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Our Three Main National Causes

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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate alms to SSMNC member Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, title recipient Sayadaws, nuns

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—A ceremony to donate offertories and day meals to member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws and title recipient Sayadaws for 2012 was held at Sasana Maha Beikman at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda at 9.30 am today, attended by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win.

Also present on the occasion were Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of Uppatasanti Pagoda, title recipient nuns, Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union ministers, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and their wives, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, guests and officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa.

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win and party received the Nine Precepts from Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate offertories to Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer day meals to members of the Sangha.—MNA



Supplies provided by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife already reached respective villages in Shan State (North)

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Summer holidays

What are you going to do during summer holidays? Another academic year has just ended and school boys and girls have much free time in the summer. But it is important for them to wisely use their summer holidays as time is the most precious thing in life.

In this context, *The New Light of Myanmar* would like to give some sincere suggestions to school boys and girls ways to spend their holidays most effectively and beneficially. We all know that we are now in the age of IT and all offices whether government-run or private-owned are widely using computers and the Internet. Accordingly, it has become a must for today's youths to be skilled in information technology or they should have at least the basic knowledge in it. So, youths can join short-term IT courses during their holidays.

Another important branch of knowledge in this ever advancing age is English. Thanks to the IT the world has become a village and peoples and countries all around the world are making contacts between one another for various purposes through IT channels, the most effective and swiftest means of communication the world has ever found. Peoples in different countries have different languages, but English as we all know has been used as a medium language to help facilitate all communications and dealings. We know that boys and girls are learning English at school. But something like an English language course can offer a lot of help for them.

What about health and fitness? Youths can enlist themselves at sports courses they are interested in. Especially, swimming or martial arts will be the most beneficial for them. And there are many other alternatives such as courses on cooking, tailoring, painting, dancing, music and singing, moral ethics, and religion.

And for those who have no desire to attend any courses, they can help their parents in their work or at home or take part in community welfare services.

So, start using your summer holidays wisely for the benefit of your own future.

Myanmar CP Open Tennis tourney to be held

YANGON, 5 March—Jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Tennis Federation and with the support of Myanmar CP Co Ltd, Myanmar CP Open Tennis tourney will be held at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 17 March.

To be included in the tourney are team-wise event, men's individual or double event (open), women's individual or double event (open), men's or women's mix double event, men's or women's individual event (aged 10, 12, 14 and under 16).

Players in Yangon Region (except downtown Yangon) will be provided K 35000, and players from other regions and states K 50000 as travel expenses while travel expenses, accommodation and meals of youth players will be born by MTF.

Players interested are to register at MTF (Theinbyu Tennis Court) and dial 372360, 381991, 381992 ext 0, 0973122449 for further information.—MNA

UEC Chairman meets adviser to Head of EU Foreign Affairs and Security

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received Adviser to the Head of EU Foreign Affairs and Security Mr Robert Cooper at his office here at 4 pm today.

They had a cordial discussion and exchanged views on latest developments of Myanmar and preparations for the by-election to be held soon in accord with democratic practices as well as in a free and fair manner.

Also present on the occasion were members of UEC U Aung Myint, U Tha Oo, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Win Kyi, Secretary U Win Ko and officials.—MNA



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Sales of GSM/UMTS mobile phones discussed



Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun addresses at the coordination meeting between the CPT Ministry and region/state transport ministers to sell GSM/UMTS mobile telephones.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Region/State governments, region and state managers of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications are to cooperate with companies to put mobile telephones on sales to local people; and priority is to be given to the people from coverage area of radio station in respective areas, said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at the coordination meeting between the CPT Ministry

and region/state transport ministers to sell GSM/UMTS mobile telephones, here, today.

It was attended by region and state ministers, the deputy minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council, managing director and director-general, representatives of Government Office and Auditor-General of the Union's Office, responsible personnel from the

companies that participate in the project and region and state managers of MPT.

The Union Minister continued to say that an announcement has been issued for local call rate of postpaid/prepaid mobile phones to reduce a half of existing rate (one minute call per K 25) from 11 pm to 7 am daily as of 14 March. Mobile telephones will be sold at one GSM per K 200,000 for the first phase and one WCDMA per

K 250,000. When the communication infrastructures would have been facilitated, installation charges will meet the international standards, he said.

The project manager of the mobile telephone line extension project reported on detail plan for sales of mobile phones.

MPT will announce sales of GSM/UMTS mobile phones.

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Global Education Show from 23 to 25 March

YANGON, 5 March—The press conference on Global Education Show 2012 including: Health & Beauty 2012, to be organized by IEMS from 23 to 25 March at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road, was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda, here, this morning.

IEMS Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe explained the purpose of staging the show.

The show is aimed at contributing to education guidelines of Myanmar,



Press Conference on Global Education Show 2012 in progress.—NLM

uplifting learning opportunity, quality and health sectors and penetrating into the people with education and

health services on a wider scale.

At the press conference, responsible persons replied to

queries raised by media persons.

For further information, may dial 098626080.—NLM



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao delivers a government work report during the opening meeting of the Fifth Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 March, 2012.
XINHUA

Iran urged to seek diplomatic way out

WASHINGTON, 5 March—US President Barack Obama urged Iran on Sunday to seek a diplomatic solution to the nuclear stand-off, reaffirming his backing for key ally Israel and saying there was “too much loose talk of war.”

Addressing a pro-Israeli lobby group in Washington alongside Israeli President Shimon Peres, Obama said international sanctions were working and cautioned against sabre-rattling as Iran moves closer to a nuclear weapon.

“Because of our efforts, Iran is under greater pressure than ever before,” he told thousands of delegates at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) forum.

“Iran is isolated, its leadership divided and under pressure. And the Arab Spring has only increased these trends, as the hypocrisy of

the Iranian regime is exposed, and its ally — the Assad regime (in Syria) — is crumbling.”

“I firmly believe that an opportunity remains for diplomacy — backed by pressure-to-succeed,” Obama said.

“Already, there is too much loose talk of war. Over the last few weeks, such talk has only benefited the Iranian government, by driving up the price of oil, which they depend upon to fund their nuclear programme.”

US intelligence is said to believe that Iran does not currently intend to produce nuclear weapons, though it may be seeking the capacity to do so, and Washington has emphasised the importance of deterrent sanctions and diplomacy. But Israel is reportedly eager to move more quickly and decisively

against Iran’s nuclear activities, using a military strike to prevent it from obtaining even the capacity



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to take a decision to produce nuclear weapons.

“For the sake of Israel’s security, America’s security, and the peace and security of the world, now is not the time for bluster; now is the time to let our increased pressure sink in, and to sustain the broad

international coalition that we have built.”

But Obama also reaffirmed his strong backing for Israel and warned Iran’s leaders that he would not hesitate to use force, if required, to stop it developing a nuclear weapon.—Internet

Putin claims victory in Russian election

Moscow, 5 March—A triumphant and teary Vladimir Putin claimed victory on Sunday in Russia’s presidential elections, setting the stage for his third term.

Putin has spent the last four years as Russia’s Prime Minister.

The BBC reported opposition groups have called for mass protests on Monday in Moscow because of alleged voting fraud and the exclusion of genuine opposition candidates from the ballot.



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Vladimir Putin.—INTERNET

Four policemen injured in Pakistan suicide bombing

ISLAMABAD, 5 March—At least four policemen were injured in a suicide bombing in Pakistan’s northwest tribal region on Sunday night, a media report said.

According to state-run TV channel PTV, the attack took place around 9 pm when a suicide bomber riding a motorbike hit a police vehicle in the Main Commissionary Market of Dera Ismail Khan District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

The bomber was wearing a white dress and had a beard, witnesses told local media. Four policemen including the deputy superintendent of police of the district were injured in the attack, said Xinhua.

Firing was also heard following the blast. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. It was also not clear whether the bomber was dead or was injured.

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30 killed in gunmen attacks on policemen in W Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 March—Up to 27 policemen and three gunmen were killed in a series of attacks against Iraqi police in the city of Haditha in Iraq’s western province of Anbar on Monday, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

Xinhua



An Afghan policeman inspects a wreckage of a car hit by a car bomb attack in Jalalabad Province on 27 Feb, 2012. A suicide car bomber killed at least nine people in an attack on a military airport in eastern Afghanistan on Monday, officials said, the latest incident of violence and protests since copies of the Koran were inadvertently burned at a NATO base last week.—INTERNET

Netanyahu to give Iran ultimatum

JERUSALEM, 5 March—Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is expected to deliver an ultimatum to President Barack Obama concerning Iran, Israeli security sources said.

When the two meet in Washington on Monday, Netanyahu will warn Israel may take matters into its own hands concerning a strike on Iran unless Obama pledges to use US military forces to prevent the Islamic Republic from acquiring a nuclear bomb, Britain’s *The Sunday*

Telegraph said on Sunday.

Arab Spring protests and outcomes have significantly weakened Iran’s clout in the region, *The Telegraph* noted. While Israel is aware Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon are likely to retaliate any strike on Iran by waging massive rocket attacks on Israel, conditions for a military strike on the Islamic Republic are favourable.

Israeli intelligence estimates there are six to nine months before Iran’s nuclear facilities become immune to a unilateral military strike and

Israel would no longer be able to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power on its own, *The Telegraph* reported.

Ahead of the meeting between Netanyahu and Obama, a public campaign to pressure the American president to harden his policy toward Iran is under way, *The New York Times* said.

Senators are calling on Obama to lay down sharper criteria about when to act against Iran’s nuclear ambitions, the newspaper said.—Internet

Three-fourths of Philippine airports with no security equipment

MANILLA, 5 March—More than three-fourth of the Philippine airports don’t have the required safety and security equipment to meet international aviation standards, the Philippine government revealed on Monday.

The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) said a recent bomb scare, caused by a spare car part that authorities thought was an explosive in Kalibo airport of Aklan Province, has highlighted the need to improve safety at the country’s airports.

DOTC Secretary Manuel “Mar” Roxas II said this year, the government would earmark about 500 million pesos (11.7 million US dollars) for the acquisition of x-ray screening and other security equipment for all operating airports nationwide.

He said at the moment, of the 86 airports in the country, only 45 have commercial flights. Others are considered “community airports” that handle only chartered flights.

Of the 45 serving the traveling public, only 21

have proper passenger and cargo security screening equipment, made up of x-ray scanners and metal detectors, among others.

By the end of this year, Roxas said, the DOTC wants all airports that have commercial operations to have the necessary equipment that comply with international safety standards.

According to international norms, passengers and cargoes need to pass through two “layers” of security checks before boarding their respective plane, he said.—Xinhua



Iraqi firefighters try to extinguish a burning bus at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq recently. Iraqi officials say a string of morning attacks across Baghdad has killed and injured dozens of Iraqis.

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Arsenic found in US toddler formulas and cereal bars

NEW YORK, 5 March — A new US study published last week reports that arsenic has been found in some foods that use organic brown rice syrup as a sweetener, including toddler formula and cereal and energy bars. According to researchers from Dartmouth College, the type of arsenic found in the products has been identified as a carcinogen and can cause a host of problems ranging from skin irritation to infertility. Arsenic is a known contaminant in rice because it absorbs arsenic from the soil.

The study found arsenic in two of 17 toddler formulas tested — with one sample having an arsenic concentration six times the US limit (10 parts per billion) allowed in water. Twenty-two of 29 cereal and energy bars tested listed at least one of these four rice products — organic brown rice syrup, rice flour, rice grain or rice flakes — among the top

five ingredients. The seven other bars were among the lowest in total arsenic, ranging from 8 to 27 parts per billion, while those containing syrup or other forms of rice ranged from 23 to 128 parts per billion. The study was published in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*.

Brian Jackson, PhD and lead author of the study, advises that those who consume a lot of rice, including people on gluten-free diets, try to add variety to their diet and check ingredient labels, since many gluten-free products are rice based.

Parents can also reduce their child's dietary arsenic



Arsenic found in US toddler formulas and cereal bars.

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exposure by limiting the use of formula that has organic brown rice syrup as a main ingredient. Another study by Dartmouth researchers published this January found some rice-fortified baby

foods, such as fruit and vegetable purees for babies, ranged from less than 1 ppb up to 22 ppb of arsenic, the majority of which was the carcinogenic form.

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New hope for disorder that makes humans smell like fish

PHILADELPHIA, 5 March — There's new hope for people with Trimethylaminuria, a rare disorder that causes its sufferers to smell like dead fish. Researchers at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia recently won a \$36,000 grant to study the genes behind the disorder — work scientists believe could lead to new developments in helping control the symptoms of Trimethylaminuria, also known as TMAU.

ABC News introduced TV viewers to a TMAU sufferer in 2006: Former model and teacher Camille said TMAU endangered her career. "I was so focused on 'Do I smell? Do I smell? Are they saying things? Are they

whispering? Are they laughing about me?'" she said at the time. Camille asked ABC News not to publish her last name. Camille recently said she was doing well. "If there's one thing I've learned since being diagnosed with TMAU, it's that, with accurate information and proper perspective, TMAU is manageable. Thank you, ABC, for being part of that equation," she said in a written statement.

TMAU symptoms can be managed with changes to diet and certain medications, but those solutions don't work for everyone. Monell's Drs Dani Reed and George Preti are leading the research supported by the new grant from the TMAU foundation. —Internet



Survey finds many pilots, truck drivers sleep-deprived

NEW YORK, 5 March — One in 10 American truck drivers, train conductors, airline pilots and other transportation workers may be dangerously sleep-deprived, a new survey suggests. Many said they feel drowsy while working, and some worry that their fatigue poses a threat to commuter safety, the National Sleep Foundation (NSF) poll found. As many as 11 percent of these employees work while sleepy, compared to 7 percent of non-transportation workers.

"It is exciting that we are finally able to see the statistics and hopefully do something to improve the situations for our transportation workers," sleep medicine expert Joyce Walsleben said. Walsleben, who is an associate professor of medicine at the NYU School of Medicine in New York City, added that many transportation workers "are forced to work horrendous schedules, which puts us all in jeopardy. Too many societal tragedies have already occurred because of sleepiness."

The survey was

conducted this year and is the first of its kind, the NSF said. It involved nearly 1,100 pilots, truck drivers, train engineers and conductors, and bus, taxi and limousine drivers (all over the age of 25), as well as non-transportation workers for a point of comparison. Among the findings: roughly one in four train operators and airline pilots say their job performance suffers due to sleepiness at least once a week. By contrast, just one in six non-transportation workers say sleepiness has affected their work.

When it comes to "sleep dissatisfaction," pilots and train operators took the prize, with 50 percent and 57 percent, respectively, telling the survey team they rarely or never get decent sleep on nights they work. The same was true of 44 percent of truck drivers and 42 percent of non-transportation employees. By contrast, 29 percent of bus, taxi and limo drivers claimed a similar degree of sleep dissatisfaction.

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Stocks, the little engine that could

NEW YORK, 5 March — Stocks have proven the naysayers wrong so far in 2012. And the February jobs report could be just the ticket to keep the bulls going next week. The five-month stock rally has been built on a string of improving economic data that suggests US corporate profit growth will remain intact, according to some analysts. Job growth is a big part of that picture. It has lagged most other parts of the US economy, a point frequently raised by Republican presidential hopefuls. But strategists have been calling for a pullback, especially since indexes are hitting new

milestones and the fourth-quarter reporting period is winding down. The Standard & Poor's 500 .SPX is up for eight of the last nine weeks. This week, the Dow DJI closed above the 13,000 mark for the first time since May 2008, and the S&P 500 twice closed above 1,370, a closely watched technical resistance level. The Nasdaq .IXIC at one point crossed the 3,000 level this week and is trading at its highest since 2000.

Some say staying on this path may be possible with further supportive news on the economy. "The rally will continue as long as better economic information continues. The question is, 'Are we seeing some

sustainable improvement in the economy?'" I think the answer is 'yes,' so I think there is going to be some continuation in the rally," said Bryant Evans, investment advisor and portfolio manager at Cozad Asset Management, in Champaign, Illinois.

The government's jobs report for February, due on Friday, is expected to show non-farm payrolls added 210,000 jobs last month, according to economists polled by Reuters, after gaining 243,000 in January.

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File photo shows traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 16 Aug, 2011.

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Business

American Airlines adds legroom — for a price



American Airlines plans to offer extra legroom in coach with "Main Cabin Extra" seats. — INTERNET

NEW YORK, 5 March — American Airlines is offering another option to the passenger who is tired of jamming his knees into a fellow flier's back. The

carrier's new "Main Cabin Extra" seats in coach will offer four to six inches of additional legroom. The airline will start installing the new seating configuration across its fleet

this year, the airline said.

The roomier seating will be at the front of the main coach cabins to make boarding and deplaning easier for passengers who opt for the extra legroom. Prices for customers who purchase the roomier seating will range from \$8 to \$108 per segment, depending on length. Passengers will be able to buy the new seats for flights aboard the new Boeing 777-300ERs in spring 2012.

Access to the option will be free for higher-level award programme members and passengers who purchase full-fare economy tickets. A "significant portion" of Main Cabin Extra seats will be reserved for elite customers, the airline said in its announcement.

"Customers traveling in Main Cabin Extra seats will enjoy four to six inches of extra legroom compared to a standard main cabin seat, as well as priority boarding privileges," said Virash Vahidi, American's chief commercial officer, in a statement. —Internet

GM stops Volt production for 5 weeks

NEW YORK, 5 March — President Barack Obama said recently he'd buy a Chevrolet Volt after he left office "in five more years." It seems like General Motors could use that business much sooner. The automaker said on Friday it is halting the Detroit production line for the Chevrolet Volt for five weeks as it works to sell down its existing inventory of the plug-in car. As part of the shut down, GM will temporarily lay off 1,300 workers at the plant.

Sales of the gas-electric

car have been flagging. GM had a set a goal of selling 10,000 Volts by the end of 2011, but was only able to sell about 7,600 by then. Last month, Volt sales actually rose substantially compared to the prior months. Chevrolet dealers sold 1,023 of the cars in February compared to only 600 in January. Still, GM (GM, Fortune 500) has more Volts sitting on dealer lots than it has buyers. GM had, in the past, said slow sales were the result of an insufficient supply of cars, not a lack of demand. Now, the carmaker



General Motors is temporarily halting production of the Chevrolet Volt due to slack sales.

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is admitting that supply is no longer the problem. "We have more than enough to meet our demand," GM spokeswoman Michelle Malcho said. —Internet

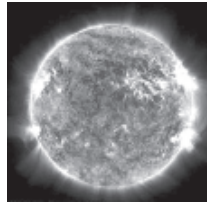
UK scientists to help satellites dodge sun storms

LONDON, 5 March — British scientists have developed a system to help protect navigation and communications satellites from potentially devastating solar storms, they said on Friday. Services spanning everything from mobile phones to sophisticated weaponry increasingly depend on global positioning system, or GPS, technology. However damage by a massive burst

of solar energy could knock out GPS satellites and send them veering into the paths of other craft or scramble their communications.

Led by a team from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), researchers from six European countries will use satellite data and ground-based measurements of the earth's magnetic field to forecast changes in radiation. That will allow them to alert satellite operators of a sudden

increase in dangerous particles and give them time to move the craft out of harm's way, power them down or fold sensitive wings away. "For the first time, we can now forecast radiation levels for a whole range of different orbits, from geostationary to medium earth orbit where there is a tremendous growth in the number of satellites," said BAS researcher Richard Home, who led the project. "Nobody has done that before." — *Internet*

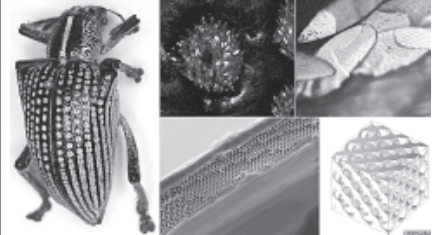


A handout picture shows the Sun as viewed by the Solar Dynamics Observatory on 9 June, 2011. INTERNET

Why loneliness can be deadly

NEW YORK, 5 March — Loneliness can send a person down a path toward bad health, and even more intense loneliness, studies have shown. But while some have assumed the culprit was a dearth of others to remind a person to take care of himself or herself, new research suggests there's a direct biological link between being lonely and ill health. Loneliness can set into a motion a barrage of negative impacts inside the human body — but with additional social contact, some of the ill effects can be stopped.

John Cacioppo, a University of Chicago social psychologist who studies the biological effects of loneliness, presented some of his latest research at the Social Psychology and Perception meeting in San Diego in February. He has found, for instance, loneliness is tied to hardening of the arteries (which leads to high blood pressure), inflammation in the body, and even problems with learning and memory. Even fruit flies that are isolated have worse health and die sooner than those that interact with others, showing that social engagement may be hard-wired, Cacioppo said. — *Internet*



The iridescence of the aptly named diamond weevil has been laid bare in a Royal Society journal this week. Dutch and German researchers found that each pit (top centre) is lined with scales (top right) with a structure like that of diamond. Electron micrographs (bottom centre) bear out this "photonic crystal" structure (bottom right). — *Internet*



A member of a team of Cambridge scientists trying to find out why Arctic sea ice is melting so fast, walks on some drift ice 500 miles (800 km) from the North Pole on 3 Sept, 2011. — *Internet*



Loss of Arctic sea ice may lead to mercury deposits

PASADENA, 5 March — Significant declines in perennial Arctic sea ice over the past decade may be intensifying a chemical reaction that leads to deposits of toxic mercury, a NASA-led study showed on Thursday. The study found that thick, perennial Arctic sea ice was being replaced by a thinner and saltier ice that releases bromine into the air when it interacts with sunlight and cold, said Son Nghiem, a NASA researcher at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

That in turn triggers a chemical reaction called a "bromine explosion" that turns gaseous mercury in the atmosphere into a toxic pollutant that falls on snow, land and ice and can accumulate in fish, said Nghiem, lead author of the study. "Shrinking summer sea ice has drawn much attention to exploiting Arctic resources and improving maritime trading routes," Nghiem said. "But the change in sea ice composition also has impacts on the environment," he said. "Changing conditions in the Arctic might increase bromine explosions in the future. Nghiem said the released bromine can also remove ozone from the lowest level of the atmosphere, the troposphere. — *Internet*

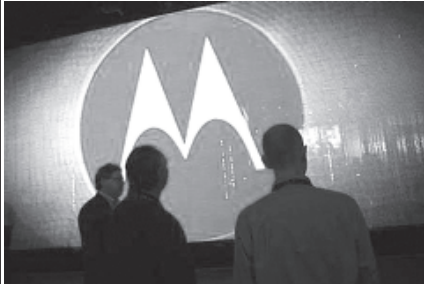
Trade panel to review Microsoft, Motorola decision

WASHINGTON, 5 March — A US trade panel, which hears patent infringement cases, said on Friday that it would undertake a wide-ranging review of its preliminary decision over whether Motorola Mobility violated Microsoft patents. The International Trade Commission said on Friday it would review portions of its judge's decision from December that Motorola Mobility infringed a Microsoft patent in making Android cellphones.

In a complaint filed in October 2010 with the ITC, Microsoft accused Motorola Mobility of infringing nine patents for Windows Mobile and Windows Phone, which do everything from monitoring remaining memory to updating contact lists and synchronizing on- and off-line use. Two patents were dropped from the case during litigation. Motorola Mobility was found to infringe one patent out of the remaining seven. A final decision is due in the spring.

Microsoft said it looked forward to the review. "We remain confident that the commission will affirm that Motorola has infringed our intellectual property," said David Howard, Microsoft's corporate vice president and deputy general counsel for litigation.

Motorola Mobility said in an email to Reuters, "Motorola is pleased with today's ITC Notice identifying the issues to be reviewed." — *Internet*



Visitors look at a video display at the Motorola booth on the second day of the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on 7 Jan, 2011. — *Internet*



A man displays a Sony SmartWatch connected to a Sony mobile phone during a presentation at the Mobile World Congress on 28 February. — *Internet*

Did cheap mobiles steal show over sexy gadgets?

BARCELONA, 5 March — With so many flashy tablets and high-speed smartphones on display, it's easy to forget the important role low-cost phones play at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona.

But while headlines are grabbed by expensive devices crammed with high-speed processors, crystal clear display screens and eye-poppingly powerful cameras, many manufacturers are still focused on the basics.

For mobile phone makers, real market expansion areas are now found in developing countries where

mobiles have still to connect billions of people and offer life-changing Internet access. Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt warned in his keynote address to the congress that for the "aspiring majority" of five out of seven billion global citizens, "the web is still a scarce resource."

"For most people the digital revolution has not arrived yet. Every revolution begins with a small group of people. Imagine how much better it would be with another five billion people online," he said.

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Kodak sells online business to Shutterfly

WASHINGTON, 5 March — Eastman Kodak Co has agreed to sell its online photo services business to Shutterfly Inc for \$23.8 million, kicking off the bankrupt photography pioneer's relaunch as a much slimmer company although a patent sale seen crucial to its turnaround may still be months away. The once-legendary company that invented the hand-held camera has said it will quit the camera business and is expected to fetch \$1 billion to \$2 billion from the sale of about 1,100 digital patents, which is due to get under way by 30 June.

A source familiar with the patent sale said the process was moving forward, but added that the completion was not expected anytime soon.

Complicating the prospects is a dispute with computer giant Apple Inc over one of the patents. At a hearing next week on 8 March, a bankruptcy judge will hear Apple's motion to move forward with its patent-infringement suit. Apple has asked the bankruptcy court to lift the automatic stay applied to pending litigation against Kodak when the company filed for Chapter 11 on 19 January. Kodak said the deal with Shutterfly followed a "stalking horse" bid — a starting bid or minimally accepted offer that other bidders must surpass in a court-supervised auction — from the web-based personal publishing service.

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A man walks past the Kodak World Headquarters sign in Rochester, New York on 19 Jan, 2012. — *Internet*

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives US delegation



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe receives Special Envoy and Assistant Adviser Ms Jessica Davey.— MNA

YANGON, 5 March—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received Special Envoy and Assistant Adviser Ms Jessica Davey at the office of US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar and party at his office at 3 pm today. They had a cordial discussion on mutual interests.

Also present at the call were Region Chief Minister for Security and Border Affairs

Special Refresher Course No. 20 for Faculty members of University and College kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—The Special Refresher Course No. 20 for Faculty members of University and College was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning, with an address by Chairman of Union Civil Services Board U Kyaw Thu.

Speaking on the occasion, UCSB Chairman U Kyaw Thu stressed the need to uphold Our Three Main National Causes in building a modern and developed democratic new nation in line with the Constitution. To do so, it is necessary to build political might, economic might and State defence might stronger, he said.

He noted that emphasis is to be placed on promoting education sector while striving

for development of human resources. Regions and States have been facilitated with universities and colleges for enabling the students to pursue education in their respective regions. Faculty members from 161 universities and colleges are nurturing human resources for the State.

He urged faculty members not only to turn out well-versed intellectuals and intelligentsia for development of human resources but also to cooperate with local business organizations in conducting research works in various regions so as to grow up the State economy. In conclusion, as Research & Business Development plays the most important role in all-round development of the nation, faculty members are to constantly conduct research works which are indispensable for the State.

Col Tin Win and Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo.

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MPT's announcement to mobile phone users

1. Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is striving time after time not only for providing efficient communication services to the State and the public but for backing up socio-economic development.
2. Regarding communication sector, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein in his address to third regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 1 March, 2012 in commemoration of the first anniversary of his duty assumption said, "As for mobile phone, we are currently undertaking construction works. Upon completion, we will seek best ways and means to fulfill the wishes of the people."
3. In accord with the guidance of the President, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs has arranged to reduce initial installation fees of mobiles as of 14 March, 2012 as mentioned hereunder in the first stage of its stride to enable the public use of mobile phones at reasonable price.

Mobile phone	Initial installation fee
(a) GSM	K 0.2 million
(b) CDMA-450 MHz	K 0.2 million
(c) WCDMA	K 0.25 million
(d) CDMA-800 MHz	K 0.25 million

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

Myanmar, US exchange views for first time

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—The Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University of the United States jointly conducted the first Myanmar-US 1.5 Track Exchange of Views at Royal Kumudra Hotel, here, on 5 and 6 March.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint

delivered an address.

Senior representatives from the government, the academia and business circles from Myanmar and the United States participated in the Dialogue and exchanged views on political, economic and legislative matters, environmental conservation, financial sector development, agriculture, investment and non-governmental or organizations in Myanmar.—MNA

Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) gets baby elephants



Female Elephant and her new-born elephant are in healthy condition.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Various domestic and foreign animal species are on display in Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and on the Asian elephant display are five male elephants and five female elephants roaming naturally.

As some grown-up female elephants had been able to mate freely with their males, three females could give birth to three calves in the four-year-old establishment of the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw). The new-born elephants are in healthy condition as they have been breastfed by their mothers.

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TABAUNG

Maung Hlaing

Days are warm. Nights are cool. Tabauing indeed is unruly.

So goes the saying. Whenever we talk about the Myanmar Month of Tabauing, we cannot help thinking about the saying regarding the month. Actually, the month of March, which coincides with the month of Tabauing on the Myanmar calendar, unveils the hot season, or the summer.

Now, cool days are over. However, cool nights are still with us. The cuckoo, the

harbinger of summer, begins to sing beautiful spring songs. Moreover, spring flowers are in full bloom.

In the month of Tabauing, wells and lakes run dry. As a result, leaves begin to fall. And the skeletons of trees reveal the true type of summer.

However, Tabauing, the last month on the Myanmar calendar, offers moderate weather, neither too hot nor too cold. It signals transition from the cold season to the summer.

In this month, we have two politically significant days—the Peasants Day and

the Armed Forces Day (Tatmadaw Day). Another religiously significant day we have is the Fullmoon Day, of Buddha Pujaniya.

Politically, we celebrated the Peasants Day all over the Union on 2 March. And on 27 March in 1945, all units of the Tatmadaw, with the support and active participation of all citizens launched the anti-fascist struggles.

Religiously, it is chronicled that on the Fullmoon Day of Tabauing, King Sudhodana, father of Lord Buddha, sent Minister

Kaludari to supplicate to Buddha to come to Kapilavatsu. Because Kaludari recited 60 verses on the ode to the beauty of nature between the two cities, Lord Buddha, with His disciple members of Sangha, made His way to Kapilavatsu.

It is for this reason that we offer alms and essentials not only to monks but also to nuns for their missionary work, with visits to pagodas and monasteries. People keep sabbath and do other meritorious deeds. Pagodas and public buildings are illuminated and pilgrims throng pagodas on the fullmoon night.

It is in Tabauing that the Buddhists of Myanmar build sand pagodas on lawns and beaches as a sort of tribute to

the Lord Buddha. According to the historical records, Sand Pagoda festivals were originated in the time much earlier than the Innwa Period.

The flourishing of Buddhism has a direct bearing on the way of life of the people and Buddha's Teachings have saturated the ideas and code of conduct.

Not only in Tabauing but also all the year round, people from all walks of life celebrated religious festivals, making generous donations in cash and kind as contribution to flourishing of Buddha's faith. Our festivals are not only to be merry but also meritorious in essence. Thus, they are tantamount to preservation of cultural heritage and national character.

In ancient times, we were a sovereign, independent nation with our own monarchs who reigned to see that there was public wellbeing and that the Sasana was properly propagated and flourished.

Today, much has been done and continues to be done for the propagation and preservation of the Sasana. The aim is to promote flourishing the three kinds of Buddha Sasana, namely the Pariyatti Sasana, the Patipatti Sasana and the pativedha Sasana.

As Myanmar people usually turn the holy day into holiday, they can join the activities on the significant day—Tabauing Fullmoon Day.

Myanmar delegation attends coordination meetings of WHO

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attended a coordination meeting on administrative and management reforms held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 27 to 28 February and a coordination meeting on projects of WHO member countries.

The first-day session discussed ways to choose priorities of the 12 general projects of WHO to be implemented in 2014-2015 fiscal year and setting of norms and standards. The Union Minister discussed the prioritization of health problems discussed by WHO

regional meetings, health problems discussed by member countries at the WHO Conference and health issues that can contribute to national development and health projects of individual countries.

The second-day session discussed chosen health projects to be undertaken by WHO and choosing of action plans in category for providing technical assistance by WHO and prioritized healthcare projects.

Then, timeframe was set to approve the 12 general health projects to be undertaken in 2014-2015 fiscal year.—MNA



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attends a coordination meeting on administrative and management reforms held in Geneva, Switzerland.—MNA



Higher learning institutions already in place in Rakhine State for local national races to pursue higher education within their reach

Archive:
Maung Nyein Aye



Sittway University was established in Rakhine State for local national race enabling them to pursue higher education within their reach and to turn out intellectuals and technocrats capable of serving the interest of the nation and their own state.



More and more basic education schools are opened in Rakhine State together with new universities and technological universities in the region. As a result local youth who had completed basic education are now able to pursue higher education and advanced technology.

As local national races in Rakhine State have the opportunity to pursue higher education within their reach, higher learning institutions such as University of Computer Studies and Technological University in the region are now able to produce a large number of human resources. Photos show Technological University (left), University of Computer Studies (above), in Sittway, Rakhine State.

Translation: AKK





Congregation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win receive Nine Precepts from Abbot of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa at the ceremony to donate alms to SSMNC member Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, title recipient Sayadaws and nuns.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin present offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Khemindhasami.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon present offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunesana.

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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate alms to SSMNC...

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Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta. The President and wife donated alms to the Chairman Sayadaw.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin offered alms to Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chaukhtetgyi Monastery Sasana Nuggaha Monastery

of Bahan Township Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemindasami.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon presented donations to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw

Maha Dhammikayama Kyaikpi Monastery of Yankin Township Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunesana.

Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offer alms to a Sayadaw.

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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate alms to SSMNC...

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Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union ministers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council and departmental heads donated of-

fertories to members of the Sangha.

Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein; Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo; Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham; and Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann offered alms to title recipient nuns.

Secretary Sayadaw Abbot of Sasana Nugaha Monastery of Chaukhtetgyi Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kheminda delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

The ceremony came to an end with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ćiram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win and party offered day meals to members of the Sangha.

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Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, offers alms to a title-recipient nun.—MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, offers alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, offers alms to a title-recipient nun.

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Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo offers alms to a Sayadaw.

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Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, offers alms to a title-recipient nun.—MNA

Supplies provided by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife already reached respective villages in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife made a donation of food supplies such as rice, edible oil, salt, onion, etc to needy local people in the villages in

Lashio Township in Shan State (North) from 21 to 25 February.

The food supplies were arranged by Lashio District/Township Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal

and Child Welfare Association and social affairs organizations to provide a total of 219 needy households and Namsan and Maneai monasteries in Maneai, Namsan, Konnyaung villages in Maneai Village-tract in Lashio Township on 1 March, and on 2 March, the contribution was brought to Eainai, Narmakhaw monasteries and a total of 135 households in the list of the poor in Narkunlon Village-tract, plus a total of 261 households— 64 in Eainai Village-tract and 62 in Konmon Village.

The remaining needy families of the villages were also provided with dry ration today.

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that are not in conformity with the Myanmar culture could have been prevented to a certain degree and more national income has been generated.

Depending on the needs of media sector, cooperation will be made not only with domestic private media but also with foreign media. Plans are underway to make a TV play in collaboration with the Yunnan TV of China. Arrangements are also being made to produce movies in cooperation with the Yunnan TV. In doing so, TV broadcasting permit has been granted for domestic media. When it comes to the cooperation with foreign media, movies are being made on joint-venture basis, movies are shown mutually in two countries and profits are shared based on the amount of investment. So, the Ministry of Information is working together with private media and that cooperation will continue for media development, said Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan.

He continued that regarding the discussion made by U Khat Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency-1 that programmes of national races are to be included in the MRTV programmes as a separate programme, the ministry is carrying out its tasks with the aims to inform, educate and entertain all the national races. Continued encouragement is being given to extend national race programmes. As the old radio transistors have been replaced with new ones, the number of national race languages has increased from 8 to 14 and broadcasting time has increased from 4 hours to 12 hours daily.

If a separate channel of national races is to be launched, it is necessary to purchase some broadcasting machine parts and carry out some modifications to broadcast through the current band width system. Moreover, it is required to take time to extend organizational set-up and employ more skilled workers. The ministry will try to complete those work plans in the coming financial year and national race programmes will be aired separately when everything is ready.

U Khat Htein Nan also discussed the inclusion of the performing arts of other national races in the Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions at various levels. Regarding this, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said it would be very difficult to initiate a contest with all-inclusiveness of more than 100 national races in the performing arts competitions held annually. Songs and dances of all national races are differently unique and impressive cultural heritages of Myanmar. Therefore, scoring and deciding loss or win in such a competition are impossible as well as inappropriate. So, continued measures will be taken in consultation with regional cultural troupes and traditional cultural experts in order for only the performing arts of respective national races included in own states to represent the Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions. Continued arrangements will be made to hold the competitions that all can accept by taking the matter of national races into consideration. Those artists who have achieved success in the state level will be invited as special guests and presented with separate honorary awards when the central level performing competitions are held so as to maintain and promote the cultures of all national races.

U Khat Htein Nan discussed the teaching of the performing arts of national races in the

University of Culture. In this regard, the subject about musical instruments of national races has been taught in the two universities of national culture and fine arts under the Ministry of Culture since their opening. Besides, famous performing arts of national races are being taught as a basic subject.

Regarding the discussion about inclusion of national races and their culture, in the cultural troupes when they performed in foreign countries, he said that the cultural troupes were formed with artistes from national races and included traditional dances and songs of national races. Arrangements would be made to select outstanding artistes from states and regions to participate in performances in foreign countries, he said.

Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture would speed up their tasks taking heed of the discussion of the representatives related to the National Planning Bill for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and would make plans to implement reasonable tasks in the future, he said.



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing makes clarification.—MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that dams, reservoirs and irrigation systems that were going to be completed and upon completion, they would help conserve the environment and prevent flood, supply drinking and irrigation water, paving the way for creating job opportunities for local people. Besides, banks of dams, reservoirs and canals would serve as roads linking between towns and villages for the local people.

To support the self-sufficiency in agricultural produce production for the increasing population of the country, emphasis should be placed on completion of agricultural infrastructures, he said.

He pledged that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation would encourage the efficient use of the budget allocation of the ministry in the interests of the State, the people and the peasants and would spend it in accordance with the financial rules and regulations.

Therefore, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was obliged to objectively review and made decision over the national planning and budget allocation for the agricultural sector for the 2012-2013 fiscal year of the Union Government in the short-term and long-term interests of the peasants and the people, he said.

Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein said on completion of Diesel Engine Factory project (Thagara), the factory would produce locomotive engines for the Ministry of Rail Transportation, medium water crafts and

engines for power plants, construction of roads and bridges and mining and spare parts. Upon completion of Automobile Mould & Die, Jigs & Fixture project, the factory would produce some machinery parts and auto machinery to fulfill the market demand for the new models.

On completion of the Automobile Axle project, the factory would make the best use of modern technology to produce axles, and upon completion of the 90 HP Engine project, the factory would produce 90 HP engines for Myanmar Double Cab & Myanmar Single Cab and would gain the technology to produce the engines, he said.

On completion of Kyaukse Mirror Factory project, people could buy varieties of mirror at a reasonable price, and the paper factory project (Thabaung) would produce news print, halting the import of the paper, he said.

The State was running the factories to a certain period as the private sector was experiencing difficulties currently to invest in the factories as joint ventures due to the



Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min makes clarification.—MNA

heavy investment. As the closure of uneconomic factories were expected likely to impact the socio-economy, the union ministry made decision prudently to close factories only when it was necessary. In the upcoming 2013-2014 fiscal year, the budget allocation for the ministry would decrease. The union ministry would carry out the tasks of the ministry as part of efforts for the industrial development and was drawing the Public Private Partnership policy. In conclusion, the Union Minister urged Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to review the financial issues of the Ministry of Industry in the National Planning Bill for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and to be prudent to make decision.

Regarding the discussion of U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State constituency No. 6 over road transportation issues in Yathedaung and its environs in Rakine State, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said the ministry had constructed the earth road which was 22 miles and 6 furlong long on the Ponnagyun-Yathedaung Road and upgraded to the gravel road which was 3 miles and 4 furlong long. The ministry had been upgrading the Myebom-Minbya Road to be an all-weather one and would seek the funds and maintenance costs for the road in the 2012-2013 fiscal year to carry out the upgrading work and to construct wooden bridges on the road.

Regarding the discussion of U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State constituency No. 4, the

Union minister said that Mantung-Namhsan Road could not be changed to Mantung-Namhsan-Momeik Road and it could be called as Mantung-Namhsan-Mongngaw-Momeik Road. The ministry would inject K150 million to upgrading of the 15-mile section of Mantung-Namhsan Road in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The ministry had approved the design for the Momeik Myitson Bridge on Mabeim-Momeik Road to be constructed by Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, he said.

Regarding the discussion of U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa constituency over upgrading roads to concrete ones, the union minister said that it was necessary to tarmack roads and when the State's budget was sufficient, some roads would be upgraded to concrete ones as the country had to import cements due to insufficiency at home to carry out constructions in the country.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min said that the ministry would cut K5500 millions from the ministry's fund and



Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi makes clarification.—MNA

expenditure set aside for Kyangin-Pakokku-Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway, Patheingyi-Yangon, Hinthada-Nyaungdon railroads, the approach rail road of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and the approach rail road of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) and would spend the money on other projects. To get the huge amount of money, Natmauk-Magway Railroad section of the Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad would be postponed to the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

He continued to say that K4500 million would be cut from the ministry's capital allocation of 2012-2013 fiscal year which was set aside for the project of manufacturing new locomotive engines and construction of coaches loaned by the Peoples' Republic of China. The capital allocation of the project would be postponed to the 2013-2014 fiscal year. However, the money is not suitable to spend on other projects as it was the loan from the PRC and only K5500 million could be spent on other sectors.

Regarding the discussion by U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing constituency over buying vehicles by the Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department and investment in Dawei Special Economic Zone, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein said the Union Government did not give priority to buy vehicles and had made decisions to buy vehicles when absolutely necessary. To supervise the investors of the Dawei Special Economic Zone, administration committee (See page 11)

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office, police stations and outposts would be completed in April. Therefore, investment in construction of the building and making a plan to import 172 vehicles were absolutely necessary for the country and were related to the dignity of the State. The Union Minister urged Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to review the discussion and to make decision prudently over the discussion as the work should be carried out in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi said: Regarding the suggestion of U Nyan Win of Hlaingthaya Constituency to draw overtime pay law, existing laws will be enforced and new laws will not be drafted as a labourer gets double rate of ordinary payment for extra hours they have to work under Section 73(1) of 1951 Workshops Act.

Regarding the suggestion of Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (6) Dr Tin Shwe to finish drafting least pay law, the bill has been sent to the Attorney-General Office of the Union on 17 January for comments and will be submitted to the Hluttaw.

Regarding the suggestion of Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7) to issue temporary passports in Phayathonesu in addition to three border stations for enabling certificate-less labour arriving in

Thailand to officially take job, citizenship scrutiny cards were issued to Myanmar workers in Thailand and temporary Myanmar passports to workers registered in Thailand in three border stations in Myanmar and six others in Thailand as of 29 February. For opening of border station in Phayathonesu, both sides will be coordinated at any convenient in the future.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said: Regarding the discussion of Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency (9) to open a rural health centre if the village has population of 20000, objectives have been set in National Health Plan (2011-2012) and funds have been requested for deploying human resources and providing medicines in rural health centres.

Regarding discussion of Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency on anti-venom drug, the drugs necessary for the victims are being procured from the Ministry of Industry and distributed to the hospitals depending on their needs. As local production does not meet demand, drugs have to be imported from Thailand. Thai anti-venom medicines are less effective and leading to increasing dosage. Anti-venom medicine production research acquired the drug from blood of sheep and egg. For prevention, education and shoes/gloves minimizing the risk of snake are introduced. For treatment, first aid and Peritoneal Dialysis and Haemodialysis for patients with kidney failure have been prepared.

Union Minister at the President Office and Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt said: Regarding suggestions of U Win Oo of Yephya Constituency and U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency on Nay Pyi Taw Special Development Project, the special development project group was established as the project will be scattered and hard to supervise if each ministry undertakes their own works although the construction of Nay Pyi Taw was first supposed to be assigned to respective ministries.

There is no new construction of the project in the time of the government in office and construction works of uncompleted buildings continued. Some construction works have been suspended since July 2011. Unfinished construction works of the previous government necessary for XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in December 2013 and 2014 ASEAN Summit are being carried out. Hluttaw representatives are requested to consider the fact that we need to keep abreast of other ASEAN members in respect of the essential undertakings.

U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency submitted the proposal for condolences for U Aung Sein Tha, 75, from Minbya Constituency who died of heart failure on 1 March under Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule (64). The Hluttaw gave the approval and observed two-minute prayer.

Hluttaw representatives discussed differences between Pyithu Hluttaw and

Amyotha Hluttaw and amendments of Joint Bill Committee regarding Pyithu Hluttaw Bill, Region or State Hluttaw Bill and the Hluttaw sought approval for the bills paragraph-wise.

The Hluttaw approved the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill as in the amendments of the Joint Bill Committee as there is no against vote for Chapter (1) Paragraph (2) (j, k, l), Chapter (4) Paragraph (9) (f, g), Paragraph (10) (h, i, j), Paragraph (11) (f), Paragraph (13), Paragraph (14), Chapter (6) Paragraph (20), Chapter (7) Paragraph (24) (b), Chapter (9), Paragraph (39), Paragraph (51) (e), Chapter (13) Paragraph (63), Paragraph (65), Paragraph (66), Paragraph (68) of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill.

The Hluttaw approved Chapter (1) Paragraph (2) (k), Chapter (4) Paragraph (9) (f, g), Paragraph (13), Paragraph (14), Chapter (6) Paragraph (23) (a, c, d), Chapter (8) Paragraph (32) (b), Chapter (15) Paragraph (81), Paragraph (83) of the Region or State Hluttaw Bill as in the amendments of the Joint Bill Committee and Chapter (6) Paragraph (23) (b) as proposed amendment of U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency.

Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin submitted the proposal to approve the whole Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and the whole Region or State Hluttaw Bill, the Hluttaw agreed and approved the bills.

Today's session concluded at 3.25 pm and the 19th day session is held at 10 am on 6 March.

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Opening of 39th meeting of tropical cyclone members countries launched

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March— Under the supervision of Meteorology and Hydrology Department under the Ministry of Transport, World Meteorological Organization and The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) jointly held an opening of the 39th meeting of tropical cyclone members countries in Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, at Zabuthiri Hotel of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at noon today.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein and officials concerned, representatives of WMO, officials concerned of UNESCAP, representatives of the tropical cyclone members countries—Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Maudite, Ohman, Pakistan, Sirilankan, Thailand, representatives of the organizations under



United Nations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and representatives of the meteorology and hydrology department.

Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung delivered an address at the opening. He expressed his wonders that the 39th meeting is held in Myanmar for this year, and said that Myanmar has held such the meeting for



about five times since the year of its establishment, and urged the member countries to cooperate with each other in promulgation of precautions and notifications about natural disasters on international strategy for natural disaster reduction.

After Secretary Dr. Q.Z Chaudhry of Tropical Cyclone member countries' organization, Head of the natural disaster reduction department under UNESCAP, and Mr. Yuichi Ono and Director Dr. Groffrey

Love of WMO had extended greetings, Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung made a concluding remarks.

The meeting will go on till 9 March, concentrating on reduction of lost of lives due to cyclones, research on tropical cyclones, predicting tasks, announcements, predictable facts, notifications and measurements and sharing technical knowhow on cyclones that occur in Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.

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Yangon Mayor receives Chinese delegation

YANGON, 5 March—Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint received Deputy General Secretary Ms. Yang Rong of Yangzhou Municipal People's Government of the

Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint meets Deputy General Secretary Ms Yang Rong of Yangzhou Municipal People's Government of PRC.—MNA

People's Republic of China and party at his office at 2.30 pm today.

They had a cordial discussion on matters of friendly ties between cities of the two countries.

Also present at the call were Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe, Joint-Secretary U Tin Tun, committee members and Head of Information and Public Relations Department U Hla Myint Swe.

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Train-truck collision leaves three injured in Kyauktaga

Train service returns to normal around 2 pm

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—A crash involving a truck and a train at the crossing near Yintaikgon Village in Kyauktaga Township, Bago Region, yesterday.

The crash happened around 2.45 am when the No 2 Down Train crashed into the 12-wheel truck while the truck was crossing the Yangon-Mandalay railroad as the arm which controlled the crossing did not stop the road traffic. The truck was dragged for about 200 feet on the track.

The engine DF-1347 of the train was out of joint and plunged into the ditch which is about 50 ft wide and 10 ft deep. The right side of front car of the train was damaged in the

collision. The crash broke the wind shield and frame, and damaged the body and blew off two tyres of the Nissan truck.

A passenger in the train broke his left thigh, got injuries while two other train passengers and the driver of the truck got minor injuries and they are being treated at Kyauktaga People's Hospital.

The truck was removed from the track around 10.40 am and the train service has returned to normal around 2 pm after another engine arrived from Yangon Station had pulled the 12 coaches stranded on the road. The authority will open an investigation into the crash.—MNA



A damaged Nissan truck seen after its collision with Yangon-Mandalay No. 2 down-train—MNA

Pathein-Ngaputaw Road upgraded into gravel facility

PATHEIN, 5 March—The road linking Pathein Township and Ngaputaw Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region is No. 11 road which is one of the road facilities in the road network construction development project in the Region.

At present, the road works have been completed as 21 miles long gravel road from Pathein to Ngaputaw on 29 February.

The 12 feet wide facility is being constructed by three road special groups including two groups of district Public Works, one airport construction special group and one building construction special group with added momentum.

Moreover, a total of 12 bridge special groups and five special project groups are constructing Paypin River Bridge and Thetkel Creek Bridge on the road to be completed by March 2012.—District IPRD

Overage vehicles handed over to DRT



MANDALAY, 4 March—Directorate of Road Transport of Mandalay accepts handover of overage vehicles. At present, the directorate accepts vehicles with number plate of "Da".

So far, a total of 660 vehicles have been handed over the directorate in Mandalay Region, 399 vehicles in Yangon North District, 154 vehicles in Meiktila District, 77 vehicles in Myingyan District, 83 vehicles in Kyaukse District, 21 vehicles in Yamethin District and 50 vehicles in Pyin Oo Lwin District, totalling 1444.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

LOANS DISBURSED: The second disbursement of loans to 206 vendors of Nyaunglebin Myoma Market, Pyuntaza Market, Madauk Market and Peinzalok Market of Bago Region was held at Thiri Yadana Hall in Nyaunglebin Township on 21 February. Executive Officer U M Hla Thauung of Township DAC presents K 20.6 million loans to the vendors after making clarification on purpose of disbursement.—MNA



Humanitarian protection course conducted

PYAPON, 5 March—World Vision (Myanmar) conducted the humanitarian protection course at Ywama monastery in Pyapon on 20 and 21 February.

Police Captain Khin Khin Soe of Pathein Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad talked about prevention against trafficking in person, Dr San Oo about role of health sector in basic knowledge on preventive measures, reporter U Thauung Nyunt (Pyapon) about legal affairs on preventive measures, and Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association Reporter U Aung Win about public development tasks and role of literary knowledge.

Administrators of wards and villages and those engaging in child care services attended the course.—Myanma Alin

Myanmar U-21 sail into semifinal in Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy 2012

Myanmar U-21 team played a goalless draw with Singaporean youth team in the last match of the Group (A) in the Hassanal Bolkiah Trophy in Track and Field Sports Complex in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei Darussalam on 4 March.

In fact, Myanmar has held the permit to enter the semifinal after its third match in the group. But, the team poured vigorous efforts in playing against Singaporean. The keeper and defenders strongly safeguard the custody till the final whistle.

Due to a draw result, Myanmar could stand top in the standing table with three wins and one draw in four matches by scoring 10

points.

Myanmar U-21 will meet host Brunei or Timor

Leste in first semifinal on 7 March.

Zaw Min Aung (107)



DISTRICT NEWS

New water course for Ngawun River dredged

NGATHAINGGYOUNG, 5 March—Due to silting, the original course of Ngawun River disappeared in Daunggyibet Village, near Thauungyi Village of Ngathainggyoung Sub-Township in Pathein District of Ayeyawady Region.

Moreover, the embankment in Bawdigon Village, upstream Ngathainggyoung have been repaired for many times due to erosion.

So as to prevent bank erosion, the water course of Ngawun River is being dredged, far distance from the embankment, with the use of heavy machinery, by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Myanma Alin

CSC ISSUED: Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Min Naung and staff made field trips for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible people as part of efforts to implement Moe Pwint-2 Plan. On 26 February, Head of the Township INRD U Min Naung and staff issue CSC to the people at the library in Ward 4/South of Thakayta Township.—KYEMON





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

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Deadly coach accidents are not uncommon in Malaysia, particularly in mountainous areas.

INTERNET

Man robs Girl Scouts of \$200

HOUSTON, 5 March—Houston area Girl Scouts stood up to two thieves who nabbed their cash box, leaving one girl injured and her troop mates shaken up, they say.

A black Toyota Camry pulled up in front of a Fort Bend Walmart just before 2 pm on Saturday, where members of troop No. 29152 were selling cookies, KPRC-TV, Houston, reported. A man got out of the passenger side and approach-

ed the stand, saying he was interested in buying several boxes. He then grabbed the cash box and jumped back into the car to make a getaway, but not without Iravia Cotton on his heels. "I started hitting the boy in the passenger seat, so I think he learned his lesson a little bit and then they dragged my friend Rachel across the street, driving real fast," Cotton told KPRC.

Rachel Johnson followed

Cotton's lead, springing into action and grabbing the car's rear bumper to stop the men from getting away, before falling and suffering a few scrapes. Johnson had a message for the crooks that escaped with \$200 dollars: "I hope your face hurts where I raved punched you, jerk, bam," she said. "I hope your face hurts and I hope it leaves a scar. Who steals money from Girl Scouts, I mean, really."

Internet

Two dead, 22 hurt in Malaysia tour bus accident

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 March—Two Indian tourists died and 22 other people were hurt on Monday when their bus overturned on a winding mountain road in western Malaysia, police said.

The coach loaded with Indian holiday-makers lost control, struck a highway divider and overturned en route from the Genting Highlands resort to the Capital Kuala Lumpur, district police official Mohamad Yusri Hasan Basri said. One woman and a man died while 22 other people including

the Malaysian coach driver were admitted to hospital, some with serious injuries, he said. A two-year-old child was among the injured.

Police were investigating the cause of the accident, but the steep and curving road is prone to accidents.

The Indian tourists had arrived at the highland resort on Saturday and were planning to travel onward to neighbouring Singapore, Mohamad Yusri said. Deadly coach accidents are not uncommon in Malaysia, particularly in mountainous areas.—Internet

Stiegler gets career-best 2nd in World Cup slalom



Resi Stiegler, of the United States, celebrates her second place after completing an alpine ski, women's World Cup slalom, in Ofterschwang, Germany, on 4 March, 2012.—INTERNET

OFTERSCHWANG, 5 March—Around this time last year, Resi Stiegler was happy just to make it through a full season without getting hurt. After a couple of nasty crashes and three mostly lost seasons of injuries and rehabilitation, Stiegler reached a more ambitious milestone on Sunday. She finished a career-best second

in a World Cup slalom on Sunday. "I'm ecstatic, I almost have no words for it," Stiegler said. "I don't know why it all came together today, but maybe it could have come together all year and was just waiting for this one day."

The only person between the American and a gold medal was Erin Mielzynski, who gave Canada its first World Cup slalom victory in more than 40 years. Marlies Schild of Austria placed third to win her fourth slalom World Cup title. Stiegler, a 2006 Olympian, had her promising career derailed the following December, when she wiped out during a giant slalom run in Austria. She caught an edge, went through the fencing, did a cartwheel and collided with a stump, breaking her right leg, left arm and tearing all the



Erin Mielzynski, of Canada, centre, winner of an alpine ski, women's World Cup slalom, smiles on the podium with second placed Resi Stiegler, of the United States, left, and third placed Marlies Schild, of Austria, in Ofterschwang, Germany, on 4 March, 2012.

INTERNET

ligaments in her right knee.

She overcame two off-hill injuries and entered the 2009-10 season healed and healthy.—INTERNET

United boss expects City showdown to decide title

LONDON, 5 March — Sir Alex Ferguson believes the destiny of the Premier League title race will be decided by the outcome of Manchester United's trip to face current leaders Manchester City at Eastlands on 30 April. United manager Ferguson is convinced his side took a major step toward retaining the English crown with the hard-fought 3-1 victory at Tottenham on Sunday. The champions were out-played for long periods but capitalised on two defensive errors by Spurs before Ashley Young capped victory with his second goal of the game.

Ferguson admitted his side rode their luck, but believes the form shown by United since the turn of the year confirms they are stepping up the pressure on City, who currently sit two

points clear at the head of the table. "We have had all the big teams since January including City and Liverpool in the FA Cup," Ferguson said. "We have come through that and credit to the players. They

have played well in most of the games. Today was a bit disappointing but the one thing we did do was show the determination to get the result.

INTERNET



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson watches his side grab a 3-1 away win at Spurs on Sunday despite being out-played for long period.

INTERNET

Inter scramble draw as pressure grows on Ranieri

MILAN, 5 March — Claudio Ranieri's grip on his Inter Milan job appeared even more precarious on Sunday after his side had to fight back from two goals down to squeeze out a 2-2 draw against Catania. Ranieri's team had lost seven of their previous eight games, without scoring a goal, and they were soon in trouble against their unheralded visitors from Sicily.



Inter Milan's coach Claudio Ranieri (R) throws a ball to Inter Milan's Argentine defender Javier Zanetti during a Serie A match against Catania at the San Siro stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

Catania, with only one point collected in 16 previous visits to San Siro, were dreaming of all three when Alejandro Gomez gave them a 20th-minute lead and Mariano Izco added the second 18 minutes later. Inter were booed off at half-time by the sparse crowd and the jeers at a clearly unsettled Ranieri increased in the second half as time slipped away. But Diego Forlan pulled one back after 71 minutes — Inter's first in 541 minutes — before the Uruguayan set up the unmarked Diego Milito to grab the equaliser with 10 minutes left.

Despite the late rescue act, Inter remain in seventh place in Serie A, 11 points off the Champions League places. "The team knew how to react. We looked at each other in the dressing room at half-time and it was a delicate moment," said Ranieri. "The guys were formidable. At 2-0 down they could have lost hope but no. This team never says never."

INTERNET

Column: McIlroy is the new face of golf

PALM BEACH GARDENS, 5 March — For more months than we care to think about, the only real question in golf has been this: What's wrong with Tiger? Maybe now we should be asking what's going so well with golf. Plenty, if you judge from a Sunday afternoon in Florida, where a new star helped cement his claim to greatness even as he heard roars coming down the stretch that could only mean Tiger Woods was on the move.

No 1 in the world was on the line for Rory McIlroy, but that wasn't even the biggest subplot of the day. That was owned by a player in bright red whose game finally matched the brilliance of his shirt. Woods' 62 may not have

put a scare into McIlroy, but it did put everyone on notice that he can still play golf. Doing it on Sunday after it's been so long since he's won a real tournament screamed out Woods was, indeed, back.

The only question is how much it still matters. To the crowd count, yes, and maybe even to the count always in Woods' head — the 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus.



Rory McIlroy holds the trophy after winning the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla, on 4 March, 2012.—INTERNET

Real Madrid smash Espanyol to go 10 points clear

MADRID, 5 March — Real Madrid crushed Espanyol 5-0 on Sunday to record a 10th straight league victory and restore their 10-point advantage over Barcelona at the top of La Liga. Two goals from Gonzalo Higuain, and one each from Cristiano



Real Madrid's Argentinian forward Gonzalo Higuain celebrates after scoring against Espanyol during a Spanish league football match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.—INTERNET

Ronaldo, Sami Khedira, and Kaka gave Real victory after Barcelona had reduced the gap to seven points with a battling 3-1 victory over Sporting Gijon on Saturday.

Madrid were dominant throughout and their quick passing and counter-attacking play, together with world-class finishing, was too much for a disappointing Espanyol side. Real coach Jose Mourinho, who has already been installed as favourite to replace the sacked Andre Villas-Boas at Chelsea, opted to skip the post-match news conference, sending out his assistant Aitor Karanka instead.

"Everyone can see that Higuain is a special player. When he is not happy you can see it and when he is you can tell as well.—INTERNET



Paris Saint-Germain's head coach Carlo Ancelotti looks at his players during the French L1 football match PSG vs Ajaccio at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris.

INTERNET

PARIS, 5 March — Ligue 1 title favourites Paris Saint-Germain returned to the top of the table after overwhelming third-bottom Ajaccio 4-1 at a rain-soaked Parc des Princes

PSG sink Ajaccio to reclaim top spot in Ligue 1

on Sunday. Montpellier had conceded the initiative in the title race after being held to a draw at Dijon on Saturday and PSG took full advantage by beating Ajaccio through goals from Javier Pastore, Jeremy Menez, Guillaume Hoarau and Nene.

Having rescued a

thrilling 4-4 draw at Lyon last weekend, Carlo Ancelotti's side have now gone 15 games unbeaten and are a point clear of Montpellier with 12 games of the season remaining. "We played some really nice football and we had lots of chances to score," said Ancelotti.—INTERNET



Paris Saint-Germain's Argentinian midfielder Javier Pastore (L) shoots the ball to score a goal during the French L1 football match PSG vs Ajaccio in Paris.—INTERNET



Kevin Anderson

Anderson beats Matosevic to win Delray Beach title

DELRAY BEACH, 5 March — Kevin Anderson beat Australian qualifier Marinko Matosevic 6-4, 7-6 (2) on Sunday to win the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships for his second career ATP title. The seventh-seeded Anderson, the first South African to win this 20-year-old tournament, is now 2-1 in career finals, having won his first title at the now defunct 2011 Johannesburg tournament. "It's fantastic," said Anderson. "First title in the United States which is great. Apart from South Africa this is my second home. Winning one in the United States is especially exciting."

The 36th-ranked Anderson—he'll move up to around No 30 in the next rankings—gained a lot of attention here this week as he beat the two American favorites—Andy Roddick in quarterfinals and John Isner in the semis. The 173rd-ranked Matosevic had the best week of his career despite losing in his first career.

INTERNET

Champion Klitschko warns challengers to think twice

DUESSELDORF, 5 March — World champion Wladimir Klitschko has issued a warning to any fighters looking to step up to the heavyweight division to think twice after he knocked out Jean-Marc Mormeck. The 35-year-old defend his IBF, IBO, WBO and WBA titles, needing just four rounds to knock-out Mormeck, who stepped up from cruiserweight two years ago, and made good his promise to make the Frenchman the 50th KO of his career. Last July, Klitschko beat Britain's David Haye, who had also stepped up from cruiserweight, to claim the WBA title.

The champion said promising cruiserweights and light heavyweights to carefully consider any challenge for a world heavyweight title. "I think all the light heavyweights who have ambitions to get into heavyweight division should think twice," he said, having claimed the 57th win of his career with just three defeats in 60 fights. "Jean-Marc wanted to believe I was weak at this point but I wanted to prove that my chin was solid," he added after Mormeck had threatened to "smash" the Ukrainian's "glass-jaw" in the pre-fight build-up. —Internet



Ukrainian heavyweight boxing world champion Wladimir Klitschko (L) fights with French challenger Jean-Marc Mormeck in the IBF, IBO, WBO and WBA title bout at the Esprit arena in the western German city of Dusseldorf on March 3. Klitschko has issued a warning to any fighters looking to step up to the heavyweight division to think twice after he knocked out Jean-Marc Mormeck. —INTERNET

England manager search has turned into a farce - Terry Butcher



LONDON, 5 March — Former England captain Terry Butcher has called the Football Association's search for a new manager "a farce". Fabio Capello quit in February and the FA's head of development Sir Trevor Brooking has stated a permanent appointment could be made just days before Euro 2012 begins in June. Caretaker boss Stuart Pearce has said he is available to manage England at this summer's major championship. "I think it's a farce," Butcher told BBC Radio 5 live's Sportsweek. The Inverness manager added: "We've got two warm-up games in May before the European Championships. 'You're looking to get a settled squad and an idea of what that the starting side will be for the first match at the Euros and we're a million miles away from that. 'I think the FA must be bolder and if they want [Tottenham Hotspur manager] Harry Redknapp, really go for him. If that's not to be the case, then get someone else in, if that's what they want to do."

Redknapp has emerged as the popular choice for the post but Spurs' final Premier League game of the season is against Fulham on 13 May. This date is less than a fortnight before England's first warm-up game against Norway on 26 May and less than a month before their opening game at the tournament against France on 11 June. — Internet

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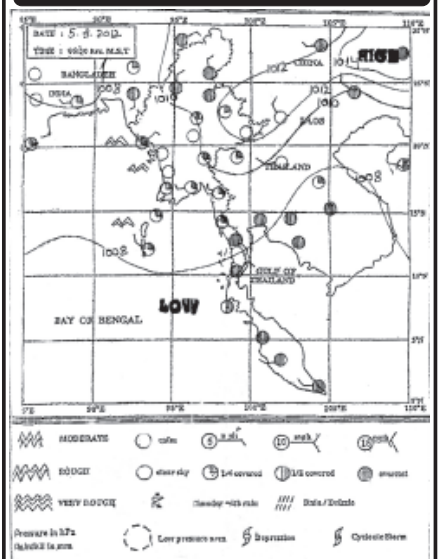
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- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:15 am
- 5. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:30 am
- 6. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 4:20 pm
- 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performings Arts Competitions
- 5:15 pm
- 8. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:30 pm
- 9. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
- 5:40 pm
- 10. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 5:50 pm
- 11. Song Programme
- 8:00 pm
- 12. News
- 13. How to Cast Vote (Myanmar Motion Picture Asayone)
- 14. Bakery World
- 15. India Dharma Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 6th March, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/79	14/57	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
2	Kayah	29/84	11/52	Generally fair weather	
3	Kayin	30/100	19/66	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	19/66	08/46	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sgawing	26/79	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
6	Lower Sgawing	32/90	17/63	Generally fair weather	
7	Tanintharyi	36/97	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
8	Bago	34/93	21/70	Generally fair weather	
9	Magway	34/93	18/64	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	31/88	18/64	Generally fair weather	
11	Mon	30/100	23/73	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	36/97	22/72	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	31/88	21/70	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	24/75	10/50	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	26/79	08/46	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	25/77	11/52	Generally fair weather	
17	Ayeyawady	34/93	21/70	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	16/61	Generally fair weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	31/88	18/64	Generally fair weather	

Summary of observations at (09:30 hr MST) on today

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

Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of slight increase of day temperature in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Tenacious Hsieh wins BMW Malaysian Open title

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 March — It was a match too far for Petra Martić, who handed Taiwanese qualifier Hsieh Su-wei the BMW Malaysian Open title after retiring in the third set of the final Sunday due to fatigue.



Hsieh Su-Wei of Taiwan poses with her trophy after defeating Petra Martić of Croatia during their final singles match at the BMW Malaysian Open women's tennis tournament in Kuala Lumpur. — INTERNET

The Croatian took the first set 6-2, but Hsieh, who has made it a habit to chase down lost causes, fought back in the second, coming from a 2-3 deficit to win 7-5. Twice in the third set Martić called for the trainer and after being broken for the third time in the match, which gave Hsieh a 3-1 lead, she looked a beaten woman.

After Hsieh held serve to go 4-1 up, Martić called the trainer for a third time and decided she could not continue, handing Hsieh the first WTA title of her career. Women's Tennis Association tour supervisor Pam Whytcross said Martić had to pull out as she was suffering from heat exhaustion. "She is not injured and just needs a bit of rest. She had a big day today, playing nearly five hours of tennis and is completely exhausted," she said. — Internet

Ferrari chief writes off Australian chances

BARCELONA, 5 March — Ferrari technical director Pat Fry admitted on Sunday that the Italian giants will struggle to make the podium at the season-opening Australian Grand Prix in two weeks' time. Fry was speaking after the final pre-season test wound up at Montmelo, a four-day session that saw former world champion Fernando Alonso manage only the fifth-fastest time of 1min 22.250sec from an exhausting 240 laps. Team-mate Felipe Massa was ninth on the time charts overall with 1min 22.413sec after completing 227 laps.

Kimi Raikkonen, in a Lotus, was the fastest overall with Sergio Perez, in a Sauber, McLaren driver Jenson Button and Daniel Ricciardo, in the unheralded Toro Rosso, all finishing in front of the lavishly funded Ferraris. "In the hunt for the podium in Melbourne? At the moment I'd say no," Fry told the Ferrari website. "We are disappointed with the performance level seen at these tests and I think we have a lot of work ahead of us. Clearly the decision relating to the exhausts that we took last week meant we took a few steps backwards in terms of development."

"How much? Difficult to say right now. In testing,



Ferrari's Spanish driver Fernando Alonso drives at Catalunya's racetrack in Montmelo, near Barcelona, during the Formula One test days on 2 March, 2012. —INTERNET

you can only make assumptions regarding what fuel loads the other cars are running and it will only be in Melbourne that we will get a clear answer as to whether we have to be very disappointed or just a little, how far we really are off the front runners and consequently how much ground we have to make up to get there." — Internet

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 18th day

Union Ministers make clarifications, proposal on condolence made, two bills discussed and approved



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends 18th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—The 18th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here at 10.15 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 545 MPs.

At today's session, Union Ministers' clarifications were made, the proposal on condolence made and two bills discussed and approved.

Ten Union Ministers made their clarifications of the principles and basic discussions of Hluttaw representatives regarding the national planning bill of the 2012-2013 fiscal year that was discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions from 7 February to 1 March.

In his clarification, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay said U Khin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency discussed the need for thorough assessment in drawing and implementing plans for progress of border areas and national races and for making reassessment as they might be cost differences in road construction due to different regions. The costs for constructing border region development roads are



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives attending 18th day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.—MNA

calculated according to regional prices. Construction is undertaken by region/state governments and the State provides K 0.9 million for one mile of earth road, K 3 million for one mile of gravel road and K 6 million for one mile of tarred road.

money to be spent in terms of budget. Those projects can bring about industrial, technological and human resource development as well as more job prospects. Moreover, those projects can not be the State-own businesses for ever and they are the ones that can be

implemented on a joint-venture or public-owned basis or with foreign investment. This is why it is necessary for people's representatives to consider that those industrial projects are being undertaken with the national goal of building an industrialized nation.

Concerning the discussion of road maintenance or maintenance of old roads, it is regrettable that due to typing errors, repairing and maintenance of new roads implied that new roads were built now and damaged then. Actually, the subject is about maintenance and repairing of old roads in border regions. As the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and regional authorities are carrying out greening tasks, regarding the discussion of naming the exact title for the law entitled others, it means that greening tasks are being carried out in the campus of University for Progress of National Races in the Union (Sagaing).

Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency-7 discussed that all heavy industrial projects in the 2011-2012 fiscal and the ones that will start in the 2012-2013 fiscal should be halted for State-owned capital. In this regard, industrial development projects are being undertaken with special loan from the People's Republic of China. Loan agreements were signed in 2010. By halting the projects, it is impossible to use those loans for other purposes. And there cannot be extra

In his clarification, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan said U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency discussed cooperation with private sector in order for the Information Ministry to reduce cost for media investment and machinery purchases and media development. Regarding this, for over the past 7 or 8 years, the ministry has been cooperating with the private sector in effectively carrying out media tasks and saving State funds after laying down new policies. Channel-4 and its related programmes are being broadcast in cooperation with Forever Media Group. Similarly, in collaboration with Sky Net Media, Sky Net programmes including Myanmar International are being broadcast. In radio broadcasting, six FM radio stations namely Mandalay FM, Padanya FM, Shwe FM,

Pyinsawady FM, Cherry FM and Bagan FM are airing their programmes. As a result, expenditure from State funds could be reduced and media coverage has been expended than ever. In addition, some programmes

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