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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for fifth day

15-member Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee formed

Government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings shall be implemented within fixed period and on schedule

The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for fifth day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—The first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the fifth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann declared the session valid as 432 or 99.77 % of the 433 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives were present and announced the start of the session.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker said that according to Pyithu Hluttaw Rules (33) and (67), Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; and that a list of nominations for members, the chairman and the secretary shall be submitted to the hluttaw for approval.

He said that Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 71 says that the committee shall check whether or not guarantees, pledges and undertakings assigned occasionally at the hluttaw by the Union Government are implemented, and shall present a report to the hluttaw; that according

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PERSPECTIVES

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Improve community health care

Nothing can be compared with health. We can do what we want only if we are in good health. The government is putting into effect national health plans it has laid down for better public health care.

In pursuit of the two objectives: to improve longevity of the people, and to keep them fit, the Ministry of Health is stepping up prevention of diseases, treatment, rehabilitation, sanitation and health education the whole country including rural and border areas.

Lewe Township People's Hospital (100-bed) in Nay Pyi Taw District was opened on 6 March. It is composed of two 50-bed wards, outpatient unit, surgical ward and labour room.

In addition, the government is improving health infrastructure region-wise by building medical facilities and turning out doctors, nurses and other medical staff. Local people can receive health care in their home regions, as a result.

Medical staff are required to stay in touch with studies to improve their skills. In hospitals and health centres, they have to show kindness and warm treatment in order to win public satisfaction and trust.

Now, the government is building more and more infrastructural buildings in the health sector for greater development of human resources and giving the public health education. Therefore, the average lifespan of the people is on the increase and the nation hardly sees epidemics.

Pre-Thingyan Kenbo Golf Tournament (2011) held

YANGON, 7 March—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsored by Kenbo, first round of Pre-Thingyan Festival Kenbo Golf Tournament (2011) commenced at Shwethamin golf club in Muse on 5 March.

***Chairman of Muse Shwethamin golf club Police Col Moe Maung Than presents cup to first prize winner Ye Tun Naing in pre-Thingyan Festival Kenbo golf tournament.*—MNA**

At prize presentation, responsible persons awarded the winners. Director U Myo Min Aung of Kenbo Trading Co Ltd presented a Kenbo motorbike to first prize winner Ye Tun Naing.

Chairman U Aung Aung of the company presented gift and cash assistance to Shwethamin golf club through Rahtaik Company Chairman U Li Khaik Chin.

MNA

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**

Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein inspects exam centres

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein inspects 2011matri-culation-exam centres.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by Chairman of Myanmar Examination Board Director-General of Myanmar Education Research Department U Ohn Myint and officials, inspected exam centres at Nos 6 and 9 Basic Education High Schools in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

The director-general and Deputy Director-General U Myint Shwe of No (2) Basic Education Department also inspected exam centres at Nos 1 and 2 BEHS in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Disctrict.

Starting from today, candidates for matriculation are taking exam at 1260 exam centres — 1243 local exam centres and 17 foreign exam centres.—*MNA*

ICT capacity building workshop in Myanmar 2011 opened

CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu addressing ICT Capacity Building Workshop.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—ICT capacity building workshop in Myanmar 2011, organized by the Civil Service Selection and Training Board (CSSTB) in collaboration with the United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Center for Information and Communication Technology for Development (UN-APCICT/ESCAP) was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning. CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu delivered an inaugural address and UN-APCICT/ESCAP Director Dr Hyeun-Suk Rhee presented the welcoming remarks.

A total of 50 participants from various ministries and government organizations are currently attending the six-day workshop where three modules focusing on ICT trends for government leaders, network and information security and privacy, ICT project management in theory and practice will be reviewed and discussed.—*MNA*

People gathered at the blast site in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 6 March, 2011. At least four people were injured including one woman and a child in a roadside explosion here on Sunday morning.—XINHUA

Karzai says US apology for Afghan deaths "not enough"

KABUL, 7 March—Afghan President Hamid Karzai told General David Petraeus, the commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, on Sunday his apology for a foreign air strike that killed nine children last week was "not enough".

At a meeting with his security advisers at which Petraeus was present, Karzai said civilian casualties by foreign troops were "no longer acceptable" to the Afghan Government or to the Afghan people, Karzai's palace said in a statement.

Civilian casualties caused by NATO-led and Afghan forces hunting insurgents have again become a major source of friction between Karzai and his Western backers.

In the meeting, Petraeus apologized for the deaths of the nine children in eastern Kunar Province last Tuesday, saying the killings were a "great mistake" and there would be no repeat.

"In return, the President said the apology was not enough and stressed that civilian casualties caused during operations by coalition forces were the main cause of strained relations between the United States and Afghanistan," the palace said.

MNA/Reuters

One in five Californians faces hunger last year

LOS ANGELES, 7 March—One in five Californians faced hunger last year, ranking the state No 16 for food hardship in the nation, a newly-released report said.

In a survey by the Washington-based Food Research and Action Centre (FRAC), 20 percent of Californians said there were times last year when they couldn't afford enough food for themselves and their families.

Fresno and Inland Empire areas in California were particularly hard-hit by food shortage, according to the survey published by the *Los Angeles Times* on Sunday.

The rate in California was slightly higher than the national average of 18 percent, the survey showed.

The highest rate was recorded in Mississippi, where nearly 28 percent said they did not always have enough money to buy food. The lowest rate, just over 10 percent, was in North Dakota.

Jim Weill, president of FRAC, said the figures underscore the need for a strong nutrition safety net — including food stamps and school meals — for families that continue to struggle as the economy begins to recover. "While the nation's Great Recession may have technically ended in mid-2009, it has not yet ended for many of the nation's households," Weill said. "For them, 2010 was the third year of a terrible recession that is widely damaging the ability to meet basic needs."—*Xinhua*

Explosion wounds five in eastern Afghan town

JALALABAD, 7 March—Explosion wounded five people on Monday in Jalalabad city, the capital of eastern Nangarhar Province, an official said.

"We have received five injured people in hospital for medical treatment. All are civilians and sustained injured in bomb blast," head of health department in Nangarhar Province doctor Baz Mohammad Shirzad told *Xinhua*.

Afghan police men inspect the damaged police vehicle after an explosion in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on 7 March, 2011.—XINHUA

Meantime, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, the spokesman for provincial administration, in talks with *Xinhua* confirmed the incident and said two blasts in a span of 30 minutes rocked Jalalabad City wounding some people. He also added that the first explosion happened at 11:00 am local time.

An eye witness Bashari said that some civilians and policemen received injuries in the blasts.—*Xinhua*

An Iraqi policeman stands guard near a destroyed bus at the site of a bombing in Basra, 550 kilometres southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 March, 2011. Local Iraqi officials say a roadside bomb has killed six people in the southern city of Basra. A police officer said the bomb targeted a bus Sunday around 9 am Several people were wounded.
INTERNET

Iran says US presence in Afghanistan cause of more violence

TEHERAN, 7 March—The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Sunday that presence of the US forces in Afghanistan has led to more violence, the official *IRNA news* agency reported.

Ramin Mehmanparast rejected recent statements by the Commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan General Stanley McChrystal who accused Iran of equipping rebel forces in Afghanistan, said the report.

"Observers of Afghanistan's affairs have unanimously agreed that the US presence in Afghanistan had two major and costly consequences including the return of violence and revival of the extremist forces in that country as well as boost of illegal drugs production in Afghanistan," Mehmanparast was quoted as saying.

Teheran was one of the pioneers of the fight against terrorism and anti-drugs campaign, the spokesman said according to *IRNA*.

Iranian officials have said that the United States and its allies have failed to fight terrorism and bring peace and stability to Afghanistan.

Xinhua

Four police officers killed in S Philippines ambush

MANILA, 7 March—Four police officers were killed while three others were wounded in an ambush in the southern Philippine province of Bukidnon on Sunday morning, local media reported.

The victims, including forensic officers, were on their way to Village Mapayag in Bukidnon to respond to a shooting incident when they were attacked by around 20 heavily armed men around 11:30 am, ABS-CBN TV station reported citing official sources. Three of the victims died on the spot while another died at a hospital, the report said, adding investigators believe that the gunmen belong to the New People's Army (NPA). Police denounced the attack and have launched pursuit operations against the ambushers.

The NPA, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been waging a guerrilla campaign in the countryside for more than four decades. The Philippine military estimates that there are some 4,700 NPA guerrilla fighters scattered in more than 60 provinces throughout the Southeast Asian country.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Afghan security personnel collect items at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Kabul recently.—INTERNET

Science

NASA scientist claim of 'alien life' draws scrutiny

WASHINGTON, 7 March—A NASA scientist's claim that he found tiny fossils of alien life in the remnants of a meteorite has stirred both excitement and skepticism, and is being closely reviewed by 100 experts.

Richard Hoover's paper, along with pictures of the microscopic earthworm-like creatures, were published late Friday in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Cosmology*, which is available free online.

Hoover sliced open fragments of several types of carbonaceous chondrite meteorites, which can contain relatively high levels of water and organic materials, and looked inside with a powerful microscope.

He found bacteria-like creatures that he calls "indigenous fossils," which he believes originated beyond Earth and were not introduced here after the meteorites landed.

"He concludes these fossilized bacteria are not Earthly contaminants but are the fossilized remains of living organisms which lived in the parent bodies of these meteors, e.g. comets, moons, and other astral bodies," said the study.

"The implications are that life is everywhere, and that life on Earth may have come from other planets."

Studies that suggest alien microbes can be contained in meteorites are not new, and have drawn hefty debate over how such life could survive in space and how and where life may have originated in the universe.

A NASA-funded study in December suggested that a previously unknown form of bacterium had been found deep in a California lake that could thrive on arsenic, adding a new element to what scientists have long considered the six building blocks of life.—*Internet*

A meteor streaks across the sky against a field of stars during a meteorite shower in 2010.
INTERNET

Discovery crew readies for return to Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, 7 March— The six crew members of the US space shuttle *Discovery* climbed back into their spaceship Sunday to get ready for their descent to Earth, NASA said.

The space agency said on its Web site the hatches between the shuttle and the International Space Station were closed at 4:11 pm EST. The shuttle had docked with the space station on 26 Feb and the hatches had been open for 7 days, 23 hours and 55 minutes.

The shuttle and space station crews bid each other farewell before the *Discovery* crew members ducked back into their vehicle.

"It was a very successful time on board," *Discovery* commander Steve Lindsey said while thanking station commander Scott Kelly for the hospitality.

Kelly responded in kind.

"We enjoyed having you as guests, we're going to miss you and we're going to miss space shuttle *Discovery*," Kelly said. "This is the first group of guests I've had in about 150 days since I've been up here.

"*Discovery* has been a great ship and has really supported ISS more than any other shuttle and we wish her fair winds and following seas."

Discovery's crew will wake up at 3:23 am Monday to a special song with a surprise twist — "Theme from Star Trek" by Alexander Courage. It was the runner-up in the wake-up song contest.

Internet

***A model of the head of Uberabatitan Ribeiroi, a Late Cretaceous period dinosaur, is seen at the Federal University, in Rio de Janeiro, in this 24 Sept, 2008 file photo.—*INTERNET**

Technology

BMW aims for cars to take e-mail dictation

WASHINGTON, 7 March—BMW has developed a prototype system that allows drivers to compose full-text e-mails and text messages using voice commands. Unlike voice-activation options in existing BMWs, the technology relies on speech-recognition algorithms that offer drivers, as well as passengers, freedom to dictate original messages from over a million recognized words in the database.

The main novelty is that you can compose e-mails with the same ease of use that you would have with a PC in an office setting—without taking your eyes off of the road or using your hands. You respond to e-mail by dictating out loud what you want to say while using voice commands for editing functions, such as deleting, moving, or replacing text. For millions of workers who otherwise waste a large percentage of their time driving every day, being able to send and receive e-mails safely while commuting would represent an obvious boost in productivity.

BMW's voice-to-text e-mail technology complements options that BMW already offers. With BMW's Connected Drive, for example, you can connect your Blackberry to the dashboard console with a Bluetooth connection and the audio system reads e-mail or text messages out loud as you drive. When the car is not in motion, it is possible read the full texts of the e-mails from a Blackberry inbox on the car's dashboard screen. For the iPhone, BMW will offer an app with which drivers can open and lock their car remotely.

Internet

***An attendee looks at the Garage Band programme as he plays with the new iPad 2 during an Apple Special event to unveil the new iPad 2 at the Yerba Buena Centre for the Arts in San Francisco, California. Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPad 2 as the successor to its popular tablet, the iPad.—*INTERNET**

MacGuffin's Curse brings a werewolf to the mac, iOS

NEW YORK, 7 March—While pop culture's obsession with vampires seems to be finally pumping the brakes, mystical creatures continue to be a prevalent gaming trend. Brawsome, the Australian indie game developers behind Jolly Rover, was at the Game Developers Conference to promote its latest werewolf-inclusive title, MacGuffin's Curse. Due in October, the puzzle adventure game for iOS and Mac seems to be on track to supply gamers with both a captivating story as well as challenging gaming.

Inspired by the iconic adventure game, The Legend of Zelda, you play as magician-turned-robber Lucas MacGuffin as he attempts to steal a valuable ancient amulet. MacGuffin quickly discovers that the charm has the ability to turn him into a werewolf. You can switch between human and beast throughout the game; each one has different strengths and abilities needed for different parts of the game. You must try to escape a museum by solving a series of puzzles using the Lucas and the wolf.

MacGuffin's Curse features comics hidden throughout the game, as well as post-game challenges. Brawsome hopes the additional achievements will keep fans coming back for more after they've completed the story. The game also provides ten locations to explore, hand-drawn art, and a large cast of characters.

Internet

HS100 is the new Hybrid Finger Scanner released by NEC. Designed with simulatenous system with 600 dpi sensor, and also utilizes NEC Original Fusion Method for fingerprint scanning.
INTERNET

Health

John Twizeyimana, 31, (L) says he loves his two children but doesn't want more of them. He is anxious to participate in an ambitious programme by the Rwandan Ministry of Health to offer 'No Scalpel Vasectomies' to thousands of Rwandese men in an effort to promote better family planning and curb population growth. INTERNET

Non-invasive test may identify Down syndrome early on

NICOSIA, 7 March— A simple blood test may one day offer a safe way to detect Down syndrome during pregnancy, researchers say.

In a small study, an experimental blood test identified a gene mutation associated with Down syndrome with 100 percent accuracy, according to the Cyprus scientists.

"Down syndrome is a common birth defect, with one Down syndrome birth in every 600 births in all populations," said lead researcher Philippos Patsalis, chief executive medical director of the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics in Nicosia. "This is due to an extra chromosome 21, and that leads to physical and mental impairment."

Currently, Down syndrome is diagnosed using one of two invasive procedures, amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling. Because these tests, while 80 percent accurate, carry a 1 percent to 2 percent risk of miscarriage, only about one in 10 pregnant women opts for them, he said. The new test eliminates the risk of miscarriage, Patsalis said. It also can identify Down syndrome in the 11th week of pregnancy, early enough for a woman to end her pregnancy if she chooses, Patsalis said.

People with Down syndrome, also known as Trisomy 21, carry three copies of chromosome 21, instead of two.

The test quickly pinpointed the chromosomal variation, identifying 14 Down syndrome cases and 26 normal fetuses, the study authors said.

Internet

Researchers find genes linked to heart disease

BEIJING, 7 March—Thirteen new gene variants have been found to have connections with a high risk of developing heart disease in a large-scale international study, according to foreign media report Sunday. The study, published Sunday in *Nature Genetics*, was one of the most far-reaching in the past years. Led by researchers at the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom and University of Lubeck in Germany, it also involved 150 scientists from across Europe, Canada and the United States. For this study, the international research group examined the complete genetic profiles of more than 22,000 people of European descent with coronary heart disease or a heart attack history. Then they compared the data to that of around 60,000 healthy people to validate the findings.

The results show that of the total of 23 variants now known, seven are linked with levels of "bad" and one is linked with high blood pressure, both of which are known risk factors for heart disease. But the others are not relevant to known cardiovascular risk factors. Researchers said that the findings would provide clues to the new opportunities for future discovery and lead to more effective treatment plans.

"With such information we should be able to better identify people at high risk early on in life and quickly take the steps to neutralize that excess risk," said Themistocles Assimes, a research scientist with Stanford University School of Medicine in the United States.

World Health Organization statistics show that cardiovascular diseases claim17.1 million lives a year, being the world's biggest killers. The cost on medical devices and drugs for heart disease treatment ammounts to billions of US dollars every year.—*Internet*

This 2 Feb, 2011 photo shows pork medallions with blueberry-balsamic ketchup in Concord, NH Besides being a delicious addition to your diet, blueberries have been linked to numerous health benefits.—INTERNET

Business

Visitors walk through Fort Santiago in the Philippine capital, Manila. The total travel market in Asia Pacific is expected to reach $212 billion this year, reflecting a near five percent increase over 2010, according to an industry analyst.—INTERNET

Sun is shining on Asian tourism trade

HONG KONG, 7 March—The sun is shining on the tourism trade in Asia-Pacific with double-digit growth notched up in 2010, spurred largely by Chinese and Indian middle classes packing their bags for a break abroad.

Strong economies, the proliferation of low-cost airlines and a burgeoning constituency of online shoppers are adding to the region's rosy outlook.

There was an 11 percent rise in arrivals in the region overall last year, according to preliminary data from the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA). And 2011 is also expected to be a strong year.

"Asia will receive international arrivals at close to double that of the world average growth rates," PATA's deputy CEO John Koldowski told *AFP*. "It's Asians travelling to Asia, that's the key to all these numbers and the big shift we are seeing globally in the tourism market. It's all happening in Asia now." South Asia reported the strongest arrivals growth with a gain of 14 percent, highlighting a record year for India which posted 5.6 million foreign inbound visits for the year, a nine percent increase. Over 70 million people went to Southeast Asia, 12 percent up on 2009, with Vietnam, Singapore and the Philippines all ratcheting up record growth.—*Internet*

LVMH to take controlling stake in Italy's Bulgari

LONDON, 7 March— French luxury group LVMH (LVMH.PA) is to take a controlling stake in Italy's luxury jeweler Bulgari (BULG.MI) in an all-share deal, the *Financial Times* reported.

The agreement is due to be announced later on Monday and will see the Bulgari family tender its 51 percent share in a share swap that will make it the second-biggest family shareholder in LVMH, the newspaper said. A tender offer for the remaining listed shares will also be launched on Monday, it said.

Bulgari shares were up 0.65 percent on Friday, valuing the company at 2.3 billion euros ($3.2 billion). Citing an unnamed source close to the deal, the FT said the LVMH offer would put a significant premium on that figure. Bulgari Chief Executive Francesco Trapani would take a senior role in the LVMH group, famous for its silk scarves, while the Bulgari family would get board representation, the FT said.

LVMH and Bulgari were not immediately reachable for comment.

Reuters

Japan's foreign exchange reserves drop to 1.09 trln USD in Feb

TOKYO, 7 March— Japan's foreign exchange reserves dropped to 1.091 trillion US dollars at the end of February from 1.093 US dollars a month earlier, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) said on Monday.

According to the Ministry, the latest figure for Japan's foreign exchange reserves marked the fourth consecutive month-on- month decline. Japan's foreign exchange reserves consist of securities and deposits denominated in foreign currencies, International Monetary Fund reserves, IMF special drawing rights (SDRs) and gold, and are the second largest in the world after China's.

At the end of February, Japan's foreign currency reserves stood at 1.031 trillion, IMF reserves at 4.71 billion US dollars, SDRs at 21.08 billion US dollars, gold at 34.71 billion US dollars and other reserve assets stood at 440 million US dollars, the MOF said.—*Xinhua*

The logo of Vietnam's state-owned shipbuilder Vinashin group is seen at is headquarters in Hanoi. Malaysian conglomerate The Lion Group has blamed problems at the Vietnamese firm for the failure of a multi-billion-dollar joint venture.—INTERNET

Australia records second wettest summer in 111 years

Vehicles pass a police roadblock in Cyclone-hit Queensland.—INTERNET

CANBERRA, 7 March— Due to one of the strongest La Nina events, 2010-11 has seen Australia's second wettest summer on record, and above average rainfall is expected to continue, a weather meteorologist said on Monday.

"Nationally we averaged 354.7mm—70 percent above normal and second only behind the infamous summer of 1973-74 when 419.8mm was recorded," Weather Channel meteorologist Tom Saunders said in a statement released on Monday. All states and territories recorded above average rainfalls, due to one of the strongest La Nina events on record, Saunders said.

Victoria has never seen a wetter summer since records began 111 years ago, and it was Western Australia's second wettest. South Australia had its third wettest summer, New South Wales its 5th, Queensland its 6th and the Northern Territory it's 8th. "Looking ahead into autumn, the La Nina is now past its peak and has been weakening since early January. "However, until the Pacific Ocean returns to neutral in winter we can expect above average rain to continue over most of the country," he said.—*Xinhua*

A mime dressed as a silver miner waves to the visitors at the Mexico booth during the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) International Convention, Trade Show and Investors Exchange-Mining Investment Show in Toronto on 6 March, 2011. The event has become one of the most important events in the world of exploration, bringing together a wide-range of players involved in the field from all over the world, dedicated solely to the mineral industry. —XINHUA

China vows to deepen strategic partnership with EU

BEIJING, 7 March— Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Monday that China will work with the European Union to deepen their comprehensive strategic partnership. "Both sides should work together to pursue the political partnership based on mutual respect and mutual trust and deepen their win-win economic and trade partnership," he said.

Yang made the remarks at a press conference on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature.

China and the European Union are two major economies of the world and both are at a critical stage in their respective development, he said. "We can help each other and create a win-win situation, isn't it a good thing?" he said.

He said 2011 is the year of youth exchange between China and the European Union. "We hope such exchange activities can help the two sides strengthen the friendship and mutual trust between the peoples of two sides, and lay a more solid social foundation for the continued growth of China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership."

Internet

4.2-magnitude earthquake jolts north China county

BEIJING, 7 March— An earthquake measuring 4.2 on the Richter scale jolted Wuzhai County, north China's Shanxi Province at 1:51 am Beijing Time on Monday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of 5 km, was determined to be at 39 degrees north latitude and 111.7 degrees east longitude, the centre said.

There has been no report of casualties.

Xinhua

6.6-magnitude quake hits Solomon Islands

WASHINGTON, 7 March—An earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale jolted Solomon Islands on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 30.80 km, was initially determined to be at 10.3633 degrees south latitude and 160.7593 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

Deck chairs are seen at a resort on Fiji's Coral Coast. The Pacific nation's tourist resort operators say they will offer residents of earthquake-devastated Christchurch free beach holidays to help them recover from New Zealand's deadliest disaster in 80 years.
INTERNET

Fishing boat with eleven on board missing in east China sea

HANGZHOU, 7 March—Maritime authorities in east China's Zhejiang Province are searching for 11 fishermen on a boat reported missing early Sunday morning.

The boat, registered in the port city of Wenling, lost contact with its company, Wenling Shitang Fishing Co, Ltd, at about 2 am Sunday, a managing director with the company who only gave his surname as Xie said Monday.

The 34-metre-long boat set sail at 10:09 pm Saturday from Shitang Port, Xie said.

The boat was last located at 122 degrees east longitude and 28 degrees north latitude, according to a local boat monitoring system.

Xinhua

A Belarussian interior ministry soldier breaks flaming tiles with his head as part of Maslenitsa celebrations in Minsk on 6 March, 2011. Maslenitsa is a pagan holiday marking the end of winter celebrated by pancake eating and shows of strength.
XINHUA

US researchers discover way of using microbes to produce biofuels

LOS ANGELES, 7 March— US researchers have successfully used certain microbes to produce biofuels, opening a door to developing cheaper "green" energy.

The discovery was made by researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles. The findings were published on Sunday's issue of the journal *"Nature Biotechnology"*.

The work concentrated on tricking microbes into eating protein and using the resulting energy to generate specific proteins that can be refined into fuel, the researchers explained.

This is different from the current biofuel production which is based on plants or microbes that generate fats, oils or carbohydrates that can be refined into biofuel, said Dr James C Liao, who took part in the study.

"This research is the first attempt to utilize protein as a carbon source for energy production and biorefining," Liao said. " Complex cellular regulation in nitrogen metabolization had to be rewired." The researchers said they are now working to take ammonia out of individual cells, allowing the cells to keep their nitrogen.

Xinhua

Efforts necessary for national education promotion through parent-teacher cooperation

Secretary-1 visits hospitals, schools in Hsipaw

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min and departmental officials, visited Basic Education High School No. 2 in Hsipaw on 6 March.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by the state education officer, the headmistress and teachers and members of the board of trustees of the school.

After inspecting the school buildings, the Secretary-1 gave instructions on upgrading of school buildings to brick buildings and met with teachers and members of the board of trustees of the school.

At the meeting, the Secretary-1 heard reports on academic and administrative matters and school pass rate presented by the headmistress.

The Secretary-1 asked about academic matters and called on school heads to supervise matters for sustainable improvement in teaching skills of teachers, to pay close attention to students whether they have sound understanding of their subjects and to make necessary arrangements for improving the subjects they are weak in, to check whether teachers do their teaching according to the school curriculums and timetables during the school year. He called for a harmonious collaboration of education family—teachers, parents and pupils—for promotion of national education and presented cash donation.

At People's Hospital (100-bed) in Hsipaw, the Secretary-1 and party inspected surgical ward and Operation Theatre where they were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Htwe, doctors and nurses and members of supervisory committee of the hospital.

Next, the medical superintendent reported to the Secretary-1 on staff quarter and organizational set-up, patients who are being treated at the hospital and health care services.

Then the deputy health minister made a supplementary report.

For his part, the Secretary-1 said as a new surgical ward and an operation theatre have been opened at Hsipaw People's Hospital, all the health staff members on their part are to work for their hospital that can win the trust and reliance of the local people, to give the public effective medical treatment and to deal with patients in a kind and warm manner. He next made cash donations for the hospital.

SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects progress in renovation of religious buildings in the compound of historic Bawkyo Mudaw Pagoda in Bawkyo Village in Hsipaw Township.—MNA

SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visits BEHS No. 2 in Hsipaw.—MNA

Then, the Secretary-1 and party visited No.1 Basic Education High School where they were welcomed by the assistant headmistress and members of the school board of trustees. The Secretary-1 and party looked round the classrooms and school buildings and met with the teachers and members of the school board of trustees.

The assistant headmistress reported on academic and management matters and pass rate of matriculation exams. The Secretary-1 called for making efforts for national education promotion through parent-teacher cooperation. Then, he made cash donations for the school.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party visited historic Bawkyo Mudaw Pagoda in Bawkyo Village in Hsipaw Township. They were welcomed there by the chairman and members of the pagoda board of trustees. The Secretary-1 offered flowers and water to the Buddha image and paid homage to it. The Secretary-1 made cash donations for the pagoda and the members of the pagoda board of trustees presented a replica of the pagoda to the Secretary-1 as a Dhamma gift.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected renovation of religious buildings in the princint of the pagoda and signed in the visitors' book.

The Secretary-1 and party then visited Kyaukme BEHS (Branch) where they were welcomed by the school principal and officials. After inspecting the classrooms, the Secretary-1 met the teachers and members of the school board of trustees, enquired about numbers of classrooms, students and teachers. He then made cash donations for the school.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party left Kyaukme by helicopter and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

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to the provision, the committee shall record words, pledges and guarantees by Union level organizations in response to questions asked by representatives at Pyithu Hluttaw and examine work progress; that they also cover guarantees, pledges and undertakings presented according to bills, resolutions, statements or reports presented by the Union Government; and that in order to scrutinize those tasks, theGovernment's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee are formed.

He said that according to Pyithu Hluttaw Law (27) and Rule (34), the number of committee members, and their duties, powers, rights and terms shall be designated by the hluttaw; that so the committee for government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings is scheduled to be formed with 15 members; that one year after 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 and rights to be designated by the hluttaw.

The deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers and rights of the committee for government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings.

Duties of the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee are as follows:—

(1) The committee shall vet guarantees, pledges and undertakings in connection with bills, resolutions, statements or reports presented by the Union Government, and answer for queries, presented at Pyithu Hluttaw.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explaining matters related to formation of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and UndertakingsVetting Committee. **MNA**

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

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(3) Regarding the abovementioned matters, the committee has the right to make an inspection tour of a region to check whether or not the tasks are carried out correctly and effectively.

(4) In general, in scrutinizing the government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings, 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.
  (c) the committee may invite experienced officials in coordination with the departments and organizations concerned for advice.

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(1) Committee meetings shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule (70).

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  (c) In the process, committee members shall put their signatures on the report to show their approval. If there is an exception or difference, they may attach exceptions and differences to the report under their signatures.
  (d) After presenting the report to Pyithu Hluttaw, the committee chairman or the committee secretary if the chairman is away, or a member, if the chairman and the secretary are away, shall present a report for the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker to assess the report on the scheduled day. After the report has been approved, the committee may take advice from Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. However, the committee shall not make any amendments to the report.
  (e) After the report has been discussed, the committee chairman or the committee secretary if the chairman is away, or a member, if the chairman and the secretary are away, shall present the report to Pyithu Hluttaw for approval.

(3) 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) A committee member—
  (a) shall not be taken action under 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 he is arrested for an offence have the right to attend committee meetings with the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, until a verdict is delivered against him.

Afterwards, names of the designated persons to be constituted in the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee were announced and the session was adjourned for discussion with Pyithu Hluttaw representatives who are joining the committee.

When the session was resumed, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker submitted nomination of suitable numbers of members of committee, committee members, chairman and secretary for formation of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and UndertakingsVetting Committee to Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with Article 21 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Rules 33 and 67.

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The committee will be formed with the following 15 members:—

(1)	U Sai Saw Tin	Mongyawng Constituency
(2)	U Shein Kyaw Win	Seikpyu Constituency
(3)	Daw Khin Saw Wai	Yathaedaung Constituency
(4)	U Saw Nay Kawgyi	Thandaunggyi Constituency
(5)	U Win Sein	Kawa Constituency
(6)	U Than Myint	Salingyi Constituency
(7)	Daw Su Su Hlaing	Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency
(8)	Dr Maung Maung Wint	Bahan Constituency
(9)	U Ko Ko Lwin	Mawlamyinegyun Constituency
(10)	U Myint Tun	Kawthoung Constituency
(11)	U Than Tun	Dabayin Constituency
(12)	U Aung Sein	Manaung Constituency
(13)	U Htay Win	Lewe Constituency
(14)	U Win Than	Thabaung Constituency
(15)	U Aye Mauk	Mahlaing Constituency

U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency will be assigned as the committee chairman and U Than Myint of Salingyi 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.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann explained that the four committees namely, the Bill Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, the Hluttaw Rights Committee and the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee had been successfully formed today in accord with the constitution and Pyithu Hluttaw Laws; that the designation of duties, powers, rights and privileges of the committees had also been approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

He continued to say that in addition to those committees, Pyithu Hluttaw had the rights, if necessary, to form commissions and groups to perform its functions; that those committees, commissions and groups were Union-level organizations and committees were responsible for the hluttaw when the hluttaw was in session and the hluttaw Speaker when there was no hluttaw session; that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was legislative authority of the nation formed with representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw; that the president had been elected to govern the nation and he had also set up the Union Government, the Union Speaker Court and judicature, the Constitutional Tribunal, the Union Election Commission and other Union-level organizations.

He went on to say that at present, hluttaws were carrying out their functions and the Union Government would also come into operation soon; that the hluttaws, being mainly responsible for legislation, would be in the process of legislation commencing the day after tomorrow. The Speaker said that he hoped representatives would be disciplined themselves to systematically use powers and rights in legislation process.

Representatives would be able to raise queries, and submit proposals and bills regarding progress and developments of their own regions to governmental organizations and Union-level organizations through the hluttaws in accord with procedures. The Speaker said that he hoped the representatives, being the representatives of peoples, would be able to systematically follow such procedures as raising and answering queries and submitting bills with high standards and dignity. He went on that the representatives were always to work for interests of the nation, the Union and the national peoples without attachment to party concerned, ism, regionalism, racism and likewise, those who in power had to resolve queries, holding that queries were raised for interests of the nation, the Union and the national peoples.

Afterwards, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the fifth-day first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw ended and the sixth-day regular session would be held at 10 am on 9 March.

The session came to an end at 11.35 am.

MNA

Energy Minister inspects seaport construction on Made Island

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi together with Deputy Minister U Than Htay and officials of the ministry, President Mr Zhang Jialin and responsible persons of CNPC South East Asia Pipeline Co Ltd, Vice President Mr Si-Bo Joo and responsible persons of Daewoo International Corporation inspected construction of seaport of Myanmar-China crude oil pipeline project located on Made Island in Kyaukpyu Township of Rakhine State on 5 March.

The minister and party heard reports presented by CNPC President Mr Zhang Jinlin on construction of work boat wharf, progress in seaport construction, dam construction to supply fresh water, and tanks for storage of crude oil.

The minister called for timely completion of the project, fire prevention system, environmental con-servation, needs for foreign experts and workers to abide by rules and regulations, and improvement in socio-economic status of local people.

On completion of the seaport, 300,000-ton crude oil carriers will be able to stand there to pipe crude oil to China through Myanmar-China crude petroleum pipeline. The seaport can handle unloading capacity of 22 million oil a year and is scheduled to be completed by May, 2013.—*MNA*

***Minister for Energy U Lun Thi at the construction site of Myanmar-China crude oil pipeline project in Made Island, Kyaukpyu Township.*—MNA**

Indian squad arrives for 2012 London Olympic

YANGON, 7 March—Indian Olympic football team to face Myanmar for second leg of 2012 London Olympic first qualifier, which is to be held in Thuwunna football ground in Yangon at 4 pm on 9 March, arrived today.

The Indian squad comprised a team manager, seven coaches and 18 players.

Myanmar will be able to be through to next step only when they can paint the scoreboard with at least 1-0 win over the guest as India beat Myanmar 2-1 in first leg in Pune of India.

Ticket will be available in advance for grand stand by K 1000 and ordinary stand K 500 per head at Myanmar Football Federation at Goal Hotel and Thuwunna football ground on 8 and 9 March.

Manager's meeting will be held at 1:30 pm and pre-match press conference at 2 pm tomorrow at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel.

MNA

Amigos International Co Ltd introduces geological instruments to local market

YANGON, 7 March — Amigos International Co Ltd is importing Geotechnical Testing Equipment, Geophysical Investigation Equipment, Geological Instruments, Drilling Machines, Water Quality Testing Equipment and Agri-tech tools made in Italy, England and American.

Those interested may contact Amigos International Co Ltd at No (SH-102, , Thitsar Garden Complex, Thitsar Street, 8th Ward, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-564517, 564520; Fax: 01-564520; Website: www.amigomyanmar.com).

MNA

Summer basic sports courses open

YANGON, 7 March— Opening of summer basic sports courses for 2011 was held at Aung San Stadium here this morning.

It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, responsible persons from the Ministry of Sports, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 Basic Education Department and officials, responsible persons from Myanmar Women Sports Federation and Myanmar Sports Federations and trainees.

Next, athletes of sports federations demonstrated their skills.

Altogether 32 sports courses with 15000 trainees will be opened up to 8 April.—*MNA*

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scheduled to be formed with 15 members; that one year after 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 and rights to be designated by the hluttaw.

The deputy Amyotha Hluttaw speaker clarified duties, powers and rights of the committee for government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint explains formation of government's gurantees, pledges and undertakings vetting committee. **MNA**

***Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives sign attendance book.*—MNA**

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Afterwards, names of the designated persons to be constituted in Committee for Scrutinizing Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings 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 to Amyotha Hluttaw in accord with Section 21 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Amyotha Hluttaw Rules 33 and 67.

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The committee will be formed with the following 15 members:—

(1) U Gam Sai	Kachin State Constituency (2)
(2) U Za Khun Ting Ring	Kachin State Constituency (4)
(3) U Hla Maung	Kayah State Constituency (11)
(4) U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Sha Bu Phao	Kayin State Constituency (1)
(5) Dr Banya Aung Moe	Mon State Constituency (7)
(6) U Kan Nyunt	Sagaing Region Constituency (5)
(7) U Than Swe	Taninthayi Region Constituency (2)
(8) Dr Soe Tun	Mandalay Region Constituency (1)
(9) U Hmat Gyi	Mandalay Region Constituency (9)
(10) U Win Naung	Yangon Region Constituency (5)
(11) U Nyan Lin	Ayeyawady Region Constituency (3)
(12) Dr Htay Win	Ayeyawady Region Constituency (5)
(13) Dr Aye Maung	Rakhine State Constituency (1)
(14) U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than	Shan State Constituency (2)
(15) U Tun Kyaw (a) U Ai Kyaw	Shan State Constituency (10)

Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1) will be assigned as the committee chairman and U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency (5) as the secretary.

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The session came to an end at 11.10 am.

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In this photo provided by World Press Photo, the 2nd Prize Nature Stories of the 2011 World Press Photo Contest by Stefano Unterthiner, Italy, for National Geographic magazine shows Whooper Swans at dawn, Hokkaido, Japan, Jan 2010.

INTERNET

Dogs, officer shocked in Toronto

TORONTO, 7 March—Two dogs were electrocuted and a third canine and a police officer were shocked by an apparent electrical malfunction in Toronto, authorities said.

The incident occurred about 2 pm Friday at the corner of Parliament Street and Queen Street East, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

A witness, Corey Courveau, told the CBC he was working across the street when he heard a scream and saw one dog on the ground and its owner in anguish. He said he ran across the street to see if he could help and ended up running across the street to alert a veterinarian.

"The owner was obviously very, very distraught, very upset. She was bleeding. The dog bit into her as she was trying to comfort the dog.

"It's sad. It shouldn't have happened," he said.

A police officer tried to lift the dog only to suffer burns on her hands, the CBC said. Two other dogs were found shocked nearby.

Toronto Hydro said it was determined defective equipment from a Toronto Transit Commission utility pole had electrified the street.—*Internet*

To eat more fruit, picture a fruit salad

MONTREAL, 7 March—Creating a healthy eating action plan and visualizing yourself carrying it out may help improve the way you eat, researchers suggest.

"Telling people to just change the way they eat doesn't work; we've known that for a long time," study author Barbel Knauper, an associate professor of psychology at McGill University in Montreal, said in a university news release.

"But research has shown that if people make a concrete plan about what they are going to do, they are better at acting on their intentions. What we've done that's new is to add visualization techniques to the action plan," she explained.

Her study included 177 students who were asked to set the goal of eating more fruit for a week. All of the students ate more fruit during that time. However, those who made a concrete plan, wrote it down and also visualized how they were going to carry out their plan (ie when, where and how they would buy, prepare and eat fruit) increased their fruit consumption twice as much as those who didn't plan or visualize.

Internet

Yellow River ice runs approaching frozen section in north China

HOHHOT, 7 March— Workers are busy breaking up a frozen section of the Yellow River in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous so it will not block approaching ice runs and lead to flooding.

Yan Xingguang, spokesman of the Inner Mongolia Yellow River Ice Runs Control Headquarters, said floating ice chunks about 1 kilometre long were 30 kilometres away from the Haibowan Water Conservancy Project under construction in Wuhai City on Monday, where ice-breaking work was underway. He said workers were using iron boxes filled with rocks to smash through the ice at the Haibowan section.

The Yellow River, China's second longest, freezes and thaws at different times, posing flood risks mainly in Inner Mongolia and east China's Shandong Province.

This winter a 906-kilometre long section of the river in Ningxia Hui and Inner Mongolia autonomous regions had frozen, said Yan.

As the temperature picked up in early March, 225 kilometres of the frozen section in Ningxia partly thawed and started to flow downstream towards Inner Mongolia. The frozen part of the river in Inner Mongolia is expected to completely thaw by the end of March.

Xinhua

Child, teen boxing injuries have soared

COLUMBUS, 7 March—From 1990 to 2008, the number of boxing injuries increased 211 percent, from 5,361 injuries to 17,000 injuries yearly, US researchers said.

Researchers at the Centre for Injury Research and Policy of The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, say during the 19-year study period an average of 8,700 boxing injuries were treated in US hospital emergency departments annually —about 2,500 of those injuries were to children and teens ages 6-17.

Dr Gary Smith, the senior author, said the study's most concerning discovery was the similar proportion of concussions/closed head injuries among the different age groups — 9 percent among those ages 12-17, 8 percent those ages 18-24 and 9 percent among those ages 25-34.

"We expected a smaller proportion of concussions/closed head injuries among younger boxers, since they generate a lower punch force," Smith says in a statement.

"The fact that young boxers are experiencing a similar proportion of concussions and closed head injuries as older boxers is extremely concerning given the potential risk of developing chronic traumatic encephalopathy with repetitive brain trauma. These repetitive blows to the head may be placing boxers under 18 years of age at risk for neurological impairment and psychological problems due to chronic traumatic encephalopathy."

Internet

A parking structure at the University of California San Diego uses innovative "solar trees" to collect renewable energy from the Sun on 8 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (375)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (375) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.3.2011 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.

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Six die in Texas mobile home fire

GRANBURY, 7 March — A fire in a mobile home in Granbury, Texas, on Sunday morning killed three men and three women, authorities said. Those killed were all between the ages of 18 and 30. Three other people were injured, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

Authorities said the 6 am blaze happened after a party in the home had ended. They were still trying to determine how it started.

"But we're not looking at any anything suspicious at this point," Hood County Fire Marshal Brian Fine said.

The names of the victims had not been released, but all were from the Dallas-Fort Worth area about 65 miles away, he said.— *Internet*

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Pilot in crash not trained for aerobatics

KINGSTON, 7 March — An under-trained pilot of a vintage military jet did stunts for friends before plunging to his death in New York's Hudson River, a preliminary report indicated. Michael Faraldi, 38, telephoned friends on 26 Feb from an airport refueling stop in Johnstown, Pa, to tell them he would be flying his single-engine BAC 167 Strikemaster — a 1960s-era light-attack or counterinsurgency aircraft — over Kingston-Ulster Airport at the western base of the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge just north of Kingston, NY, the National Transportation Safety Board preliminary report said.

On arrival there about 1:30 pm, "he reportedly flew over the airfield and performed a rolling maneuver, described by witnesses as a roll or a barrel roll," the report said. "Following the rolling maneuver, the plane remained in the traffic pattern and the pilot executed a second pass, down the center of Runway 15 at low altitude and with the landing gear retracted," then reportedly pulled "up to a nose-high attitude and initiated a left-hand turn," it said.— *Internet*

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***Volkswagen's Bulli concept car is presented during the press day of the 81st International Motor show in Geneva, Switzerland, on 1 March, 2011. —* INTERNET**

***Muffin the cat and Mojo the bearded dragon enjoy a snuggle under Mojo's heat lamp . The two are close friends and often spend time together.—*INTERNET**

Canadian girl, 10, missing in creek

MELBOURNE, 7 March — Divers searched a rain-swollen creek near Melbourne, Ontario, on Sunday, looking for a 10-year-old girl who fell in the day before, authorities said. "At this point in time, with the time frame that's passed, we are in a search and recovery mode now," provincial police Constable Chris Hunter told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. "We still always hold out some optimism, but it's been a long time."

***A Martz bus lies on its side near the Lackawanna country line in Pennsylvania on 6 March, 2011 after a crash on Interstate 380.—*INTERNET**

The girl was playing with two other girls on Saturday when she slipped and fell into about 6 feet of icy water in Gentleman's Creek, a tributary of the Thames River. The other two girls were not harmed. The CBC said the missing girl's name has not been released by authorities but that a Facebook site was set up for Kayla Maybe, a third-grade student at Echo Public School in nearby Glencoe, Ontario.

Internet

Northeastern Pa bus crash kills one, injures others

SCRANTON, 7 March—A tour bus struck a disabled car on an interstate highway during an ice storm in northeastern Pennsylva-nia, killing a man who was apparently standing next to the vehicle and injuring an unknown number of other people, officials said Monday.

The crash involving a Martz bus occurred after 11 pm Sunday along Interstate 380 in Clifton Township, near Scranton, Lackawanna County 911 Supervisor Michael Kelechowa said. Kelechowa said there were multiple injuries, but the exact number and severity weren't known.

Internet

One-legged man an easy arrest

Police in New York said a one-legged man was easy to find and arrest after he allegedly stole a smartphone from a woman trying to do him a good turn.

Jamal Enoe, 33, was apprehended Thursday near the scene of the alleged crime, a Brooklyn Laundromat, *the New York Daily News* reported. An alleged accomplice was also charged.

Marlene Ramos, who works as an attendant at Dirtbusters, told police her BlackBerry Curve disappeared while she was getting change for Enoe. When she returned with the coins, he thanked her and hopped out of the Laundromat.

She said she saw Enoe handing something to the other man while she was getting the change — and everything clicked when she noticed the BlackBerry was missing. She then called police.

A dog owner instructs her pet dog to walk on a wooden plank during a dog show in Makati City, south of Manila, Philippines, on 6 March, 2011. The dog show includes 10 themed and thrilling obstacles that will challenge and strengthen the bond between dog enthusiasts and their pets.

Friendship, birthday card span 50 years

Two lifelong friends from Wisconsin with the same name have been keeping one birthday card going for half a century.

The card told them to, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reports.

The verse on it reads: "This birthday card brings wishes as bonnie as can be, and my name is signed in pencil (tis the thrifty way, you see). When my day comes, erase the name and sign your name instead, and we'll send the greeting' back and forth for many years ahead." On the front of the card is a rabbit in a Scottish tam, holding a pencil that once had an actual eraser attached.

Bonnie Jean Klamar and Bonnie Marie Magistrelli, grew up in Hales Corners, Wis., near Milwaukee, and became friends at age 4.

Bonnie Marie bought the card and mailed it to Bonnie Jean on her 18th birthday, 3 March, 1962. For Bonnie Marie's 19th birthday, which fell that 1 Sept, Bonnie Jean sent it back. "We didn't erase the sender's name. We just kept adding to it," Bonnie Jean said. Bonnie Marie now lives in Massachusetts.

"Neither one of us was going to be the one to break the chain," said Bonnie Jean, who lives in Milwaukee.

Graduates wear gowns of recycled plastic

Officials at Florida International University say this year's graduating seniors will be the first to get caps and gowns made entirely of recycled plastic.

In May the 4,500 students are expected to attend commencement wearing apparel made completely from an earth-friendly fabric spun from pellets melted down from recycled plastic bottles, *The Miami Herald* reported Sunday.

"This is an innovative way to show our commitment to sustainability and make an impact given the size of our graduating classes,'' said Provost Douglas Wartzok. "These gowns truly make us worlds ahead on our continued commitment to be an environmentally conscious university."

The fabric used to make the caps and gowns is called GreenWeaver which feels like traditional fabric. It is spun from molten plastic pellets derived from an average of 23 plastic bottles per gown and made in the United States, the newspaper said.

People take part in a pillow fight in east China's Shanghai, on 5 March, 2011. Over 1,000 people participated in a flash mob pillow fight held to release pressure and have fun.

News Album

Actress Lindsay Lohan arrives at the Beverly Hills Courthouse for a mandatory appearance in Beverly Hills, California on 24 Sept, 2010. —Xinhua

Lindsay Lohan surveillance video to be posted online

Beijing, 7 March— The surveillance video that allegedly showed American actress Lindsay Lohan stealing a 2,500 US dollars necklace in a jewelry store will be posted online, according to a foreign media report on Monday.

The video showed that Lohan, with her male companion, spent 45 minutes - including a few spent in chatting with the owners - in the Venice, CA store after trying on the necklace in full view. She then walked out of the store without removing the necklace, according to sources accessible to that footage.

The District Attorney, who has also viewed the tape, believed that Lohan's friend purposely distracted the store clerk, giving Lohan the chance to make off with that necklace.

The Spencer Co of Beverly Hill, which reportedly bought the video from the jewelry store, said on its website that parts of the video would hit the web at NecklaceVideo.com. But it is still unknown when and how much of the video will be released. Lohan, who faced with a grand theft charge for her wrongdoing, has pleaded not guilty.—*Xinhua*

Colombian pop star Shakira performs in Buenos Aires, on 5 March, 2011.

Xinhua

"Transformers 2" director says film "was crap"

Los Angeles, 7 March— Director Michael Bay has labeled as "crap" his 2009 movie "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," blaming its shortcomings on the Hollywood writers' strike. In an interview with Britain's Empire magazine, Bay admits that they "made some mistakes" while filming the critically panned sequel.

"The real fault with (Transformers 2) is that it ran into a mystical world," he explains. "When I look back at it, that was crap. The writers' strike was coming hard and fast. It was just terrible to do a movie where you've got to have a story in three weeks."

He adds, "I was prepping a movie for months where I only had 14 pages of some idea of what the movie was. It's a BS way to make a movie, do you know what I'm saying?" This isn't the first time Bay has blamed the writers' strike for the blockbuster's faults. In July 2010, he told *USA Today*, "I'll take some of the criticism. It was very hard to put (the sequel) together that quickly after the writers' strike."—*Internet*

A model present Japanese kimono during a musical fashion show called Asia Girls Explosion in Tokyo, Japan, on 6 March, 2011.

Xinhua

A model presents a creation by French designer Jean Paul Gaultier as part of his Fall-Winter 2011/2012 women's ready-to-wear fashion collection during Paris Fashion Week, in Paris, France, on 5 March, 2011.—Xinhua

Charlie Sheen's Web show draws more than 100,000 viewers

Los Angeles, 7 March— Charlie Sheen's Ustream Internet show drew more than 100,000 viewers during its debut airing on Saturday night.

Viewer count for "Sheen's Korner" fluctuated throughout the broadcast but there were 113,251 hits at one point. By contrast, Sheen has about two million Twitter followers.

Wearing a hat and a black tshirt with a green dollar sign on its front, the ubiquitous former sitcom star and his three cohorts/ co-hosts introduced segments such as "Wish They Were Me" and "Weighing in With Rick" (featuring Rick Calamaro, Sheen's assistant) in a format closely akin to a local access cable show.

Internet

Real close gap as in-form Benzema downs Racing

MADRID, 7 March — French international Karim Benzema made it four goals in his last two league matches with a brace as Real Madrid moved back to within seven points of league leaders Barcelona with a 3-1 win at Racing Santander on Sunday.

Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema (C) vies with Racing Santander's forward Pedro Munitis (L) during their Spanish league football match Racing vs Real Madrid at El Sardinero stadium in Santander. —INTERNET

Even without the injured Cristiano Ronaldo, Real were far too strong for Racing and Madrid responded with their eighth league away win of the campaign to close in on Barcelona, who had defeated Real Zaragoza 1-0 on Saturday.

Real manager Jose Mourinho said he didn't expect rivals Barcelona to drop points and said the champions had benefited from fortunate refereeing decisions in the recent wins over Valencia and Zaragoza.

"I don't expect Barcelona to slip up," said Mourinho. "We know that we win if we do what we have to and when we are superior to our rivals.—*Internet*

Lille stay top after Marseille win

PARIS, 7 March — Lille gained a potentially priceless 2-1 win over Marseille at the Velodrome on Sunday evening to stay top of the league on goal difference. In a high octane encounter young Belgian star Eden Hazard celebrated signing a new contract extension on Friday by firing the ball from 30m out past Marseille keeper Steve Mandanda to give Lille a 10th minute lead.

Lille's Belgian midfielder Eden Hazard (R) reacts with teammates after scoring a goal.—INTERNET

Senegelese striker Moussa Sow almost doubled up for Lille shortly after but his close range angled shot from the left went high.

And it was only fine work from Mandanda that denied Lille's Gervinho from six metres on the stroke of half time, with the Marseille players heading for the dressing room thankful of only being one goal behind.

Didier Deschamps' men emerged after the break intent on unlocking Lille's defence and in the 60th minute Loic Remy found the key, the France international shooting low and hard past Lille keeper Mickael Landrau.—*Internet*

Inter crush Genoa in Italian league

ROME, 7 March — A blazing second-half performance saw Inter Milan come back from a goal down to crush Genoa 5-2 at the San Siro and stay five points behind Serie A leaders AC Milan on a Sunday when Lazio beat Palermo to move within two points of goalless Napoli.

Inter Milan's Cameroo-nian forward Samuel Eto'o celebrates scoring against Genoa.
INTERNET

A brace from the brilliant Samuel Eto'o and one goal each from Giampaolo Pazzini, Goran Pandev and Yuto Nagatomo — all in the second half, cancelled out Rodrigo Palacio's 40th-minute opener for Genoa before the visitors scored a last-minute consolation through Mauro Boselli.

Inter coach Leonardo, who had witnessed Milan's 1-0 win at Juventus on Saturday night, was beaming at the final whistle.—*Internet*

Wilshere hopes to make Barca clash

LONDON, 7 March — Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere has declared himself fit to play in Tuesday's Champions League last 16 second leg against Barcelona.

Wilshere looked likely to miss the Nou Camp clash after Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admitted the England international wouldn't take part in training on Sunday after suffering an ankle injury in Saturday's 0-0 draw against Sunderland.

But Wilshere has since revealed the problem is not serious and that he will be available for the trip to Spain, which will see Arsenal try to protect a 2-1 lead from the first leg.
Internet

Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere

Redknapp says tax case distracts him from Spurs job

LONDON, 7 March — Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp admits he sometimes finds it hard to focus on his job as he prepares to fight tax evasion charges which will come to court in July.

Tottenham's coach Harry Redknapp

Redknapp denies any wrongdoing, but he knows his reputation is in danger of being tarnished by all the allegations and he is desperate to win the case and clear his name.

The burden of dealing with the court proceedings has proved distracting, but with a Champions League second leg clash against AC Milan looming on Wednesday, Redknapp took time to answer his critics. "If it wasn't me this wouldn't be happening," Redknapp told the News of the World. "I'm not a paedophile and I'm not a bank robber. "I've done nothing wrong. I'm hurt by it, and it hurts my wife and family.—*Internet*

W Klitschko, Haye agree to fight this summer

LONDON, 7 March — IBF and WBO champion Wladimir Klitschko and WBA holder David Haye have finally agreed to fight, setting up an eagerly anticipated heavyweight title bout for this summer.

After months of failed negotiations, both boxers confirmed Sunday the fight should take place on 25 June or 2 July at a venue in Germany that is yet to be confirmed.

World heavyweight boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko, with his belts, and British challenger David Haye are pictured at a press conference at the Veltins-Arena in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. —INTERNET

"I am really pleased that we have closed a deal on this fight," the 34-year-old Klitschko told the Welt am Sonntag newspaper.

Haye pulled out of a fight with Klitschko in 2009 with a back injury and talks between the two camps have collapsed several times since.—*Internet*

Rangers sink Saints to close gap on Celtic

English defender Kyle Bartley

GLASGOW, 7 March — Rangers got back on track after their midweek meltdown against Celtic as Kyle Bartley's goal secured a 1-0 win at St Mirren on Sunday.

Walter Smith's side had three players sent off in a stormy Scottish Cup replay defeat at Parkhead, but the champions were able to move within five points of their Glasgow rivals thanks to Bartley's first half goal.

The on-loan Arsenal defender's winner means Rangers still control the destiny of the title as victory in their two games in hand on leaders Celtic would take them back into first place.—*Internet*

Dokic beats Safarova in Malaysian tennis final

Jelena Dokic of Australia returns a shot to Lucie Safarova of Czech Republics.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 March — Australia's Jelena Dokic on Sunday came from behind to down Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic in a thrilling three-set battle to capture the Malaysian Open title.

Dokic, a former Wimbledon semi-finalist, defeated world number 35 Safarova 2-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-4 to take her first WTA title in eight years, pocketing $37,000. Despite being ranked a lowly 91 in the world, the 27-year-old Australian was in tremendous form, hitting a series of accurate baseline shots to overcome the left-handed Czech player in two hours and 40 minutes. —*Internet*

SPORTS

Rory Sabbatini wins Honda Classic by 1 shot

PALM BEACH GARDENS, 7 March — Walking off the second tee on Sunday, Rory Sabbatini veered left and stopped, peering toward a patch of 3-foot grass and the lake behind it.

Rory Sabbatini reacts as he misses a putt on the first green during the final round of the Honda 14Classic.—INTERNET

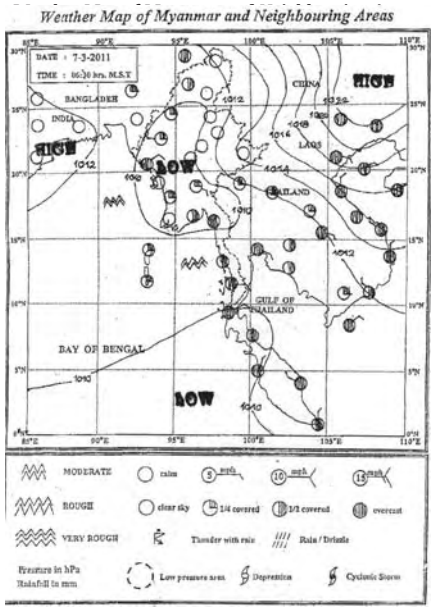
Trouble for the Honda Classic leader? Maybe. Something was rustling in the rough.

"Is that a gator?" Sabbatini said.

The South African was wise to brace himself for any menace on the PGA National course. While no reptile sightings were confirmed, Sabbatini's five-stroke lead shrank to one in the space of seven holes, and a halt in play because of lightning delayed his march toward victory.

He weathered the weather, turned back a late challenge from YE Yang and shot an even-par 70 for a one-stroke win.

Internet



WEATHER

Monday, 7th March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Southern Shan and Chin States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Minbu and Aunglan (41°C) each, Magway and Pakokku (40°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 6-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 7-3-2011 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-3-2011 was (57%). Rainfall on 7-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 6-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 7-3-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-3-2011 was (77%). Total sunshine hours on 6-3-2011 was (9.3) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 7-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon each. 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 Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 6-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 8th March 2011: Light rain or thoundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin states and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

Jagielka gets Everton back on track

NEWCASTLE, 7 March —Everton bounced back from their shock FA Cup exit against Reading as Phil Jagielka's goal clinched a 2-1 win against Newcastle on Saturday.

David Moyes' side crashed out of the FA Cup fifth round after a lacklustre effort at home to Championship opposition, but the Toffees were able to make amends with a more convincing performance at St James' Park.

Leon Best had given Newcastle the lead in the first half but Leon Osman equalised before England defender Jagielka bagged the winner close to the interval.

Best thought he had snatched a draw when he headed past Tim Howard for a second time, but referee Howard Webb had spotted a push on Jagielka as the ball came across and disallowed the late effort.

Internet

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INTERNET

Tuesday,
8 March
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
4. Morning News
7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
7:50 am
6. Health Programme
8:00 am
7. Songs Of Yester Years
8:10 am
8. Song Of National Races
8:15 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultures Performing Arts Competitions
8:20 am
10. Teleplay (Traffic)
8:25 am
11. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
8:40 am
12. International News
8:45 am
13. Musical Programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:05 pm
2. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
4:15 pm
3. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
4:30 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lecuters) -Third Year (Psychology)
4:45 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
4:55 pm
6. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
5:05 pm
7. Sweet Melody
5:20 pm
8. Star Garden
6:00 pm
9. Evening News
6:15 pm
10. Weather Report
6:20 pm
11. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
6:35 pm
12. Sing A Song
7:05 pm
13. TV Drama Series
8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Just for Laughs
18. TV Drama Series

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Local Transmission
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* Ngapali, Unique Spot To Relax
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* Religious Examination (I)
* Record Album
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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

First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for fifth day

15-member Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee formed

Committee shall present an interim report if Amyotha Hluttaw fails to present a final report on the scheduled day

NAY PYI TAW, 7 March—The first regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued as the fifth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint declared the session valid as all or 100 % of the 223 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives were present and announced the start of the session.

The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Rule (33) and (67), Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee shall be formed with not more than 15 hluttaw representatives; and that a list of nominations for members, the chairman and the secretary shall be submitted to the hluttaw for approval.

He said that according to Amyotha Hluttaw Law (27) and Rule (34), the number of committee members, and their duties, powers, rights and terms shall be designated by the hluttaw; that so the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee is

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