir Alex Ferguson

"The FA has today charged Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson with Improper Conduct relating to media comments," an FA statement said. Ferguson has until 4pm (1600GMT) on Tuesday, 8 March to respond to the charge, which could lead to a fine or a touchline ban.

In a scathing post-match tirade broadcast on Manchester United's official television channel, Ferguson gave a damning verdict on Atkinson's display. — *Internet*

Man City suspend Toure after positive test

MANCHESTER, 4 March – Manchester City's Ivory Coast international defender Kolo Toure has been suspended after failing a drugs test, his club announced on Thursday. A statement on City's official website read: "Manchester City confirm that the FA has informed Kolo Toure that an 'A-sample' provided by him has tested positive for a specified substance. "As result of this, he has been suspended from participating in all first team and non-first team matches pending the outcome of the legal process.

"There will be no further comment from the football club at this stage." It is understood that Toure was not included in City's squad for Wednesday's FA Cup win against Aston Villa because the club were aware of the situation. The failed test automatically triggered the suspension, with City left with no option but to exclude him from their plans until the conclusion of proceedings. Toure, who turns 30 later this month, signed for City from Arsenal for £14mn (16.3mn euros) in 2009.— *Internet*

Manchester City's Ivory Coast international defender Kolo Toure

FIFA, UEFA and European clubs to discuss row

ZIROCH, 4 March — Representatives of top European clubs and world and European football chiefs will meet next week to discuss a growing row about the saturated fixtures list, FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Thursday.The 136 member European Club Association (ECA) last month sharply criticised the way world football's governing body has been handling changes in football, calling for "democracy and transparency" and more dialogue.

The ECA feels the international match calendar is adding to the physical exhaustion of players and disrupting club sides, with more call ups for internationals and lengthier seasons mooted by footballing chiefs. Meanwhile, Blatter questioned the size of national leagues and club competitions. He suggested after a meeting of FIFA's executive committee that a balance had to be struck between the different interests. — *Internet*

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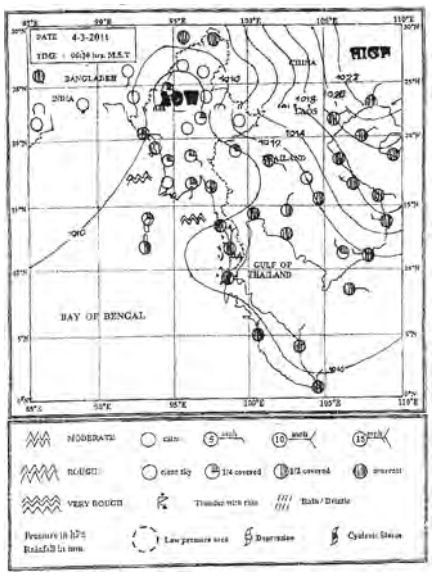
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 4th March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kayin State and weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States . Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperature in Lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin, Kayah and Mon States (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin State and about March average temperatures in the remaning Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Aunglan (41°C) and Minbu (40°C) . The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.94) inch and Dawel (0.16) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 4-3-2011 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-3-2011 was (64%). Rainfall on 4-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 3-3-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 4-3-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-3-2011 was (51%). Total sunshine hours on 3-3-2011 was (8.4) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 4-3-2011 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 (3.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 3-3-2011.

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 5th March 2011: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Mon Satets, weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayin State 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 isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

Weather Outlook For First Weekend Of March 2011: During the coming weekend, weather wiil be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and partly cloudy in Yagon Region.

28 pupils sickened in east China after eating expired instant noodles

HEFEI, 4 March — Twenty-eight primary school pupils in east China's Anhui Province were rushed to hospital after eating a school meal consisting of expired instant noodles Thursday morning, said the local education authority Friday.

The pupils had probably suffered mild food poisoning, complaining of stomach aches after eating the noodles for breakfast provided by the Hushan Primary School in Xiaoxian County, said Meng Xiangyong, deputy head of the local education bureau. The instant noodles, eaten by over 100 pupils at the school, were found to have exceeded their shelf life by more than 10 days, Meng said.—*Xinhua*

About 1000 people gather at "the world's longest lunch" held at Royal Exhibition Building during Melbourne Food and Wine Festival in Melbourne, Australia, on 4 March, 2011. The annual food and wine festival kicked off on Friday.—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(5-3-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	(09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	-	(5-3-11 09:30 am ~ 6-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Myanma Traditional Drama at National Theatre
* News
* A Visit to Htam Hsan Cave: A Miraculous Place
* News
* MIS Myanmar International School
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* Fad and Fashion of Myanma Cotton Ware

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* Fad and Fashion of Myanma Cotton Ware
* Oxen brothers
* News
* Hiking Mount Phone Yin Northern Tip of Myanmar
* A Bridge To The Ultimate Realities
* News
* Nay Pyi Taw Gems Emporium's Offer To the World
* News
* Secret Places for Yummy Foods
* News
* Ah Laung Taw Kathapa Natural Cave and National Park
* Myanmar Movie "Due to this True Hatred"

Myanmar TV

Saturday, 5 March
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. Healthy Programme

8:00 am
7. Poem Garden

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

8:25 am
9. Teleplay (Health)

8:30 am
10. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

8:40 am
11. International News

8:45 am
12. Musical Programme

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Game For Children

11:50 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:50 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

1:10 pm
6. TV Drama Series

2:10 pm
7. Mahowthada

2:45 am
8. Dance Of National Races

2:50 pm
9. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:05 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:15 am
3. Cultural Dances

4:25 pm
4. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

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

4:55 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm
7. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

5:10 pm
8. International Science News

5:25 pm
9. Game For Children

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm
13. Yindagomae

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Cartoon Series
19. TV Drama Series
20. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

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★ 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

Amyotha Hluttaw carries on first regular session for fourth day

15-member Hluttaw Rights Committee formed

Suitable number of members, nominations for members, chairman and secretary will be submitted to the hluttaw for approval

NAY PYI TAW, 4 March—The first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the fourth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint declared the session valid as 222 or 99.55 per cent of the 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present, thus announcing the start of the session.

The speaker exercising the power bestowed under Article 20 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law reported to Amyotha Hluttaw that the Ministry of Immigration and Population had informed that when Daw Cho Nwe Oo of Bago Region Constituency (7) was born, her father had not been neutralized yet; that according to Article 11 (f) of Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, she was no longer legitimate to stand as an Amyotha Hluttaw representative; and that, U Khin Maung Lay of Bago Region Constituency (8) would be in place of Daw Cho Nwe Oo who had appointed as member of the Public Accounts Committee. With the approval of Amyotha Hluttaw, the speaker declared U Khin Maung Lay as member of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker said that a hluttaw rights committee shall be formed with no more than 15 members under Amyotha Hluttaw Rules 33 and 54; and that a suitable number of members, and nominations for members, the chairman and the secretary of the committee will be submitted to the hluttaw for approval.

He said that then the hluttaw shall designate the number, duties, powers, rights and terms of committee members according to Article 27 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Rules 34; that so the Amyotha Hluttaw Rights 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, privileges and rights of the Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee.

(See page 8)

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint making clarification of the formation of Hluttaw Rights Committee.—MNA