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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein receives Mr Lyonpo Kinzang Dorji, Special Envoy of Prime Minister of Bhutan

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—A delegation led by Mr Lyonpo Kinzang Dorji, Special Envoy of Prime Minister of Bhutan, paid a call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call together with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and departmental heads.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening the Myanmar-Bhutan friendship ties and bilateral cooperation between the two countries.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives a delegation led by Mr Lyonpo Kinzang Dorji, Special Envoy of Prime Minister of Bhutan, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

First step should be taken for promotion of tourism industry and for emergence of tourism destination in Hsenwi, Kutkai, Lashio and Muse of Shan State (North)



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets Kokang national race people at Thanhtwin Oo Hall in Kunlong.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, accompanied by Union ministers, the Chief Minister of Shan State, deputy ministers, departmental officials and entrepreneurs, left Lashio by helicopter yesterday morning and arrived at Hsenwi at 9 am.

The Vice-President, wife and party were welcomed by district and township level departmental officials and members of social organizations.

At Aungmyingala Hall of Hsenwi, the Vice-President met township level departmental officials, social organization members, local authorities, townselders and entrepreneurs and gave instructions.

A local reported on requirements of the region. The township administrator submitted reports on accomplishment for instructions given by the Vice-President on his inspection tour on 15-12-2011.

On behalf of the local people, Shan State Hluttaw representative U Sai San Aye thanked the government for fulfilling the requirements of the township for its development.

Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Ministers U Win Than and U Khin Zaw and Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat replied to the submissions in respective sectors.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Excellent services and modern facilities

Although there are economic challenges the world is facing, global tourism remains robust with its future brighter than ever. As the number of people from various countries travelling around the Earth is increasing, tourism industry has many more to offer.

Some global TV networks are foreseeing that Myanmar will become the next popular tourism spot of the world, as it is blessed with a myriad of unspoiled destinations from snow-capped towering mountain ranges in the far north to wonderful archaeological sites in the central and west and sunny beaches along the coast.

With its high potentials for progress of tourism industry, Myanmar is gearing up for further improving its services and facilities including travel, food, accommodations and extending the types of tourism.

In general, Myanmar can offer leisure travel as it has many untouched beaches, winter tourism in the far north, culture tourism showing lifestyles of our nationalities, their colourful costumes and lovely art, their traditions and customs and land, extreme tourism that guides visitors to mountains, forests and caves, heritage tourism as our forefathers had left behind many archaeological wonders, wildlife tourism for people who love nature and its flora and fauna and sports tourism as we are going to host the 27th Southeast Asian games in 2013.

People usually travel to other parts of the world to see natural beauties, ancient edifices, different cultures, and enjoy a wonderful time in an exotic place. Normally, they come to spend money.

So, what we need for the industry is the excellent and hospitable services and modern facilities that make a destination livelier and a visitor happier and spend more.

CBM governor seeks banking help from Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein met delegation led by Managing Executive Officer MR Takashi Morisaki of The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd at the former's office here this morning.

They frankly discussed strengthening cooperation between the two banks and providing banking assistances to Myanmar's banks by the Japanese side.

The deputy governor and division heads of CBM attended the meeting.

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Computers and accessories donated to MLF

YANGON, 23 Feb—Myanmar Libraries Foundation is encouraging and assisting development of self-reliant libraries with a view to broadening the horizon of the people with the contribution of wellwishers.

Yesterday, U Aung Zaw Myint and Daw Khin Toe Yin (Winner Computer Group) presented one unit of multipoint server, five sets of multipoint workstation and

Union Foreign Minister receives Bhutan Envoy



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb — Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Win Aung received the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Bhutan Mr. Lyonpo Kinzang Dorji at the ministry here at 9 am today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed promoting of bilateral relations and mutual interests.

MNA

Immigration minister highlights transparency in issuance of citizenship documents

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi called for more transparency, making population policy drafting procedures, rural development and poverty alleviation tasks a success, and preparing for taking a census of the entire nation in 2014 at the meeting held at Bago Region Government Office on 19 February.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and Region ministers and officials attended the meeting on National-level Population and Development Commission and taking a census for the entire country.



The chair of the commission and of Central Census Commission met the press at Shwe Wah Tun Hotel

in Bago. His ministry has relaxed a series of restrictions on issuance of household registration certificates and

citizenship scrutiny cards and is issuing documents to public at one stroke in this February and March.—MNA

Myanmar veteran body-builders honoured by World governing body of body-building

Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint presents gift to SEA Body-building Federation Chairman Mr Douglas Latchford.

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accessories to the foundation through Chairman U Maung Maung.

Those wishing to ease the intellectual starvation of others may contact MLF at No. 288, Theinbyu Street, Botataung Township, here, Ph: 01371342, 01-201936, and 01-398756.—MNA

YANGON, 23 Feb—Chairman of Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federatin U Hla Myint SWE, General Secretary U Kyaw Than, Vice-

Chairman U Myat Thet and Maung Bamar U Sein Maung received honorary titles by World Body-building Federation at the dinner of 11th South East Asia Body-building Championship hosted at Inya Lake Hotel here yesterday evening.

Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, SEA Body-building Federation Chairman Mr Douglas Latchford and General Secretary of World Body-building Federation and of Asia Body-building Federation Mr Datuk Paul Chua extended greetings at the dinner.

The mayor presented gifts to organizers of the championship.

The event takes place at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township on 25 February.

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Train crash kills 49, injures 550

BUENOS AIRES, 23 Feb—A commuter train crashed into a platform at a Buenos Aires train station on Wednesday, killing at least 49 people and injuring 550, authorities said. Rescue workers confirmed about 60 people were still trapped inside and under the train, the *Buenos Aires Herald* reported.

The state-run TBA Sarmiento train was filled with passengers on their daily commute, the newspaper said.

Transport Secretary Juan Pablo Schiavi said the train hit the platform at the Once train station at 12 mph. He said the impact of the crash caused the second car to be pushed nearly 20 feet into the first.

Alberto Crescenti, head of the SAME ambulance service, said at least 15 ambulance teams were treating the injured, *Telam* news agency reported.

A 7-year-old boy who had been trapped three hours in one of the front cars was among the first reported fatalities.

At least 70 people were pulled from the wreckage and taken to Ramos Mejia Hospital and Durand Hospital.

Internet



Trapped passengers from a commuter train that crashed into the Once train station at rush hour are seen in a coach in Buenos Aires on 22 Feb, 2012. A train crashed in Buenos Aires on Wednesday and media reported that at least 49 had been killed, while officials said some 550 others had been injured. The train was unable to stop and slammed into barriers inside a busy, centrally located station during the morning rush hour, officials said.

INTERNET



In this photo released by the White House, US President Barack Obama signs the full-year extension bill of the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits into law in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, on 22 Feb, 2012.

XINHUA

Obama signs payroll tax cut extension into law

WASHINGTON, 23 Feb—US President Barack Obama had signed the full-year extension bill of the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits into law, the White House said on Wednesday.

The White House said Obama signed the bill on Wednesday, a day after he welcomed the agreement of Congress and urged lawmakers to keep on with bipartisanship.

Both the House and Senate passed the full-year extension of payroll tax cut and jobless benefits for the long-term

unemployed last Friday with bipartisan coalition. The package extends a 2-percentage-point payroll tax cut for 160 million Americans and secures jobless insurance for people out of work for more than six months. It also prevents big cuts in payments to doctors who treat Medicare patients. The passage is seen as a political victory for Obama and congressional Democrats, who have argued that payroll tax cut for Americans could provide a boost to economic recovery.—Xinhua

15 militants killed in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 Feb—At least 15 militants were killed in a military operation launched by the Pakistani security forces in the country's northwest tribal area of Upper Orakzai on Thursday morning, reported local media.

Local Urdu TV channel Dunya quoted unidentified army sources as saying that early on Thursday morning the security forces in the upper part of Orakzai, the only one out of the seven tribal areas in the country, that does not border Afghanistan, launched an operation against the militants hiding in the area with the backup of

army planes.

Four militants' hideouts were destroyed in the operation and seven militants were also injured, said the report.

The report did not mention the exact location and time of the operation, nor did it mention the casualties on the part of the security forces.

In another development, local media reported that two people were killed when four rockets were fired by unknown people at a house in Orakzai on Thursday morning. No other details about the rocket attack have been reported.—Xinhua



Police inspect the remains of a vehicle used in a bomb attack in the city of Hilla, 100 km (60 miles) south of Baghdad 23 Feb, 2012.

INTERNET

Taleban urge Afghans to kill "invaders"

KABUL, 23 Feb—The Taliban urged Afghans on Thursday to target foreign military bases and "beat and kill" Westerners.

Thousands of people rallied across the country on Wednesday, some chanting "Death to America!" and demanding US and foreign military forces leave Afghanistan, Reuters witnesses and local officials said.

"Our brave people must target the military bases of invader forces, their military convoys and their invader bases," read an e-mailed Taliban statement released by spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid.

The largest protests on Thursday were in eastern Laghman Province, with others erupting in the eastern city of Jalalabad and in the Capital Kabul.

Six people were killed and dozens wounded in demonstrations on Wednesday across the country, prompting President Hamid Karzai to urge calm.

Reuters



Afghan security forces arrive at the scene of an anti-US demonstration at a NATO military base in Jalalabad, east of Kabul.—INTERNET

FBI raids home of 'TargetingCops' blogger

PORTLAND, 23 Feb—Agents in Portland, Ore., raided the home of a blogger suspected of threatening Maricopa County, Ariz., Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the FBI and Arpaio said.

The Monday raid seized evidence from the home of Clifton Dawayne Brooks, 35, who was linked to a post on the blog TargetingCops.com that showed a picture of Arpaio and the words "Wanted: Dead or Alive" — with "Dead" underlined and "Alive" crossed out — *The Arizona Republic* reported Tuesday. The post included the line, "You're next Joe, watch your back, (expletive)."

Maricopa County sheriff's detectives earlier served a search warrant at Google's Mountain View, Calif., headquarters to determine the origin of the blog post, which led them to Brooks, the newspaper said.

FBI Special Agent James Turgal declined to provide details from the Oregon raid, but Arpaio said Brooks had "strange items" pinned to his walls.

"We take all of these threats very seriously, regardless of who or what agency it was toward," Turgal said, adding the investigation is ongoing.

Internet



Maricopa County, Ariz., Sheriff Joe Arpaio (L) endorses former Texas Gov Rick Perry (R) for the Republican presidential nomination in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on 27 Dec, 2011.

INTERNET

Longest organ donor chain links 60 people in US

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Feb — The world's longest chain of organ donations has been completed in the US, with 30 patients receiving a kidney from 30 living donors. The chain connected people who had wanted to donate a kidney to a family member or friend, but were incompatible, with a suitable stranger. Their loved one then received a kidney from someone else along the chain.

The complicated process lasted for four months and involved 17 hospitals across 11 states. It started in August with a man called Rick Ruzzamenti, a 44-year-old electrician from California who decided he wanted to donate a kidney to a stranger. It ended in December with 46-year-old Don Terry, of Joliet, Illinois, who has Type 2 diabetes and was at risk of dying of renal failure.

Because he had been unable to find a suitable donor within his family, Mr Terry had been put on a transplant waiting list and told it could take as long as five to 10 years. A diabetes patient on dialysis typically does not have a long life expectancy and Mr Terry worried that he might not live to see his 50th birthday. "What bothered me the most was the possibility of leaving family members like my mom and dad by themselves, and having them see their son pass away from an excruciating disease," he said. — *Internet*



Rick Ruzzamenti started the chain. — *INTERNET*

Diabetes patients should undergo nine different health checks every 12 months.

INTERNET



US to import short-supply cancer drug from India

NEW YORK, 23 Feb — US health authorities said Tuesday they will import a drug to treat ovarian, bone marrow and AIDS-related skin cancer from India in order to ward off a worrying shortage. "Lipodox will be imported as an alternative to Doxil," the US Food and Drug Administration said in a statement, noting that a temporary deal has been made with Sun Pharma Global FZE in India to supply US patients with the drug. "Temporary importation of unapproved foreign drugs is considered in rare cases when there is a shortage of an approved drug that is critical to patients and the shortage cannot be resolved in a timely fashion with FDA-approved drugs."

Another drug that has been in short supply, methotrexate — needed for treating a variety of cancers including children with leukemia — was approved in preservative-free generic form for

More than 1.3 million diabetes patients not offered vital tests

LONDON, 23 Feb — An estimated 1.3 million diabetes patients are missing out on vital and potentially life-saving health checks, the BBC has learned. NHS figures reveal fewer than 10% of patients are offered the full series of tests in some areas of England. Health Minister Paul Burstow said

the situation was "outrageous" and "unacceptable".

Primary care trusts in low test areas said they were working to improve services for diabetes patients. According to National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines, primary care trusts (PCTs) should ensure all diabetic patients are given a series of nine different health checks every 12 months. These include blood pressure, blood glucose levels, cholesterol, and examinations of the eyes and feet.

The tests are designed to spot the early signs of complications linked to diabetes such as infection leading to gangrene, blindness, kidney failure and heart problems. The tests are meant to help diabetes patients like bricklayer Will Hogan, 60, to spot potential health risks exacerbated by their diabetes. Mr Hogan had to have his left leg amputated in August 2011 when an ulcer on his foot became infected. — *Internet*

maker APP Pharmaceuticals in Illinois and should be available by March, the FDA said. In the meantime, a shipment of 31,000 vials, or one month's supply, is being sent right away to hundreds of US hospitals and treatment centres by Hospira, the agency added.

Prescription drug shortages in the United States nearly tripled from 2005 to 2010, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Internet



A researcher extracts fluid from a vial. US health authorities said on Tuesday they will import a drug to treat ovarian, bone marrow and AIDS-related skin cancer from India in order to ward off a worrying shortage. — *INTERNET*



Alibaba.com shares jump 42% on plans to go private

HONG KONG, 23 Feb — Shares of Alibaba.com have risen 42% after its parent group said it would take the company private, gaining full control over China's biggest business-to-business e-commerce site. Alibaba Group said it would pay about \$2.4bn (£1.5bn) to complete the move, meaning a 46% premium for shareholders. Shares of the Hong Kong listed site had been suspended since 9 February.

The parent firm has also been in intense negotiations to buy back a 43% stake owned by US internet giant Yahoo. "Taking Alibaba.com private will allow our company to make long-term decisions that are in the best interest of our customers and that are also free from the pressures that come from having a publicly listed company," said Alibaba group chairman Jack Ma.

Alibaba.com brings together small manufacturers with buyers

around the world. It reported a 6% fall in fourth quarter net profit on Tuesday. The company said it was cautious on short term growth prospects because of uncertainty in the global economy and its impact on Chinese exports. It said it had recently shifted strategy



Mr Ma says the move will free Alibaba.com from the "pressures" of a publicly listed company.

INTERNET

towards improving the quality of suppliers and the customer experience, instead of increasing the number of manufacturers which contributed to strong growth in recent years.

"The new strategy may adversely affect the company's revenue growth and limit earnings visibility for the foreseeable future," Alibaba Group said in a statement filed to the Hong

Kong Stock Exchange. The move comes after the company's reputation was called into questions when it revealed last year that some buyers had been defrauded by fake sellers. — *Internet*



Western Australia to launch own sovereign wealth fund

PERTH, 23 Feb — The government of Western Australia has said it is planning to launch its own sovereign wealth fund in a bid to invest earnings from its mining boom. The state, which has large deposits of minerals such as iron ore, has seen mining revenues rise in recent years. The surge has



The demand for Australia's minerals has been growing resulting in a mining boom in recent years. — *INTERNET*

Dell shares fall on earnings miss, outlook

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Feb — Dell Inc forecast fiscal first-quarter revenue below Wall Street's expectations, stoking fears the PC industry has not fully emerged from its downturn and sending the company's shares more than 4 percent lower. The world's



A Dell computer logo is seen on a laptop at Best Buy in Phoenix, Arizona. — *INTERNET*

No 3 personal computer maker projected sales would be down 7 percent this quarter from the previous quarter, when it posted revenue of \$16 billion. That translates into about \$14.9 billion, below the average forecast for roughly \$15.2 billion.

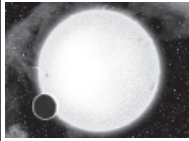
Dell's fiscal fourth quarter earnings also came in below Wall Street's view as strength in its corporate business unit was offset by the weakness in the division that caters to public businesses. Chief Financial Officer Brian Gladden said profit margins for the quarter were hurt by a combination of weakness in US public spending, discounting of the leftover inventory of its previous generation phones

and the lingering impact of the Thailand flood on its product mix. "We just didn't get the mix of drives that we wanted and it really forced us to sell less configured lower-end systems and prevented us from accessing higher margin more highly configured systems," he said.

Gladden said he expected the hard-disk drive issues to continue this year. PC makers have grappled with slackening demand as mobile devices such as Apple Inc's iPad erode market share, while a shortage of hard drives after flooding in Thailand cramped supply.

Internet

Distant 'waterworld' is confirmed



GJ 1214b orbits close to its host star, as this artist's impression shows.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 23 Feb — Astronomers have confirmed the existence of a new class of planet: a waterworld with a thick, steamy atmosphere. The exoplanet GJ 1214b is a so-called "Super Earth" — bigger than our planet, but smaller than gas giants such as Jupiter. Observations using the Hubble telescope now seem to confirm that a large fraction of its mass is water. The planet's high temperatures suggest exotic materials might exist there. "GJ 1214b is like no planet we know of," said lead author Zachory Berta, from the Harvard Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics.

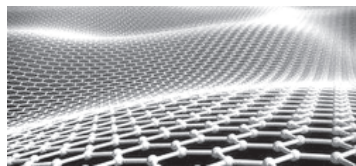
The planet was discovered in 2009 by ground-based telescopes. It

is about 2.7 times the Earth's diameter and weighs almost seven times as much. It orbits its red-dwarf star at a distance of just two million km, meaning temperatures on GJ 1214b probably reach above 200C. In 2010, astronomers released measurements of its atmosphere. These suggested that GJ 1214b's atmosphere was probably made up of water, but there was another possibility—that the planet was covered in a haze, of the type that envelopes Saturn's moon Titan.

Mr Berta and his

colleagues used the Hubble Space Telescope's wide-field camera to study the planet as it crossed in front of its star — a transit. During these transits, the star's light is filtered through the planet's atmosphere, giving clues to the mixture of gases present. The researchers said their results are more consistent with a dense atmosphere of water vapour, than one with a haze. Calculations of the planet's density also suggest that GJ 1214b has more water than Earth.—*Internet*

Graphene 'could pose health risk' to workers



Graphene has been heralded as a revolutionary material and is used in touch screen technology.—INTERNET

EDINBURGH, 23 Feb — People involved in making a material used to enhance computer and phone touch screens could be at risk of lung damage, according to new research. Scientists at the University of Edinburgh have been studying the behaviour of

the so-called miracle material, graphene. They say, when produced in a certain form, the ultra-thin carbon contains tiny particles known as nanoplatelets. These can lodge in the lungs and may cause health problems, the study found.

Graphene, first identified in 2004, has been hailed a revolutionary material and heralded for its superconductive properties. The flexibility of these disc-shaped particles, known as nanoplatelets, allows them to be readily incorporated into plastic and rubber, giving them new and useful properties. They can also be used to enhance the electronic properties of touch screens.

The Edinburgh scientists found that the nanoplatelets, which are invisible to the naked eye, behave like tiny frisbees and stay airborne.—*Internet*

New amphibian family find for India

LONDON, 23 Feb — A new family of caecilians, the most enigmatic branch of the amphibians, has been discovered in northeastern India. The animals, which at first glance resemble worms, live in forest soil and are most closely related to an African group of caecilians. The females incubate their young for several months without eating. Writing in the Royal Society journal *Proceedings B*, the scientists say the animals may be threatened by population growth and slash-and-burn agriculture.

Caecilians are very hard to spot as they live either underground or under leaf litter that lies on the soil. The new discovery was the result of about 250 soil-digging expeditions over five years that covered every northeast Indian State. "Caecilians



Females brood the eggs for months, apparently without feeding at all. INTERNET

are the most cryptic group of animals, and it's not possible to identify whether it's a new species or genus or family just after collecting it," said SD Biju from the University of Delhi, who led the project.

"We studied the molecules (DNA) and the morphology, both internal and external, to identify the species," he told BBC News. When the analysis was complete, the researchers found they had not only a new species on their hands, but the first representative of a hitherto unknown family. This is the 10th caecilian family to be identified, and the team named it Chikilidae, derived from the name used in the local Garo tongue.—*Internet*

Space elevator could be ready by 2050, ride takes a week

TOKYO, 23 Feb — If an elevator ride of more than 30 seconds leaves you feeling antsy, then a ride in the elevator proposed by a Japanese construction firm is probably not for you. Obayashi Corp this week outlined its plans to build an elevator that would take its occupants just over seven days to reach its destination. The reason for the long ride? The terminal station would be located 22,400 miles (36,000 km) above Earth.

The Tokyo-based company said its so-called space elevator could be ready by 2050. Engineers hope to make steady progress with the project "so that it won't end up as simply a dream," an Obayashi official told *The Daily Yomiuri*. The company said that such a feat has been made possible thanks to the 1991 discovery of carbon nanotubes, which are around 20 times stronger than steel. These would be used to produce the necessary cables for the space elevator.

Obayashi's plan involves sending a cable 60,000 miles (96,000 km) into space, roughly a quarter of the distance between

Earth and the moon. One end of the cable would be fixed to the ground around which a spaceport would be built, while the other would be fitted with a counterweight, an official said. The elevator, containing up to 30 people and travelling at a speed of 125 mph (200 kph), would be powered using magnetic linear motors. The terminal

station, containing laboratories and a living area, would be located 22,400 miles (36,000 km) up.

The idea of a space elevator is not as far fetched as it might initially sound, with the *Daily Yomiuri* reporting other organizations, such as the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, taking an

Sentinel project research reveals UK GPS jammer use

LONDON, 23 Feb — The illegal use of Global Positioning System (GPS) jammers in the UK has been revealed in a groundbreaking study. GPS jammers are believed to be mostly used by people driving vehicles fitted with tracking devices in order to mask their whereabouts. In one location the Sentinel study recorded over 60 GPS jamming incidents in 6 months.

The research follows concern that jammers could

interfere with critical systems which rely on GPS. The team behind the research believe it is the first study of its kind in the UK. Its findings will be presented at the GNSS Vulnerability 2012: Present Danger, Future Threats conference held at the National Physical Laboratory on Wednesday.

The Sentinel research project used 20 roadside monitors to detect jammer use. "We think it's the only



interest in such a project. Officials at Obayashi say the viability of the project rests on the cost of carbon nanotubes and whether the firm can get the cooperation of other companies from around the world.—*Internet*

system of its kind in the world," Bob Cockshott of the ICT Knowledge Transfer Network and organiser of the conference told the BBC. The sensors recorded every time a vehicle with a jammer passed by. "We believe there's between 50 and 450 occurrences in the UK everyday," said Charles Curry of Chronos Technology, the company leading the project, though he stressed that they were still analysing the data. He told the BBC that evidence from the project suggested that most jammers were small portable devices with an area of effect of between 200m and 300m. The project received £1.5m funding from the Technology Strategy Board and involved a number of partners including the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

Internet

Blackberry-maker RIM releases late Playbook OS upgrade

WASHINGTON, 23 Feb — After delays of almost a year, an upgraded operating system for the Blackberry Playbook tablet has been released. Playbook 2.0, a free upgrade, adds a built-in email function to the device which was first launched in April 2011. Canada-based Research In Motion (RIM) had promised the upgrade within 60 days of the device's release.

Last month the company's co-chief executives stepped down amid faltering sales figures. Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie were replaced at the helm of RIM by the company's chief operating officer Thorsten Heins. This upgrade for the Playbook — RIM's first foray into the tablet market — also sees built-in calendar and contacts functions added, as well



The Playbook has been heavily discounted since being launched in 2011.—INTERNET

as tighter integration with social networks such as Twitter and LinkedIn.

David Smith, RIM's senior vice-president of mobile computing, said: "Building on the Blackberry Playbook tablet's proven web browsing, multimedia and multitasking strengths, the new Blackberry Playbook OS 2.0 introduces a range of new communications and productivity enhancements as well as expanded app and content support." Another new feature, Blackberry Bridge, allows users to control the tablet remotely using a Blackberry smartphone. However, the popular instant-messaging service Blackberry Messenger — known colloquially as BBM — is absent from the upgrade.—*Internet*



The project was the work of a consortium which included Acpo and the National Physical Laboratories.—INTERNET

DISTRICT NEWS

Yadanabon University opens national races' cultural equipment booth

MANDALAY, 23 Feb—In commemoration of the 65th Anniversary Union Day, the national races' cultural equipment booth was opened at Yadanabon University on 10 February morning.

Director-General Dr Soe Win of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), Rector-in-charge Dr Khin Maung Oo of Yadanabon University and the chairman of the National Races' Literature and Culture Committee cut the ribbon to open the booth and visited there.

Afterwards, the talks to mark the Union Day and the traditional dances of national races were organized on a grand scale at the Pyidaungsu Hall of the university.—Kyemon

Electoral courses opened in Pyapon Township

PYAPON, 23 Feb—The electoral courses 1/2012 and the 2/2012 were opened in Pyapon on 18 and 19 February.

Township Administrator U Hla Htay, Pyapon District Election Subcommission U Ohn Han, Chairman of the Township

Opening ceremony of electoral courses 1/2012 and 2/2012 in progress in Pyapon.



The courses are conducted for chairmen, secretaries of ward and village election subcommissions in Pyapon Township of Ayeyawady Region and heads and deputy heads of ballot stations.

Subcommission U Kyaw Nyein made speeches and explained electoral process to the subcommission members.

In-charge of Pyapon District U Thein Shwe of Ayeyawady

Region Election Subcommission explained electoral process in the Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 10 at the course 2/2012. He then replied to questions raised by those present.—District IPRD

Financial rules, storekeeper courses commence

YANGON, 23 Feb—The Central Training School of the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs opened the Special Course No. 24 on Financial Rules and the Storekeeper-IV Course No. 1 at its school on 20 February morning.

Principal of the National Race Youths Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) U Aung Kyaw Nyein made an opening

address. Altogether 87 trainees are attending the six-week courses. MNA

Over 55429 acres of poppy plantations destroyed

YANGON, 23 Feb—During the period from 2011 to 2012, poppy plantations are being destroyed in the nation.

In the period of five months from 1 September 2011 to 31 January 2012, a total of 53959.61 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed in regions and states.

With regard to destruction of poppy plantations in regions and states from 1 February 2012 to 6 February, the local authorities destroyed 578 acres of poppy in Hopong Township of Shan State, 407.5 acres in Mongkai Township, 5.5 acres in Langkho Township, 44 acres in Mongphyat Township, 223 acres in Lashio Township, 19.5 acres in Namhkam Township, 26.5 acres in Kutkai Township, 56.4 acres in Mantung Township, 108.7 acres in Tangyan Township and 1.25 acres in Minhla Township of Magway Region, totalling 1470.35

more acres.

From 1 September 2011 to 6 February 2012 in the 2011-2012 poppy cultivation season, a total of 55429.96 acres of poppy plantations (22432.09 hectares) have been destroyed.

Those who abuse the narcotic drugs will be ruined in

their potentials for progress and developments, dignity, reputation and chastity along their life. As such, the entire people of the Union are to join hands with the government in eradicating the poppy cultivation as a national duty.

Ohnmar Thant (MNA)

New asphalt road commissioned into service in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 23 Feb—A ceremony to commission Kwethit 16th Street, repaved with asphalt, was held in Hsamhsai (B) Award in Tachilek on 11 February.

Executive Officer U Ko Ko of Tachilek Township Development Affairs Committee presented commemorative pennants to State Minister for Development Affairs U Tu Maung and officials.

State Minister U Tu Maung, Deputy Commissioner U Thet Lwin and Executive Officer U Ko Ko cut the ribbon to open the repaved road.

The new facility, 800 feet long and 12 feet wide, was built at a cost of K 8 million.

District IPRD

Vegetables plentiful along Sittoung River



TOUNGOO, 23 Feb—Along the banks of Sittoung River and Khabaung Creek were put under vegetables in Toungoo Township

of Bago Region because of gradual lower level of the river and the creek. At present, the various kinds of vegetables come out there.

In consequence, the prices of green groceries are declining. It is because local growers sell maize, cabbage, cauliflower, egg plant and so on at the grocery brokerages of Nyaungbinle Market in Yangon. The brokers distribute vegetables to the local retailers and send them to customers in Pyu, Zeyawady, Penwegon, Kyaukdaga, Daik U, Nyaunglebin and Bago along Yangon-Mandalay Highway. Up to last 20 days, the vegetables could earn good prices but the prices of green groceries are falling gradually due to plenty production.

Especially, cauliflower can earn a half of the past price only. A total of 100 pieces of maize is sold at K 9000 and 10 viss of cabbage at K 3000. This year, climate change unexpectedly affects the prices of vegetables in Bago Region.

Ko Lwin (Swa)

Fish and prawn resources decline at Myanmar sea

YANGON, 23 Feb—Nowadays, volume of fish and prawn resources are declining day by day at Myanmar sea, said a responsible person of Myanmar Fisheries Federation recently.

It was reported that Rakhine State caught 31.6 kilos of sea water prawn per hour in 1991-92; at present, about 10-12 kilos of sea water prawn per hour are caught at present; likewise, a total of 360 kilos of sea water fish on average per hour was caught at Myanmar sea in the past. According to the survey in 2006, about 90 kilos of sea water fish per hour could be fetched.

It was leant that it is necessary to extend breed fresh water and sea water fish and prawn for covering the declining amount of fish and prawn resources.—Kyemon

Brave electricians maintaining power line



MAWLU, 23 Feb—Electrical supervisor U Maung Maung Nyein and skilled electricians of Mawlu Model Village in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region carried out maintenance of lamp-posts and equipment, substitution of damaged service cables with new ones on 11 KV power line in Mawlu on 6 January morning.

They worked safety for electric dangers the whole day.—Kyemon

Duty assigned for cultivation of project crops in Pwintbyu

PWINTBYU, 23 Feb—A ceremony to assign duty of growing project crops on 3840 acres of farmlands for 2011-2012 fiscal year was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Pwintbyu on 7 February morning.

Township Administrator U Thet Oo Swe made an introductory speech. Next, Township Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Department U Aung Chit explained cultivation of summer sesame and summer paddy.

The Township Administrator presented certificates of assignment for cultivation of project crops to administrator of Lekaing Village-tract U Than Ko and administrator of West Lekaing Village-tract U Aung Lwin.—Township IPRD

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win holds discussion with Japanese Deputy Defence Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win received a delegation led by Mr. Hironori Kanazawa, Japanese Deputy Minister for Defence, at Zayyar Thiri Beikman here this morning.

At the call together with Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win were Lt-Gen Hla Min of the

Commander-in-Chief's Office, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander, senior officers of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, military attaché and officials concerned of Japan Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

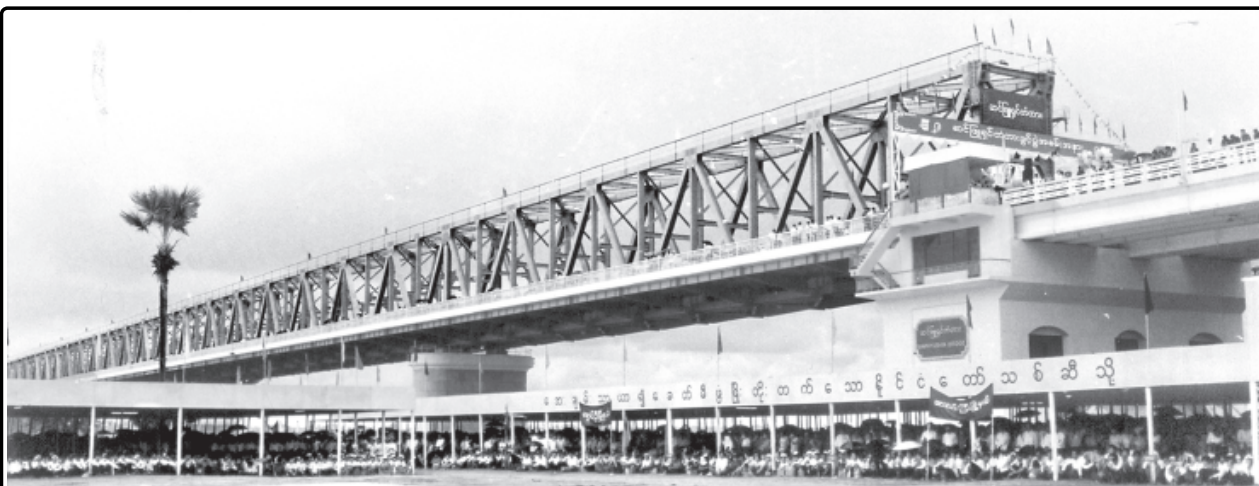
They discussed further cementing relationships between armed forces of the two countries, and exchanged gifts to each other.—MNA

Union Defence Minister, US's Dy Assistant Secretary of Defence hold talks

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb — Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min held talks with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense of the United States of American Mr Robert Newberry, Director of the Defense POW/Missing Personal Office (DPMO), over win-win cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting at the ministry here today were Deputy Minister Capt Aung Thaw and officials concerned.

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Sinbyushin Bridge links east and west bank of Chindwin River, spurring regional development

Facts about the bridge

1. The main bridge of Sinbyushin Bridge is of steel type and 4957 feet in length.
2. The approach railroad is 1765 feet long in the east and 425 feet in the west.
3. The bridge has two-lane motor road with each 14.76 feet in width, flanked by 4.92 feet wide pedestrian walks. It railroad is 19.68 feet wide.
4. It has 210 feet wide and 36 feet high clearance. It can withstand 36-ton load per vehicle.
5. Work on construction of the bridge began on 7 March, 1996 and it was commissioned into service on 18 September, 1999.

Translation: TKK

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye



- * Sinbyushin Bridge spanning over the Chindwin River serves as a link between ChaungU Township in Sagaing region and Yesagyo Township in Magway Region.
- * It is a rail-cum-road facility.
- * It has brought about smooth travel between the east and west banks of the Chindwin River, facilitating the development of the whole region.
- * Sinbyushin Bridge is the pure efforts of Myanmar engineers and it is the first bridge across the Chindwin River.
- * It has made it possible to travel Sagaing, Pakokku, Pauk, Mindat, Matupi, Kanpetlet from Mandalay by car, and rail travel to Sagaing (ChaungU), Yesagyo, Gangaw, and Kalay from Mandalay.
- * The Chindwin River-crossing Bridge (Sinbyushin) is bound to foster amicable relations between national brethren, aiding their socio-economic life improvement both in long- and short-term.

First step should be taken for promotion of tourism...

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A local expressed thanks that the local farmers have rights to grow various crops of their choice and now they are enjoying fruits of cultivation.

Chairman of Cooperative Bank U Khin Maung Aye reported on arrangements to disburse loans for regional development under the private micro-credit law.

The Vice-President donated solar lamps for 30 wards and village-tracts through village-tract administrators.

Chairman of Shwe Than Lwin Co U Kyaw Win donated five sets of DTH Sky Net receivers to local cultural troupe.

The Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd, the Chairman of Asia World Co, the Chairman of Cooperative Bank, the Chairman of Shwe Than Lwin and the Chairman of New Star Light Co donated K 10 million for cultural troupes of Shan, Kachin, Lahu, Palaung and Kokang national races.

At Myole Mingalayon Monastery, the Vice-President donated robes and alms to Presiding Nayaka Abbot Bhaddanta Vijaya and members of the Sangha and presented cash to the funds of the monastery through monastery board of trustees.

The Vice-President and wife paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image at the monastery and offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the Image and then offered gold foils to the Buddha image. They then viewed round ancient cultural works.

On their arrival at Kunlong, they were welcomed by departmental officials, members of social organizations, traditional cultural troupes and national people.

At Thanlwin Oo Hall in Kunlong, the Vice-President met departmental officials, members of social organizations, townselders and local people and

delivered an address.

The Deputy Commissioner of Kunlong District reported on accomplishments for instructions given by the Vice-President on his inspection tour on 15-12-2011.

Shan State Hluttaw representative U Tun Yin, two townselders, the township administrator and Kunlong Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Haw Shauk Chan gave an account of progress in education, health, supply of drinking water, transport and agriculture sector, matters related to Township Fire Station and availability of fire engine.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay donated 25 solar lamps for village-tracts to the respective administrators.

On behalf of the entrepreneurs, the Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd donated K 2 million each to Shan, Kachin, Wa and Kokang cultural troupes and K 20 million to development of Kunlong Township, the Chairman of Asia World Co K 20 million for five villages, the Chairman of Cooperative Bank K 42 million for 24 villages through national races and townselders.

The chairman of Shwe Than Lwin Co presented 10 sets of DTH Sky Net receivers and K 5 million for uniforms of SWAT (Kunlong) through officials.

Next, the Vice-President met Kokang national races at Thanlwin Oo Hall again and gave instructions.

Shan State Hluttaw representative U Tun Yin briefed the Vice-President on availability of drinking water, communication and availability of citizenship scrutiny instructions.

After submitting the reports, the chairman of Asia World Co presented K 40 million for supply of drinking water to Kokang national races.

Union Minister U Khin Yi explained arrangements for issuance of CSC as quickly as

possible.

After reviewing the reports, the Vice-President gave concluding remarks.

The Vice-President, wife and party arrived back in Lashio in the evening.

During the visits to Hsenwi and Kunlong, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham met departmental officials, local authorities, social organization members, townselders and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that the Union government and the Shan State government arrived there to fulfill the requirements of Hsenwi and Kokang townships again and to inspect the accomplishments for the tasks instructed by the Vice-President to do last two months.

He said that at present, the government is striving for development of the State economy while emphasizing the peace and stability of internal politics. A total of 70% of population are living in the rural areas and 30% in the urban areas, he said.

According to the calculation of UNDP and UNICEF, he said that poverty rate of the nation declined to 26% in 2010, compared with 32% in 2005. At present, he said that eight tasks of rural development and poverty alleviation campaign are being implemented with the aim of reducing the poverty rate to 16% in 2015.

As the central committee and regional work committees have been formed at different levels for the fight, it is necessary to make concerted efforts in undertaking the five-point tasks in townships without delay, he said. These committees were constituted with those persons of community in same aspiration, he added. As Hluttaw representatives will be elected in vacant constituencies in the forthcoming by-election, he urged the people to take care of electing the persons and organizations that can actually carry out regional developments.

He expressed his pleasure for convenience of local people in Kunlong Township as Hsenwi commodity checkpoint, a barrier for smooth flow of commodities, was abolished by the State. He granted to provide fire engine and open fire station, upgrade schools, open rural health branches and station hospitals, supply safe water and open village library, and requirements of townships will be fulfilled in line with the law, rules and regulations as much as possible.

He said that as the nation is still relying on agro-based economy, it is necessary to take an aim at building an industrial-based nation including agricultural sector. Although the agro-based economy makes sufficient for basic needs of the people, it cannot bring the people to higher standard of social life, he noted.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents solar lamps for 30 wards and village-tracts in Hsenwi Township.—MNA

GDP of developed countries comprise about 15% of agriculture sector, and the remaining 85% of GDP covers the industrial and service sectors, he said. Hsenwi and Kunlong townships have plenty of sound foundations for development of tourism industry, he said.

He continued to say that these regions have various sites of firm histories and historical places as tourist attractions in addition to greening forests and mountain ranges and scenic beauties.

At present, he noted that the tourists from many countries wishing to pay visits to Myanmar are increasing day by day. Thus, he added that if the booths and museums based on firm histories and historical places and buildings can be established, the tourists will be interested in these regions for their observation.

He stressed the need to take first step for promotion of tourism industry and for emergence of firm tourism destination in Hsenwi, Kutkai, Lashio and Muse of Shan State (North).

He said that only when hospitality, security, suitable accommodation and food services can be given to the tourists, will the tourism industry achieve much success.

Moreover, he asserted that feasibility survey is being conducted for establishment of an industrial zone or a special economic zone near Muse region not only to develop the industrial sector in addition to service sector but also to create the job opportunities.

About three million of people are working in foreign countries as migrant workers, he said. Likewise, some people from this region are working in other countries, but they are inconvenient and unhappy at works. If the job opportunities that can guarantee their livelihood emerge in the nation, those workers in foreign countries will come back to their home, national races, regions

and families, he said.

Therefore, he stressed the need to strive for emergence of the industrial zones, industries and value-added production that can create job opportunities. Before establishment of industrial zones, he urged those present to constitute manageable productions (for example-foodstuff) as public companies in the region and township with investments and to upgrade domestic products to the export items of the State.

He noted that it can effectively apply micro-credit scheme among eight-point task from rural development and poverty alleviation. The entrepreneurs may cooperate with micro-credit institutions and banks in upgrading cottage industries and domestic businesses to the State productions, he said.

Therefore, he urged entire local people to work in concert for emergence of the region of high social life with plenty of job opportunities by conducting and reviewing feasibility studies for works and implementing the projects in the respective regions.

In conclusion, he said that respective Union ministers and deputy ministers have attended to the needs of the townships. Some issues are to be submitted through departments concerned as it should be carried out in line with rules and regulations. Moreover, he said that the people should not put too much reliance on the government alone in solving some issues and they themselves cooperate with the government. As the national entrepreneurs have set up the fund with K 200 million for regional development and poverty alleviation, it is necessary to pour out strenuous efforts for effective operating of micro-credit institutions for basic strata, he urged. And, he expressed his wish to see undertaking of the tasks in leaps and bounds.

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Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received Mr Linus Goh Ti Liang, Executive Vice-President of OCBC Bank and party on 21 February. (News reported)—MNA

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon meets members of MCWAs, WAOs in Hsenwi and Kunlong townships

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, met members of Hsenwi Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization and leaders of national race women's social organizations totalling 122 at Hsenwi Township General Administration Department yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon said the tasks of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization include health, education and social affairs of the women folk as well as prevention against trafficking in women, all-round development of young women, conducting of vocational training schools for the economy of rural young women, and guiding the young women to live religiously in conformity with the Myanmar culture. The township MCWA is taking care of expectant mothers and giving healthcare to needy rural pregnant women. She added that it is necessary to continue cooperation on combating trafficking in young women. Then, she called on the association members to work together in

unity with goodwill and kind patience. If there is any matter that is difficult to solve at township level, coordination will be made with central level MCWA and WAF to cope with that problem, noted Daw Nan Shwe Hmon.

Next, Chairperson of Shan State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of Shan State Chief Minister explained the association's assistance for social, health and education affairs in the township and prevention against trafficking in women and functions of the associations. The township MCWA chairperson then reported on organizational set-up of the association and health, education and economic matters and members of Township WAO and national race women's social organization on general matters.

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and wife of Shan State Chief Minister presented a capital of K 1 million each for a new building of Hsenwi Township MCWA. Afterwards, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon presented K 100,000 each and gifts to women's social organizations of Kachin, Shan, Kokant and Lahu nationals.

She then met with chairpersons and members of district and township Maternal



Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, presents capital for construction of Hsenwi Township MCWA building.—MNA

and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees and Women's Affairs Organizations at Kunlong Township General Administration Department in Kunlong District. They reported on their duties and functions and requirements.

In giving a concluding remark, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon called for more efforts of development of the associations, active participation in healthcare of mothers and children, systematic management for improving the living condition of women,

organizational tasks to ensure the life security of women and zero trafficking in women, job creations, enabling women to engage in domestic science and coordination with Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. In conclusion, she said requirements would be fulfilled adding that it is heartening to see the successful efforts of the district and township level responsible persons. Then, she called for continued efforts.—MNA

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan speaks at conference on responsible tourism.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Under the aegis of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Myanmar Tourism Board and Hanns Seidel Foundation held a conference on responsible

tourism at the Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

In his speech to the conference, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for

Responsible tourism conference held



Sports U Tint Hsan said the number of tourists has increased from 791505 in 2010 to 816365 in 2011 and it has increased by 3.14 percent. So, the Myanmar tourism

industry has developed gradually. He also highlighted the important role of Myanmar's future tourism that can create prospects for development of the people's socioeconomy.

Next, Myanmar Tourism Board Vice-Chairman U Yan Win and regional resident representative Mr Axel Neubert of Hanns Seidel Foundation extended greetings. Professor Mr Harold J Goodwin of International Centre for Responsible Tourism discussed matters related to the conference.

The conference was also attended by deputy ministers, officials and guests.

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Transport ministry talks to Thai company to go green

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by General Manager Mr Krairap Luangthai of ESRI (Thailand) at his office yesterday.

The meeting focused on building

information system for conservation of Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers, aerial and satellite photography technologies, feasibility test, marine engineering, disaster risk prevention and IT for environmental conservation.—MNA



109 officials receive plan drawing & implementation skills

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb — Course No. 2/2012 on plan drawing and implementation conducted by Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development was opened at the ministry here today.

A total of 66 officials of district planning departments from regions and states, 41 officials from 33 ministries and two trainees from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry are attending the one-week course which will last till 29 February.

The course is conducted with the aim of drawing plans systematically and in

accordance with policies, said Union Minister for NPEC U Tin Naing Thein in his opening speech.

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RUMFCCI arranges to give educative talk

YANGON, 23 Feb—Supervised by Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RUMFCCI), Dr Zaw Oo from Chin Mai University will give talks on Asian Economic Community (AEC) at the first floor of RUMFCCI Office Tower at 10 am on 4 March. The interested persons may attend the talk.

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Opening of plan drawing and implementation course (officer level) No. 2/2012 in progress.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

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charges, all of which need to be paid before the end of this fiscal year. Capital expenditures are required to pay charges of the projects completed in the time of former government, and works to be finished within this year. The ministries that ask for additional allocation will have to spend the allocation before the end of the fiscal year in line with financial rules and regulations and repay the additional allocation. The Union Auditor-General will also audit the spending.

Clarification on 50-billion-kyat capital expenditure in the reset budget of the Myanmar Industrial Development Ministry is as follows: When the original 2011-2012 fiscal year budget was planned, K 50 billion was allocated to the capital expenditure budget of the President Office for the pre-engineering works of the construction of industrial buildings in Myingyan (Nabu-aing). After the Myanmar Industrial Development Ministry was formed, the President Office assigned the ministry to take over the industrial buildings project and the proposed allocation of K 50 billion to the President Office was transferred into the capital expenditure budget of the ministry in compliance with budgetary rules and regulations. And now the construction works have already come into operation. So, proposed amount K 50 billion was cut from the budget of the President Office and added to the reset budget of the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development.

Clarifications on designation of social security board under the Ministry of Labour as State-owned enterprise is as follows: the social security board expenditure has been set in the State-owned enterprises budget since before 1988. Now, social security bill has been drafted and submitted to the parliament via the Union government. When the new social security law has been enacted, social security fund will be raised with regular fees of employers and employees and allocation from the Union budget and annual budget of the social security will be drawn up with the approval of the Union government.

In the reset budget for 2011-2012 fiscal year, health expense accounts for 1.1 per cent of the total expenditure and the educational expense 3.5 per cent. However, in the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget, health expenditure has been increased to three per cent and educational expenditure to 5.04 per cent. And these two expenditures will be increased in the years to come.

Regarding the tax, K 1281.860 billion was collected for 2010-2011 fiscal year according to the actual statistics. The estimated taxation for the 2011-2012 year is K 1099.336 billion, the taxation is expected to be K 182.524 billion lesser than the last year. The reasons behind this estimated amount are reducing of export tax from 8 per cent to 5 per

cent, total tax exemption on some export items, reducing of income tax on CMP and salary-income from 10 per cent to 2 per cent, no actions against illegal motorbikes, and lower trade tax and income tax from border trade camps due to regional instability. In addition, since 2011-2012 fiscal year, taxes to be collected from regions/states included in table-5 of the constitution, have been put into in the budget of regions and states. To be able to exceed the last year's actual taxation amount at the end of this fiscal year, measures are being taken to make sure there is no tax evasion and tax manipulation.

Now, continued changes in the government's fiscal policy and monetary policy are being made because the budgets were to be implemented only with the deficits. The budget deficits would declines step by step by means of not making investments and no use of expenditures, which can not benefit the production, and collection of taxes to the full.

The Hluttaw announced the end of discussion on the principles and fundamental concepts of Additional Union Budget Allocation Bill 2012. After that, Hluttaw representatives U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 and U Moe Zaw Hein of Katha Constituency hold discussions on receipts and payments of Additional Union Budget Allocation Bill 2012. After that, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 and U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency submitted the amended proposal on Additional Union Budget Allocation Bill 2012.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun explained the Additional Union Budget Allocation Bill 2012. U Maung Toe's proposal was suspended because of its being a legal dispute. The Hluttaw decided to review it by Joint Bill Committee. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than explained supplementary funds of the Additional Union Budget Allocation Bill 2012.

Union Hluttaw took vote to approve the each paragraphs of Additional Union Budget Allocation Bill 2012. The Hluttaw approved the proposal on Bill's name and introduction which should be the part of the Bill with majority "yes" votes. The Hluttaw also approved the proposal on Bill's Section (1), Para (1), Section (2), Para (2) and (3) which should be the part of the Bill with majority of "yes" votes.

The Hluttaw took votes on proposal of Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 on the amended proposal of the President's Office on Additional Union Budget Allocation Bill 2012, and announced that the amended proposal is void because of majority "No" votes.

After that, the Hluttaw took the votes by pressing buttons on proposal on "the table (1) that includes capital expenditure of K 817.170 million and revenue expenditure of K 177503.263 million additional allotted to the President, Union Government, Union Supreme Court, Union Attorney-General, Union Auditor-General, Union Election Commission and Union Civil Services Board, should be the part of the Bill.

The Hluttaw announced that it is approved by majority "yes" vote.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal on the table-2 that includes additional revenue expenditures of K 418522.850 million, interest payment of K 96566.517 million, cash assistance of K 160417.842 million capital expenditure of K 470560.983 million and loan repayment of K 4.983 million allotted to 26 Union-Level Ministries—Foreign Affairs, Defence, Border Affairs, Home Affairs, Immigration and Population, Religious Affairs, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Information, Culture, Education, Health, Sports, Labour, Agriculture and Irrigation, Mines, Energy, Electric Power No.2, Construction, Transport, Rail Transportation, Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Commerce, Hotels and Tourism, Cooperatives, National Planning and Economic Development, and Finance and Revenue, and 14 States/Regions, are the part of the bill, with majority "yes" vote.

The Hluttaw approved that the proposal "Table 3 describing that revenue expenditure K 60 million, that amount was allowed to be spent by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee should be part of the bill" because of "yes" ballots more than "no".

A representative agreed with the proposal "to prove the budget bill of the Union of 2012" presented by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, in stead of the Union Government.

The Hluttaw announced that it was approved because of much "yes" ballots more than "no".

The today's session ended at 1:00 pm, and the 15th day meeting of the Hluttaw continues at 10:00 am on 24 February.

At the today's session, there were matters related to replacing committee member at Joint Public Accounts Committee, two proposals submitted, one proposal discussed, one proposal approved, one bill discussed to be approved, two amended proposal tabled, one proposal to be conferred by the joint bill committee, and one proposal voided.—MNA



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and wife being welcomed by Brunei Ambassador to Myanmar Pehin Dato Rahmani Dato Basir at the reception to mark 28th Anniversary National Day of Brunei Darussalam in Yangon on 23 February.

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British cruise ship passenger arrested in Sydney, Australia

SYDNEY, 23 Feb—A British cruise ship passenger has been arrested at the Overseas Passenger Terminal in Sydney's Circular Quay after he allegedly attempted to smuggle a large quantity of cocaine into Australia, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) said on Wednesday.

The 59-year-old British man, who travelled to Sydney aboard the P&O ship Aurora,

was stopped by Australian Customs and Border Protection officers on 17 February after drug detection dog showed a positive reaction to narcotics.

He was subsequently found to be concealing several silver packages inside a wetsuit he was wearing beneath his clothes and a further 25 packages concealed in three suitcases

were discovered in the man's cabin, the AFP said.

AFP officers estimated that the man was carrying 30 kilograms of cocaine.

The man is expected to appear in Sydney Central Local Court on Wednesday.

The maximum penalty for this offense is life imprisonment and an 825,000 AU dollars (879,000 US dollars) fine.—Xinhua



A British cruise ship passenger has been arrested in Sydney after he allegedly tried to import a large quantity of cocaine into Australia, police said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Israel intercepts smuggled bomb

JERUSALEM, 23 Feb—Israeli soldiers near the Sinai border say they intercepted an attempt to smuggle an explosive device into the country from Egypt.

Arutz Shiva reported the smugglers escaped arrest Monday night but a package containing a large bomb was found the next morning. The device was safely neutralized, officials said.

The Israeli military has boosted patrols along the border in the southern Negev region.

"This additional incident again exposes the smuggling route on the western border that is exploited by terrorist organizations against Israeli civilians and soldiers," a military spokesman was quoted as saying.

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Eleven children found in cramped home

DAYTON, 23 Feb—Eleven children, two of them babies, were removed from a small house they shared with 10 adults, Texas child protection officials say. Investigators said three of the children, a boy and girl who were both 2 years old and a legally blind 5-year-old girl, were tied to beds or mattresses, the *Houston Chronicle* reported. Many of the children showed signs of physical abuse.

The children, who ranged in age from 5 months to 11, are believed to be related to the person who served as their caretaker in a small house in Dayton, about 40 miles northeast of Houston. The caretaker's son, a registered sex offender, lists the house as his address although he was not there at the time of the raid.

Child Protective Services took custody of the children after the raid last month by child protection and the Dayton police. They are now in foster care. Two 16-year-olds who had run away from adoptive or foster homes were found on the premises. They had allegedly driven there in a stolen car and one said he had heard from a brother that the house was "fun." Gwen Carter, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Family and Protective Services, said the children were not getting proper medical treatment and those who were school age were not going to school.

Internet

Nearly 300 elephants slain in Cameroon for ivory, government minister confirms

YAOUNDE, 23 Feb—Poachers in search of ivory in northern Cameroon have slaughtered nearly 300 elephants for their tusks since mid-January, according to the country's minister of forestry and wildlife.

Minister Ngole Philip Ngwese backed up a claim by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) that an armed gang of Sudanese poachers had killed the free-roaming elephants in the Boubou Ndjida National Park, on Cameroon's border with Chad.

Park officials say many orphaned elephant calves have been spotted, and concerns are high the babies may soon die of hunger and thirst.

One park official, Bouba Jadi, told CNN the deaths are worsening the situation for Cameroon's already threatened elephant populations. According to official estimates, there are between 1,000 and 5,000 elephants in Cameroon.

Officials on a tour on Monday saw at least 100 elephant carcasses. More

carcasses are expected to be found in unexplored regions of the national park. A massive crackdown on poachers has been launched, according to officials in the west Central African nation.

"It was common for armed gangs of poachers to cross from Sudan during the dry season to kill elephants for their ivory. But this latest massacre is massive and has no comparison to those of the preceding years," IFAW official Celine Sissler Bienvenu told a local newspaper, *The Voice*.—Internet



The government in Cameroon has launched a crackdown on poachers who have been killing elephants for their tusks.

INTERNET

Police storm Bali prison to end riot

DENPASAR, 23 Feb—Indonesian security forces stormed Bali's Kerobokan prison around dawn on Wednesday to end a riot at the jail, where 12 Australian inmates are housed, a police official said.

"Police and military forces entered the prison at about dawn. They were forced to open fire and three people were injured in the legs and taken to hospital," Bali deputy police chief Ketut Untung Sayoga told AFP.

"We are still trying to calm the situation down," he said.

Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) said all 12 Australian prisoners at Kerobokan, including two on death row and six serving life sentences, were safe.

"Indonesian authorities

have advised that all Australian prisoners in Kerobokan prison are safe," a DFAT spokesperson told AFP. Among them are convicted drug carrier

Schapelle Corby and the group known as the "Bali Nine", who were caught attempting to smuggle drugs back to Australia from the resort island.—Internet



An Indonesian prisoner injured during the riots is carried away outside Kerobokan prison in Denpasar on the Indonesian resort island of Bali on 22 February, 2012.—INTERNET

Speed Freak killer: 3rd site has remains

SACRAMENTO, 23 Feb—Wesley Shermantine, one of California's so-called Speed Freak Killers, has told authorities another of his victims can be found at a third site, police said.

Investigators have found hundreds of bone fragments belonging to as many as 30 slayings Shermantine says he and Loren Herzog committed from 1984 to 1999, *The Sacramento Bee* reported on Tuesday. The remains were found in a well near Linden in San Joaquin County. Shermantine is on death row for the murders of four people, including Cyndi Vanderheiden, 25, who disappeared in 1998, and Chevelle "Chevy" Wheeler, who was reported missing in 1985. He directed police to their bodies this month. The sites, including the well Shermantine told bounty hunter Leonard Padilla about Sunday, are within a mile of each other. "It means that there's another body out there to be found," Padilla told the *Bee* Monday.

Five years ago, Shermantine offered to provide the location of 10 to 20 bodies he said he and Herzog dumped near Linden in exchange for \$33,000, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. The money would help pay off the remainder of his restitution order, buy headstones for his parents' graves and provide comforts for his cell, he said. Shermantine's offer was ignored until Padilla stepped forward and paid to hear the information about the bodies. Two months ago, Padilla told Herzog about the information he had obtained and the parolee hanged himself in January, authorities said.—Internet

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A Shepherd's beaked whale off the coast of Australia's Victoria State.—INTERNET



SYDNEY, 23 Feb—Australian researchers Thursday revealed they had filmed a pod of extremely rare Shepherd's beaked whales for the first time ever.

The Australian Antarctic Division team was tracking blue whales off the coast of Victoria state last month when they spotted the reclusive mammals, which are so rarely seen that no population estimates of the species exist.

Voyage leader Michael Double said the black and cream-coloured mammals with prominent dolphin-like beaks had been spotted in the wild only a handful of times through history.

According to the Australian environment department, there have only been two previous confirmed sightings — a lone individual in New Zealand and a group of three in Western Australia.

They have never been filmed live before.



Members of the Mexican Federal Police work at the site of an airplane crash, near the town of Refugio Padrone, in the State of Jalisco, Mexico, on the last hours of on 21 Feb, 2012. The airplane was on its way to Mexico City from the City of Los Cabos. The pilot and copilot were killed in the accident.—XINHUA

Rare whale caught on film for first time

"These animals are practically entirely known from stranded dead whales, and there haven't been many of them," Double told AFP, calling the footage "unique".

"They are an offshore animal, occupying deep water, and when they surface it is only for a very short period of time."

Double said what was remarkable about the sighting was that the whale was previously thought to be a solitary creature, yet was in a pod of 10 to 12.

"To find them in a pod is very exciting and will change the guide books. Our two whale experts will now carefully study the footage to work out the whale sizes and so on and prepare a scientific paper."

The Shepherd's beaked whale, also known as the Tasman beaked whale, was discovered in 1937 but little is known about them.

Internet

Brazilian aircraft carrier catches fire; one dead

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Feb—One sailor died and two suffered burns in a fire on Wednesday aboard the aircraft carrier Sao Paulo, the only warship of its type in Brazil's navy, officials said.

The fire was of "small proportions" and broke out at 3 am in one of the sailors' sleeping rooms in the vessel's stern, the navy said. The blaze surprised the sailors who were sleeping nearby. The vessel was anchored at the Navy Arsenal at Ilha de Cobras, a base in central Rio de Janeiro on Guanabara Bay.

"Two of the sailors did not manage to get out of the room in the initial moments of the fire and were only removed from the room later. Unfortunately, one of them died about 5 am," the navy said. The other sailor was taken to the Marcilio Dias Naval Hospital in Rio de Janeiro, where doctors pronounced him in stable condition. A third sailor suffered slight injuries on his feet and was treated at the Arsenal naval base hospital and released.

The Sao Paulo has room to carry 1,300 crewmembers.

Internet

Caffeine intake during breast-feeding may harm your baby

WASHINGTON, 23 Feb—Drinking coffee, tea or eating chocolate while breast-feeding may lead to caffeine accumulation and symptoms such as wakefulness and irritability in babies, an expert has warned.

This is because babies cannot metabolize or excrete caffeine very well, said Dr Ruth Lawrence, Department of Pediatrics, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Caffeine is found in a wide range of products in addition to coffee, tea, and chocolate, including soft drinks, sports drinks, and some over-the-counter medications.

Dr Lawrence bases her responses on the scientific and medical evidence related to caffeine exposure in breastfed babies, and distinguishes between what is and what is not well understood in this developing field of study.

"Usually a mother, particularly if she is breast-feeding, is cautioned to limit

her caffeine intake," said Dr Lawrence.

After giving birth, mothers "should consume all things in moderation and try to avoid the excesses that might really add up to a lot of caffeine."

Dr Lawrence made her comment in *Journal of Caffeine Research*, a peer-reviewed journal from Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.—Internet



Vehicles sustain damage after a chain-reaction pileup on Interstate 75 in Campbell County, Tenn, on 19 Feb, 2012. Tennessee State police say a juvenile was seriously injured and others were hurt when blinding snow and fog contributed to the string of crashes along a three-mile stretch of Interstate 75 near Jellico, Tenn. INTERNET

Chlorine leak forces 300-villager evacuation

HANGZHOU, 23 Feb—Homes of more than 300 villagers in east China's Zhejiang Province were evacuated on Wednesday as a road accident involving a vehicle carrying liquid chlorine caused a spill of the dangerous material, according to an announcement on

Thursday. The crash happened at about 3 pm Wednesday at a road section of the township of Bao'an in the city of Jiangshan, when three vehicles piled up, including a truck carrying chlorine, said an official with the city's fire department. The driver of the truck was slightly

injured, added the official.

Over 80 households within a 2-km radius of the crash were evacuated, as workers cleaned the scene by blocking and diluting the leaked chlorine.

By Thursday morning, all villagers had returned home after observation in hospital.

Xinhua

Two killed in gang fight in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 23 Feb—A brawl at Gatot Soebroto Army Hospital in Central Jakarta at around 2 am local time on Thursday left two people dead and four others injured.

"The incident was happened as a group of mourners at the hospital's funeral home were suddenly attacked by a large number of people," Jakarta Police's Public Relations Division Head Sr Comm. Rikwanto told Xinhua by phone on Thursday.

However, the motive for the attack remains unclear.

"We are still hunting the perpetrators," said Rikwanto.—Xinhua



A flock of birds fly at the Caohai State Nature Reserve in Weining County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 21 Feb, 2012. More than 1,500 black-necked cranes spent this winter at the reserve.

XINHUA

Engineer aims for 'annoying' with alarm

A New York engineer said he raised \$75,000 in just six days to create what he describes as the world's most "annoying" alarm clock.

Paul Sammut, 24, said he was inspired by his mother's method of waking him up in high school and wanted to emulate her "annoying" tactics, the *New York Daily News* reported on Wednesday.

"In high school, I had a really good alarm clock, and it was my mom," he said. "She wouldn't stop annoying me until I got out of bed. I tried to think of something similar to that."

Sammut said his

invention, which he dubbed the Ramos clock, will only stop ringing when the owner uses a punch pad to send a wireless signal from a room or two away.

"You can't turn it off, you can't reset. It's going to go off," he said. "It's friendly. You just need to do what it says." Sammut said he showcased his prototype on fundraising Web site kickstarter.com and raised \$75,000 in just six days. He said the first customers will receive their clocks in September.

News Album

Lottery-pitching groundhog fired

The Pennsylvania State lottery has fired advertising icon "Gus, the second-most famous groundhog" in the state behind Punxsutawney Phil, authorities say.

That's showbiz — or in this case, marketing — as Pennsylvania Lottery Executive Director Todd Rucci indicated at a legislative hearing Tuesday.

The TV ad campaign that began in 2004 featuring the furry puppet Gus has ended, but you'll still be able to find him on the lottery Web site for the time being, the *courierpostonline.com* reported on Wednesday.

Officials say they hope a new campaign will make more people aware of the lottery, *The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News* said.

"We're shifting our marketing in a new direction," Rucci said, "of making people more aware of the great things that the lottery does. We are shifting our instant [lottery] product away from Gus into a new campaign which you'll see hopefully here in early March."

165 injured in orange-tossing event

Authorities in Italy said 165 people were injured in the Battle of the Oranges, an event that saw nearly 35,000 people flinging citrus.

The emergency responders said 152 people were treated Monday at medical stations during the Ivrea event, which commemorates the throwing of stones during an uprising against a local tyrant several centuries ago. Thirteen of those injured required treatment at a hospital, ANSA reported on Monday.



Groundhog handler Ron Ploucha holds weather prognosticating groundhog Punxsutawney Phil after his annual weather prediction on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa. on 2 Feb. 2012.



(L-R) Producers Michael Barnathan, Chris Columbus, actresses Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer and producers Tate Taylor and Brunson Green hold the award for Outstanding Motion Picture for 'The Help' in the Press room at the 34th NAACP Image Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on 17 Feb. 2012.

INTERNET

Meryl Streep to hand out Oscars

BEVERLY HILLS, 23 Feb.—Meryl Streep, who is up for the Best Actress Oscar for her work in "The Iron Lady," is to be a presenter at the 84th Academy Awards show in Los Angeles.

The ABC telecast's producers announced on Wednesday her participation in Sunday's prize presentation at Hollywood & Highland Centre, formerly known as the Kodak Theatre.

This is Streep's 17th Oscar nomination. She won a Supporting Actress Oscar in

1979 for her role in "Kramer vs. Kramer" and the Best Actress award in 1982 for her role in "Sophie's Choice." Her other film credits include "It's Complicated," "Julie & Julia," "Doubt," "The Devil Wears Prada," "Adaptation," "The Hours," "Music of the Heart," "The Bridges of Madison County," "The River Wild," "Ironweed" and "Silkwood." Streep will be seen next in "Great Hope Springs."

Previously announced Oscar presenters include Halle Berry, Rose Byrne,

Cohen can't go to Oscars as 'Dictator'

LOS ANGELES, 23 Feb.—Sacha Baron Cohen is not allowed to attend the Oscars in Los Angeles dressed as a character from his film "The Dictator," organizers said.

The British comedian and actor, known for his outrageous publicity stunts, is a cast member of Best Picture Oscar contender "Hugo," Martin Scorsese's first family flick.

The *Hollywood Reporter* said this week Cohen plans to attend the film industry's biggest night, dressed and acting like the bearded, Middle Eastern totalitarian ruler he plays in his upcoming comedy "The Dictator."

The academy subsequently reached out to Cohen's representatives and Paramount, the studio behind both "Hugo" and "Dictator,"

asking if Cohen really intends to walk the Oscar red carpet in character.

"We don't think it's appropriate," an academy spokesman told *The Hollywood Reporter*.

"But his tickets haven't been pulled. We're waiting to hear back," the spokesman said. "We haven't banned him."

Internet



In this handout photo provided by MTV, actor Sacha Baron Cohen participates in the Hope For Haiti Now: A Global Benefit For Earthquake Relief telethon on 22 Jan. 2010 in Los Angeles.

INTERNET

DiCaprio helps academy buy 'Oz' ruby slippers

LOS ANGELES, 23 Feb.—Hollywood's Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences says actor Leonardo DiCaprio helped it buy the ruby slippers worn in "The Wizard of Oz."

Joe Maddalena, owner of Profiles in History in Los Angeles, said Wednesday he arranged the sale of the iconic props. He did not mention how much the academy paid for them. "They are the Holy Grail of all Hollywood memorabilia," Rhys Thomas, expert and author of "The Ruby Slippers of Oz," said in a statement.

"Far more than just a pair of red-sequined shoes, they are an indelible icon of a uniquely American fairy tale," Thomas said. "And of the four pairs of authentic ruby slippers known to exist, this pair offered by Profiles in History, marked 'No 7 Judy Garland' and known as

the 'Witch's Shoes,' are the most important and most valuable. Without question, they are the 'close-up' shoes, worn by Garland when she clicks her heels three times.



Red "Ruby Slippers," worn by Judy Garland as Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, on display at the National Museum of American History in Washington, on 19 Nov. 2008.—INTERNET

They are the 'Take me home to Kansas,' shoes, transcending Hollywood, representing an enduring symbol of the power of belief." Three other pairs of screen-used ruby slippers are

known to have survived the 70-plus years since the movie was made. One set is in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, one is owned by a private collector and one was stolen from the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids, Minn. The academy said DiCaprio led a group of "angel donors," including director Steven Spielberg, whose gifts to the Academy Foundation enabled the purchase. "Leo's passionate leadership has helped us bring home this legendary piece of movie history," Academy Chief Executive Officer Dawn Hudson said. "It's a wonderful gift to the academy museum project, and a perfect representation of the work we do year-round to preserve and share our film heritage."

Internet



American actress Meryl Streep attends the "Orange British Academy Film Awards" at the Royal Opera House in London on 12 Feb. 2012.

INTERNET

Bradley Cooper, Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Michael Douglas, Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Zach Galifianakis, Tom Hanks, Angelina Jolie, Milla Jovovich, Ellie Kemper, Jennifer Lopez, Melissa McCarthy, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Maya Rudolph, Emma Stone and Kristen Wiig.

Internet

Justin Bieber to release new book

LONDON, 23 Feb.—Teen sensation Justin Bieber says he will release a second book of photographs called "Justin Bieber: Just Getting Started" in September this year.

The 17-year-old's first tome "First Step 2 Forever: My Story" sold over one million copies since its release in 2010. *Femalefirst.co.uk* reports that the new book will feature exclusive photos of

Bieber filming his "Never Say Never" movie, performing across the world and recording his next album "Believe".

"I'm so excited to be working on another book with HarperCollins. Being able to share my story with my fans through these books is an absolute privilege. I can't wait to show them more about my



Justin Bieber

life on tour and in the studio in this next book," he said in a statement.—Internet

Barrymore wants a 'timeless' wedding dress

LOS ANGELES, 23 Feb.—Actress Drew Barrymore, who announced her engagement to art consultant Will Kopelman, says she wants a "timeless" wedding gown.

"Not a plunging neckline (gown)! Something tasteful. Something timeless," showbizspy.com quoted the 37-year-old as saying.

Barrymore was earlier married to bar owner Jeremy Thomas and rapper Tom Green.—Internet



Actress Drew Barrymore

Classy Man City crush holders Porto

Manchester City 4-0 FC Porto (agg 6-1)

LONDON, 23 Feb — Sergio Aguero scored after only 19 seconds as Manchester City cruised into the last 16 of the Europa League at the expense of holders FC Porto.

The Argentine forward latched on to Yaya Toure's through ball before producing a cool finish in the opening minute and City did not look back. They nearly doubled their lead when Aguero curled a shot from a tricky angle against the bar

with Porto keeper Helton stranded. After the break, the Argentine slipped a perfectly-weighted ball through to Edin Dzeko, who slotted in the second — and Porto's Rolando was sent off for a second yellow card in the aftermath for protesting. David Pizarro set up David Silva for a tap in, then the Chilean completed the rout as Porto collapsed in the later stages and City booked a last-16 tie against Sporting or Legia Warsaw. — *Internet*



Sergio Aguero's early strike set Manchester City on their way. — *INTERNET*

UK emergency services hold big Olympics test

LONDON, 23 Feb — British police, fire and ambulance staff held a huge pre-Olympics security exercise Wednesday centring on a mock terrorist attack on the London subway system. The two-day test — called "Exercise Forward Defensive" — started at the Aldwych subway station, which has been closed to commuters since 1994. The London Underground maintains the station so it can be used in movies and rented for parties. The security simulates an attack on one of the busiest days during the 2012 London Olympics. Authorities declined to reveal the exact scenario in advance, saying surprise is a key element of the exercise. "It's about ensuring that we have the right people in the right places, that we understand how others operate and that

we are talking to each other at the right levels and in the right way," said Assistant Commissioner Chris Allison of the Metropolitan Police.

The test is a part of efforts to create confidence ahead of the games, which open 27 July and end 12 August. British Transport Police spokesman Simon Lubin said for participants the test evoked memories of the 7 July, 2005, London transit attacks, when four suicide bombers killed 52 commuters aboard three subway trains and a bus. The attacks came a day after London was awarded the 2012 Olympics. — *Internet*



A man with a mock injury is escorted out during an exercise of a simulated terrorist attack on the London Underground network at a disused tube station in central London, on 22 Feb, 2012. — *INTERNET*

United slayers Basel stun Bayern Munich

BASEL, 23 Feb — FC Basel boosted their chances of a place in the Champions League quarter-finals with a shock 1-0 win over Bayern Munich in the last 16 first-leg tie on Wednesday. Having beaten Manchester United 2-1 in Basel last December, the hosts pulled off another stunning victory when midfielder Valentin Stocker found the target in the 86th minute having been left unmarked by the Munich defence. "It was a very difficult game, Bayern made us run a lot," admitted Basel goalkeeper Yann Sommer.



FC Basel's midfielder Valentin Stocker (C) celebrates with teammate forward Alexander Frei (L) after he scored against Bayern Munich's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer (R) during their UEFA Champions League round of sixteen first leg football match between Swiss football club FC Basel versus Germany's Bayern Munich at the St Jakob stadium in Basel. — *INTERNET*

"We have beaten two of the best teams in the world here now — Manchester United, from who we took four points in total, and Bayern which is unbelievable for a Swiss team. "But we are a good side and we believe in ourselves so I

don't think Bayern underestimated us."

The defeat compounded Bayern's flagging confidence ahead of the return leg on 13 March at their Allianz Arena, which also hosts the final on 19 May. While Basel are flying

high at the top of the Swiss league, Bayern have won just three of their seven games since Christmas and were held to a goalless draw at bottom side Freiburg last Saturday to leave them third in the Bundesliga. — *Internet*

Top-ranked Azarenka pulls out of Dubai tournament

DUBAI, 23 Feb — Top-ranked Victoria Azarenka pulled out of the Dubai Tennis Championships on Wednesday because of a left ankle injury. The 22-year-old Azarenka said she will rest for two or three days, hoping the ankle will heal. The Belarusian, who has won 17 straight matches so far this season, said she'll take a break from tennis and go home to spend some time with her family.

"Obviously it's very disappointing, but, I mean, it's life. It's sport. I just have to take care of it and that's it," Azarenka said. "I

take a couple of days off just to see and hopefully it will settle down for as long that I don't need to take a scan or anything. "But I just need to have my peace of mind and probably will still do the same just to make sure there is nothing really serious. But it has to be taken care of right away." The 22-year-old Azarenka was the top top-seeded player at the Dubai tournament and was scheduled to play her opening match against Julia Goerges of Germany later Wednesday.

The Australia Open champion injured her left ankle during last week's semifinal match at the Qatar

Open. However, Azarenka shook off the injury to win the Qatar Open on Sunday, beating Sam Stosur 6-1, 6-2. It was the Belarusian's 17th straight victory and her first

title since replacing Caroline Wozniacki at the top of the rankings after winning in Melbourne. The Doha victory was Azarenka's third title of 2012. — *Internet*

Stosur, Wozniacki advance in Dubai

DUBAI, 23 Feb — US Open champion Samantha Stosur defeated Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-1 Wednesday to advance to the third round of the Dubai Tennis Championships. Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki topped Romania's Simona Halep 6-2, 6-3. She'll face Ana Ivanovic, who defeated Maria Kirilenko of Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (4).

Stosur broke twice in the first and third sets and saved all nine break points she faced in the match. She will meet Jelena Jankovic of Serbia in the third round on Thursday.

Jankovic defeated Italy's Flavia Pennetta 7-5, 6-4. Jankovic beat Stosur in the quarterfinals in the Dubai tournament last year. "Good chance for me to try and



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark returns the ball to Simona Halep of Romania during their Dubai WTA tennis Championships match in the Gulf emirate on 22 Feb, 2012. — *INTERNET*

bounce back from that loss," Stosur said. "I think I've got to really step up and play aggressive and realize she's not going to make too many errors."

— *Internet*



Belarus' Victoria Azarenka returns the ball to Australia's Samantha Stosur during their women's singles final match at the Qatar tennis open tournament in Doha, on 19 Feb, 2012. — *INTERNET*

Roddick out in first round in Memphis

MEMPHIS, 23 Feb — Defending champion Andy Roddick was beaten by Xavier Malisse, 7-6 (8), 7-5, in an opening-round match on Wednesday at the Regions Morgan Keegan Championships. For Roddick, whose world ranking has slipped to 27th, it was his earliest exit from the Memphis tournament in 12 appearances. Veteran Malisse, ranked 75th, was winless in four matches this season and in nine career matches against Roddick.

Roddick, seeded No 2, has been slowed by hamstring and ankle problems this season. He was unable to capitalize on two set points in the first and was broken in the last game of the second by the 31-year-old Belgian. Olivier Rochus of Belgium and Philipp Petzschner of Germany also pulled off upsets on Wednesday. Rochus beat No 5 Alex Bogomolov of Russia, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5) and Petzschner defeated No 6 Julien Benneteau of France, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6). — *Internet*

Woods survives, Donald doesn't at Match Play

MARANA, 23 Feb — Tiger Woods had to play a left-handed shot out of the desert. Relief Goosen holed out from 156 yards and didn't even win the hole. Dustin Johnson twice won a hole after taking a penalty drop.

But the strangest sight of all Wednesday at the Match Play Championship didn't come from the golf course. It was Luke Donald on his way to the airport.

"Golf is like that sometimes," Donald said after his 5-and-4 loss to Ernie Els, becoming only the third No 1 seed to lose in the opening round.

"It's a fickle game, and sometimes it bites you." It almost took a bite out of Woods, who had to rally to beat Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano; and US Open champion Rory McIlroy, the No 2 seed who was 3 up with three holes to play and was sweating on the 18th until George Coetzee missed a short putt for par. Donald was so dominant last year in



Tiger Woods hits a left-handed shot out of the rough on the second fairway during the first round of the Match Play Championship golf tournament, on 22 Feb, 2012, in Marana, Ariz. — *INTERNET*

winning the Match Play Championship that he closed out all six of his matches before they reached the 18th hole.

He won't be playing the closing hole at Dove Mountain this year, either. — *Internet*

International Sports

Fire preventive measures inspected at markets

TAIKKYI, 23 Feb—Township electrical engineer U Thein Lwin, administrator of Ward 2 U Maung Maung Kyaw and in-charge of Aphyauk Development



Market U Chit Wai Phyo inspected installation of power lines, switching control and systematic use of fire at the market in Aphyauk, Taikkyi Township on 19 February.

They also gave talks on fire preventive measures and danger of fire and electricity.—Township IPRD

Taungdwingyi gets new rural gravel road, bridges

TAUNGDWINGYI, 23 Feb—A ceremony to open new gravel road as ringroad of market and wooden bridges was held at the new road and new bridges in Hsathwa Village of Taungdwingyi Township in Magway Region on 10 February morning.

Region Hluttaw representative U Kyi Thein, Township Administrator U Myat Kyaw, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Aung Phyo Kyaw and Village administrator U Than Zaw Oo formally opened the new road and bridges.

The new gravel road is 1025 feet long and 12 feet wide. The wooden bridges are 20 feet long and five feet wide each.

Township IPRD

Nathan Cleverly promises to be a model professional



LONDON, 23 Feb—Nathan Cleverly has promised to be the model professional ahead of his WBO light-heavyweight title defence and restore class back into British boxing. Cleverly fights American Tommy Karpency on Saturday and he wants to repair boxing's reputation after the Derek Chisora and David Haye controversy.

They clashed in a Press conference after Vitali Klitschko beat Chisora in a WBC heavyweight title bout in Munich. Cleverly said: "People are going to be looking for people to lead by example." The Welshman added: "I have a chance to do that, conduct myself in a professional manner as always and leave my talking for inside the ring not outside."

Boxing has been in the headlines for all the wrong reasons this week and Chisora, who was arrested by German police before being released after questioning, also slapped Klitschko ahead of the bout. Chisora also spat water in the face of Klitschko's brother Wladimir, and faces a British Boxing Board of Control hearing next month because of his behaviour in Munich. German police, meanwhile, remain keen to talk to former WBA heavyweight champion Haye over his role in the incident. — Internet

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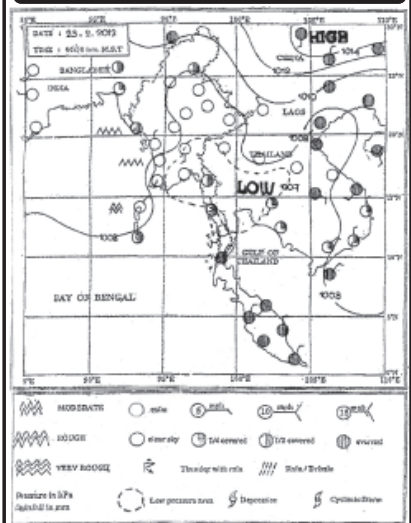
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- 7:50 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
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- 4. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
- 8:25 am
- 5. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performings Arts Competitions
- 4:10 pm
- 6. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 7. Song Of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 8. 2012 University Entrance Examination (Physics)
- 5:25 pm
- 9. Songs Of Yester Years
- 5:50 pm
- 10. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm
- 11. Internet Garden
- 6:50 pm
- 12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 13. News
- 14. International News
- 15. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
- 16. TV Drama Series
- 17. Song Lovers

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 24th February, 2012

St. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)	Forecast	Percent
		Maximum Minimum		
1	Kachin	31/88 15/59	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	32/90 12/54	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	38/100 17/63	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	23/73 09/48	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90 13/55	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97 17/63	Generally fair weather	
7	Tanintharyi	36/97 18/64	Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	35/95 18/64	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	38/100 18/64	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	36/97 17/63	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	37/99 18/64	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	36/97 19/66	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	31/88 18/64	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	29/84 10/50	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	30/86 08/46	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	30/86 10/50	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyarwady	36/97 19/66	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97 17/63	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97 19/66	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97 17/63	Generally fair weather	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Tanintharyi Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (4°C) below February average temperatures in Tanintharyi Region and Kayin State, (7°C) to (4°C) above February average temperatures Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Chin States and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Namsan and Lailan (4°C) each, Hetho (5°C) and Pinnang (9°C).

Bay reference

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Poorly Rooney out of Ajax Europa League tie

LONDON, 23 Feb—Striker Wayne Rooney will miss Thursday's Europa League second leg tie with Ajax due to a throat infection. Rooney turned up for Wednesday's training session with the club, but was sent home due to the illness.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said he was resting the 26-year-old in the hope he will be available for Sunday's Premier League game at Norwich. Tom Cleverley is expected to be fit to play 90 minutes after recovering from an ankle injury.

"He has a really bad throat. There were traces of it

in Amsterdam and we gave him some medication but it got worse," Ferguson said of Rooney.

"He has been in bed over the weekend and came in today for the first time and we

are trying hard to get him right for Sunday."

United go into the game defending a two-goal goal lead over the Amsterdam club from the first leg.

Internet



Striker Wayne Rooney.

Ranieri: Defeat to Olympique de Marseille is a snapshot of Inter's situation

MILAN, 23 Feb—Inter coach Claudio Ranieri says that Wednesday's 1-0 defeat to Olympique de Marseille reflects the club's poor situation at the moment. A goal from Andre Ayew in the dying moments of the match gave Claudio Ranieri's side its fourth straight defeat, and its sixth loss in the last seven matches.

"We knew they would come out strongly and add plenty of pressure in the first half, but we had good chances to take the lead," Ranieri told Sky Sport Italia. "This was a snapshot of our situation, when things go wrong, they really go wrong. The tie is not over, if the stadium is filled



Inter coach Claudio Ranieri.

with our fans, we can turn the score around." The Italian coach was then asked questions about his tactical choices after Mauro Zarate and Diego Forlan were both included in his starting lineup against the Ligue 1 club.

"I needed quick players who are good in one-on-one situations," Ranieri added. "[Diego] Milito was not at 100 percent. "We missed luck, which has not been with us lately. Marseille hardly took a shot on goal.—Internet

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 14th day

Member of Joint Public Account Committee substituted and assigned, decision made to discuss one proposal, one proposal approved, one bill discussed, decision made to review one proposal, cancellation of one proposal announced



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives at the 14th day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb.—The 14th day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 537 MPs.

First, the replacement of U Thant Zin from Gyobingauk Constituency with Defence Services

Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Col Myint Ko Ko for as the member of Public Accounts Joint Committee was announced. The replacement was decided at the third day third regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw on 15 February, 2012.

U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No

(9) urged the Union government, in submitting annual fiscal year budgetary allocation bill, to assign Auditor-General's Office to submit six-month-period financial report of current fiscal year and regular report on previous fiscal year to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on December annually, to submit audit report on additional budgetary allocation bill for the current fiscal year in January annually, to submit budgetary allocation bill for the coming fiscal year in February annually with firm evidences so that budgetary implementation of the institutions to which Union budget is allocated and works and spending of departments and organizations can be scrutinized and approved. An MP seconded the proposal and the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal.

Next, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun talked about discussion on policy and basic principles of additional budget allocation bill of the Union for 2012 made on 13 day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. He said: according to the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, 2011-2012 fiscal year budget was drawn up as Union budget and region/state budgets. As the region and state governments have just come into force, the first six month of the budget from April to September was spent from Union fund and the second six month from October to March will be allocated from Union fund and region/state funds.

Most of the normal expenditure asked to allocate as additional expense for this fiscal year is income tax between government institutions, funds to the State and interest (See page 10)

Union Health Minister oversees health care services in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Feb — Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin called for cooperation of employees of the ministry and local authorities, social organizations, donors and the people to achieve success in health care services.

At the meeting with employees of Paung Township Health Department at Paung Township People's Hospital in Mon State on 19 February, he also stressed the need for help pregnant women to give birth by skilled doctors, nurses and midwives as part of efforts for decreasing mother and child mortality rate.

After the meeting, the union minister attended the 10th conference of medical practitioners of the Myanmar Medical Association (Mawlamyine) at Mawlamyine People's Hospital. In his speech at the conference, the union minister stressed the importance of abiding by the codes of conduct for the development of medical

world and urged the doctors to use their medical professional to benefit the people.

On 20 February, the union minister went to Kyaikmaraw People's Hospital, Mudon Township People's Hospital and Thanbyzayat Township People's Hospital and assisted in health care services.

During his tour, the union minister also inspected Kyaikkhami Station Hospital, and wards of Mawlamyine People's Hospital and met with trainees and instructors of the nursing and midwifery training school in Mawlamyine.

He also held a meeting with the medical superintendent of Mawlamyine Township People's Hospital, specialists, doctors, nurses and staff of the hospital and trainees and instructors of the nursing and midwifery training school.—MNA



Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin at infant care unit in Mawlamyine People's Hospital (Branch).—MNA

Union Foreign Minister receives Bhutan Envoy



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Sinbyushin Bridge links east and west bank of Chindwin River, spurring regional development



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