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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union

* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

As all national people are families living under the same roof of the nation, the time has come for them to work together for national development with full understanding, instead of arguing with each other



President U Thein Sein meets state, district and township level departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—President U Thein Sein met state, district and township level departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders at the city hall of Taunggyi yesterday morning.

On arrival at Taunggyi by car, the President and party were welcomed by the townsenders and local nationals. Next, the President attended the meeting at the city hall.

Also present on the occasion were the deputy commander-in-chief of Defence Services, Union ministers, the Shan State chief minister, the commander of Eastern

Command, deputy ministers, state cabinet members, departmental heads, state/district/township level departmental personnel, faculty members of universities and colleges in Taunggyi, ward administrators, townsenders and guests.

State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat reported on background history of the state, facts about the state, tribal settlements, land use, cultivation of crops, rice and edible oil sufficiency, the fish sector and establishment of breeding zones, education and health matters, industrial zone tasks, water supply and construction tasks, power supply and rural development tasks. Then, townsenders reported on

the needs for enough drinking water supply, upgrading of 37-mile long Taunggyi-Zale-Latthet-Mongpyin Road linking Taunggyi and Honpon townships into an all-weather one and upgrading of No.3 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Nyaungphyu Camp Area (10) into a middle school (branch).

Then, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported on construction of 6869 miles of roads and 12163 bridges plus a water conduit in Shan State, upgrading of old roads and construction of new roads; Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi on Moepwint project tasks, nationwide collection of censuses; Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe on nationwide distribution of electricity and supply of electricity to Shan State; Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay on arrangements for supply of enough drinking water to Taunggyi; and Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye on matters related to upgrading of three post-primary schools in Taunggyi into middle schools (branch).

In giving instructions for fulfilling the needs, the President said he and union ministers were there to make a field inspection of the state government's tasks and fulfill the requirements and to explain the measures taken in the one year period since the government taking office. As the government has been elected by the people, it will continue to march towards the goal of democracy. Peace and stability and national economic development are essential requisites for the flourishing of democracy. These two points are the two desires of the people, said the President.

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President U Thein Sein cordially greets those present at meeting at the town hall of Taunggyi.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Break bad habits

A thing that we do very often can be called a habit. But, we should take care of our habits as they portray our real selves significantly.

Generally, we can think of habits from two perspectives: good habit and bad habit. Although it is easy to have bad habits, we usually hesitate to cultivate good habits.

However, we need to remember that we live in a community replete with standard practices and accepted moral values. So, in order not to offend the people around us, we should break our bad habits if we have had them.

We all know that smoking is a bad and harmful habit. It can even be hazardous to the people around called secondary smokers. Even if smokers cannot give up smoking themselves, they should occupy non-smoking areas, refrain from smoking in public places and stay away from pregnant ladies and children. In other words, make it a personal agenda and that's a good habit.

There are also some personal bad habits though they may not harm others greatly. They involve biting fingernails under stress, frequent yawning before others, putting one hand in the pocket during public speaking, frequent spitting, recklessly throwing away waste things.

Overall, we should think back and evaluate ourselves. What are some of the bad habits that we should kick and what are some good habits we should keep for the rest of our life? Only then, can the people around us not be disturbed by our bad habits. So, let's break our bad habits and cultivate good habits.

Basic International Trading Course No (1) on 26 March

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Opened by the Ministry of Commerce, the Trade Institute is intended to development of trade sector and human resources engaged in trading for national economic development. Basic International Trading Course No (1) will be conducted there from 26 March.

The course covers export and import procedures, international trade theory and principles, trade promotion strategies, business law, business ethnics, supply chain management, standardization, regional trade organization and regional trade agreement-RTA, business English, and risk management to be lectured by economists and departmental officials from related ministries.

The duration of the course is four months, three days a week from 9 am to 12.30 pm.

Application forms are available for free at Directorate of Trade (Yangon Region Office), at No. 228-240, Strand Road, Pabedan Township here and the deadline is 20 March.—MNA

Basic gymnastic coaching and referee course wraps up

YANGON, 11 March—Organized by Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Gymnastics Federation's C level basic gymnastic coaching and referee course concluded at the training camp of the federation in Kyaikkasan Grounds in Tamway

Overpass to be commissioned into service in Kamayut Tsp



Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein and Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe drive stakes for construction of an overpass at Hledan Junction in Kamayut Township.—MNA

YANGON, 11 March—A stake-driving ceremony of an overpass at Hledan Junction in Kamayut Township here at 8:20 am today, in the attendance of Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, regional chief justice,

regional ministers, regional attorney general and officials concerned, Managing Director of Shwetaung Development Company Limited, and distinguished persons.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Region Chief

Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Mayor regional minister for development U Hla Myint, regional minister for forest and energy U Kyaw Soe, regional minister for transportation U Aung Khin, regional minister for electric and industry U Nyan Tun Oo, Secretary of Yangon City

Development Committee U Kyaw Soe and Managing Director U Aung Zaw Naing drove the stakes in the respective places and sprinkled scented water on it, showering silver and gold rituals down on those present.

After that, the Union Minister explained the purpose of the construction of the overpass in his speech made at the opening, saying that the four-lane overpass would ease the traffic congestion at the junction, upon its completion.

The RC type overpass is a total of 2466 feet in length, 50 feet and 8 inches in width. It can withstand 60 tons of load and its clearance is 18 feet.

Under the supervision of Yangon City Development Committee, it is being constructed by Shwetaung Development Co Ltd, designed by Vertex Traffic Engineering Co with England inspiration and by TY Lin International Pte, Ltd, American inspiration.

The overpass is expected to be put into service in four-month.

MNA

49th Myanmar Gems Emporium continues for third day



Local and foreign gems merchants view jade lots.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Organized by Central Committee for Holding Myanmar Gems

Emporium, 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium 2012 continued for the third day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall

here this morning. Patron of the committee Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik visited the emporium

today.

Local and foreign merchants viewed jade lots to be sold in open tender system and competitive bidding system and submitted tenders.

Union Minister U Thein Htaik arrived at the emporium in the evening and viewed gems merchants studying jade lots and submitting tenders.

The 49th Myanmar Gems Emporium will be held till 18 March. Jade lots will be sold through open tender system between 11 and 15 March and through competitive bidding system between 16 and 18 March.—MNA

UDNR concludes for teacher training course No. 21, holds convocation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—University of Development for National Races held a ceremony to conclude training course No. 21 for junior assistant teachers, conferring job appointments on the graduates at the

convocation hall of the University on 9 March.

On the occasion, the BED holders of the four-year course No. 43 were given job appointments in the attendance of Rector U Zaw Min Thein of the university,

representatives of the States and Regions, faculty members, invited persons, trainees and their families.

At first, Pro-Rector (teaching) U Htay Lwin presented the reports on the JAT training course No. 21.

Rector U Zaw Min Thein handed their completion certificates to the trainees and awarded the outstanding ones. Those representatives gave job appointments to the BED holders.

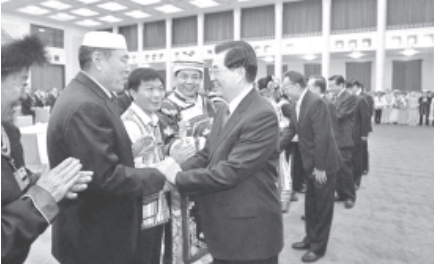
The ceremony came to an end with concluding remarks of Rector U Zaw Min Thein.—MNA

MoU on acceptance of supplies signed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Under the serving programmes of Japan Government for micro projects, Japanese people and government added \$ 87613 to a fund for construction of a new school building of a primary school in Winga Village in Mon State, Minister-Counsellor Mr. Ichiro Maruyama of Japan Embassy to the Republic

of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman U Win Myint of the school board of trustees signed a MoU relating to acceptance of supplies on 29 February.

The donation promotes progress of the students studying in that school, ensuring that Japan-Myanmar relationship is firmly fastened.—MNA



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R, front) shakes hands with deputies to the Fifth Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) and members of the Fifth Session of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) who are from the ethnic minorities in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 March, 2012. A party for the NPC deputies and CPPCC members of ethnic minorities was held here Saturday. Top Communist Party of China (CPC) and state leaders Hu Jintao, Wu Bangguo, Wen Jiabao, Jia Qinglin, Li Changchun, Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, He Guoqiang and Zhou Yongkang attended the party. —XINHUA

Serviceman detained in Afghanistan over civilian casualties

KABUL, 11 March—A US soldier has been detained in Afghanistan in connection with an incident involving civilian casualties in the southern Kandahar province, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Sunday.

"US Forces-Afghanistan, in cooperation with Afghan authorities, will investigate this incident," ISAF said in a statement.

"This is a deeply regrettable incident and we extend our thoughts and concerns to the families involved."

ISAF did not elaborate. Kandahar Governor

Tooryalai Wisa told Reuters a US soldier left his base in Kandahar on Saturday and opened fire on civilians. He said initial reports indicated up to 16 civilians were killed. That could not be immediately confirmed.

Civilian casualties have been a major source of friction between President Hamid Karzai's government and US-led NATO forces in Afghanistan.

Anti-American sentiment had already been running high before news of the latest civilian casualties.

Anger gripped the country after US soldiers burned a large number of copies of the Koran at a

NATO base last month. NATO said it was a tragic blunder.

Thirty people were killed in protests and Afghan forces turned their weapons on US soldiers, killing six.

Reuters

Afghan soldiers are reflected on the glass door of a restaurant as they prepare to leave from joint US-Afghan military base FOB Connolly to do a mission in Nangarhar province, eastern Afghanistan on 10 March, 2012. REUTERS



Remains of 167 people found in Mexican cave



In this photo released by the Chiapas state Attorney General's Office, skulls that were found in a cave sit on a table at the Chiapas state attorney general's office in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, on 10 March, 2012. Mexican authorities say they've found the remains of as many as 167 people in a southern Mexican cave, and forensic experts believe the remains are at least 50 years old.

INTERNET

MEXICO CITY, 11 March—Mexican authorities have found the remains of 167 people in a southern Mexican cave, and forensic experts believe the remains are at least 50 years

old, according to a statement from Chiapas state prosecutors.

The statement released Saturday said the remains were found Friday on the Nuevo Ojo de Agua ranch in

an area frequently used by Central American migrants traveling north. The statement said there were no visible signs of violence on the remains, which "break easily."

The statement said authorities will "not discard any line of investigation."

The remains were discovered stacked atop each other in the cave, said a prosecutor's office employee who was not authorized to release information and asked not to be identified. The remains have been moved to the state capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez for examination, the employee said.

Mass graves have been found in the past two years mainly in northern Mexico containing the bodies of dozens of migrants and others allegedly killed by drug cartels.

Internet

Two members of Abu Sayyaf group captured in S Philippines

COTABATO, 11 March—Philippine security forces have captured two Abu Sayyaf militants in the restive southern Philippines, police said on Sunday. Serham Akalan and Idris Anni, both members of Abu Sayyaf terrorist group linked to al-Qaeda, were separately arrested in the province of Basilan, regional police

commander Chief Superintendent Mario Avelino said.

"They were behind the deaths of our soldiers," he said. Akalan was implicated in the killing of 14 Marines in Al-Barkat town while Anni was linked to the 2001 kidnapping of workers of Golden Harvest Plantation in Lantawan town.

The Abu Sayyaf, active in southern Philippines, was founded in the 1990s and has perpetrated a number of high-profile attacks, including kidnapping, bombing and beheading.

The Philippine military estimates the Abu Sayyaf currently has less than 400 members.

Xinhua

A Palestinian tries to extinguish a fire after an Israeli airstrike in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip. INTERNET



Bomber kills 13, injures over 30 others in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 March—A bomber happened on Sunday killed at least 13 people in a funeral near the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar, police and health officials said.

The attack injured 32 other people at Badabher, a small town some 16 km east of Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkwa province, the city police chief Imtiaz Altaf said.

He said that Deputy Speaker of the Khyber Pakhtunkwa provincial assembly, Khushdil Khan, who attended the funeral, was target of the attack. But he escaped unhurt as he had left the area some 10 minutes ago, Altaf told reporters.

Doctors said that 32 injured were brought to the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar. Several injured were registered critical and the death toll may rise.

A large number of people were attending the funeral for a woman and the bomb exploded when the people were returning homes after the funeral at around 11:15 am local time.

Residents shifted the injured in private cars to the hospital. Emergency was declared in hospital and additional doctors and medical staff were called to treat the injured.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast.

The area is famous for anti-Taliban "Lashkar" or volunteers, who support the security forces against the militants. It was not clear if any leader of the peace committee was attending the funeral who are routinely targeted by the militants.

Witnesses said that several vehicles were also destroyed in the attack.

It is the second blast in the same area in less than two months.

On 2 Feb, a car bomb in a busy market in Badabher killed at least 9 people, including children and 24 others were injured. Badabher is located near Khyber tribal region.

There had also been Taliban attacks on the security forces and pro-government peace committee members in the area in the past.

Besides Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, another militant group Lashkar-e-Islam is also active in the same region and routinely launch attacks on security forces.—Xinhua



Two Palestinians killed in Israeli airstrikes

GAZA CITY, 11 March—Palestinian witnesses say a militant and a 12-year-old boy have been killed in Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli military confirmed one airstrike early Sunday and had no immediate comment on the report of a second.

Israeli police say three rockets fired from Gaza landed in southern Israel overnight and Sunday. No injuries were reported.

The deadliest clashes between the two sides in over a year have entered their third day showing no signs of subsiding.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman says there is no point in Israel's launching a large-scale military offensive in Gaza without setting the objective of toppling the militant Hamas regime there. He wouldn't tell Israel Radio whether such an operation was planned.—Internet

A wounded man receives medical treatment at a hospital in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar, on 11 March, 2012. A bombing happening on Sunday killed at least 13 people in a funeral near the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar, police and health officials said.

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Cubans join Terry Fox marathon to champion anti-cancer career

HAVANA, 11 March —Thousands of runners Saturday participated in the annual Terry Fox marathon throughout Cuba to commemorate the death of the Canadian young man and raise money for cancer research.

The race named the Marathon of Hope is also held in over 50 countries including Canada each year.

Eighteen-year-old Canadian Terry Fox, despite his amputated leg because of cancer, decided to start in 1980 the race around his country and collected fund for preventing and fighting cancer.

After running 3,338,63 miles and collecting 24 million US dollars, Fox was hospitalized due to the metastasis which had reached his lungs, and died 10 months later, days before turning 23. Cuba first joined the marathon in 1998. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Cuba with a total of 20,000 fatalities each year.—Xinhua

Health Tip: Diabetics, take care of your feet

Foot ulcers (sores) are common in people with diabetes. Left uncontrolled or untreated, they can lead to amputation. In fact, diabetes is the leading cause of extremity amputation in the United States in cases that don't involve a traumatic injury.

The American Podiatric Medical Association offers these suggestions to help reduce the risk of foot ulcers.

- * Avoid smoking and alcohol.
- * Keep cholesterol under control.
- * Manage blood glucose.
- * Wear shoes and socks at all times.
- * Check your feet regularly for wounds or abnormalities.
- * Keep any sores that do develop clean and bandaged.

Internet



Eight year-old Lily Diangelis speaks with a virtual Santa at Children's Hospital Boston in Boston, Massachusetts on 22 Dec, 2010.—REUTERS

Heart screens for kids not ready for prime time

NEW YORK, 11 March—Routinely giving children electrocardiograms could detect some cases of potentially fatal heart problems, but it would also cause many false-alarms along the way, a new study suggests.

An electrocardiogram, or EKG, is a fairly simple test that uses electrodes placed on the skin to record the heart's electrical activity. They've long been used to help diagnose heart disease in people with chest pain or other symptoms of heart trouble.

But the idea of using EKGs to screen symptom-free people for heart problems is controversial.

That's partly because EKGs are imperfect; they don't detect all heart abnormalities that can cause sudden death, and they can falsely suggest problems where there are none. It would be great to have a test that clearly catches those silent heart problems, with a low risk of "false-positives." But the EKG is not that," said Dr. Laurel Leslie of Tufts Medical Centre in Boston, the senior researcher on the new study.

Right now, the US Preventive Services Task Force recommends against EKG

screening for people at low risk of heart disease. Children and teenagers are at very low risk of having potentially fatal heart disorders. But whenever a young person dies suddenly of cardiac arrest, it's a shock — and often widely publicized, especially deaths among young athletes. There's been this debate about whether ECG screening would be practical and effective in preventing these tragic deaths," said Leslie.

Some countries, including Italy and Israel, already have mandatory EKG screening for young athletes.

Reuters



Government to seek court approval of \$25 billion mortgage pact

WASHINGTON, 11 March—A previously announced \$25 billion settlement between five major banks accused of

of negotiations with state attorneys general and federal agencies, including the US Justice Department and the US Department of Housing

not immediately be reached for comment after business hours.

The larger deal, to be spread out over three years, requires the banks to cut mortgage debt amounts and provides \$2,000 payments to certain borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure.

It releases the banks from civil government claims over faulty foreclosures and the mishandling of requests for loan modifications. Forty-nine states signed the pact.

Internet



A home is seen padlocked and boarded up in Brentwood, New York on 10 Feb, 2012.—INTERNET

abusive mortgage practices and government officials will be filed in federal court on Monday, people familiar with the matter said late Friday.

The pact unveiled 9 February is expected to result in payments and other mortgage relief for about one million borrowers, but must first be approved by a judge.

Bank of America Corp, Wells Fargo & Co, JPMorgan Chase & Co, Citigroup Inc and Ally Financial Inc agreed to the settlement after 16 months

and Urban Development.

But the fine print took another month to finalize.

Negotiators had hoped to file a settlement on Friday, but the deal was held up at the last minute over a disagreement between Nevada and Bank of America, people familiar with the matter said.

The state and the bank had negotiated a separate side deal to resolve an older lawsuit filed by the state.

The nature of the Friday disagreement was not immediately clear. Representatives of Nevada and Bank of America could

Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during an Apple event as he introduces the new iPad as an image the device is projected on screen in San Francisco, California on 7 March, 2012.

INTERNET

The new iPad



Customers pre-ordering latest iPad will have to wait

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 March—Consumers planning to pre-order Apple Inc's new iPad to avoid the release-day crowds at the company's retail stores will have to wait a little longer to get their hands on

one of the devices. The latest version of the company's tablet, which was unveiled on Wednesday, is scheduled to hit shelves on 16 March.

But tablets pre-ordered online won't ship to buyers until 19 March, according to the company's website.

The Wall Street Journal reported in Saturday's edition that Apple's website had earlier promised the newest tablet would arrive at customers' homes on the launch date. Apple did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Apple's new product releases are some of the hottest events on the tech calendar, scrutinized by investors, the media and industry insiders alike.

To the company's hardcore fans, who vie to be the

first to own the latest device, a three-day delay would be an eternity and could add to the crowds and chaos at the company's retail stores.

In January, enraged Chinese shoppers pelted Apple's flagship Beijing store with eggs and shoving matches broke out with police after customers were told the store would not begin sales of the iPhone 4S as scheduled.

The new iPad sports a crisper display and an array of technology advances and tweaks. Apple said it will continue to sell the iPad 2 but dropped its price by \$100. The older tablet now starts at \$399 while the new third-generation wi-fi only iPad starts at \$499.—Internet



A man rides a bicycle in the downtown area of Stockton, Calif, on 29 Feb, 2012. A red, white and blue sign declaring Stockton an iAll-America City still adorns City Hall, but the building's crumbling facade tells the real story of the community's recent fortunes. Since the sign went up nearly a decade ago, Stockton has twice topped Forbes magazine's list of iAmerica's most miserable cities. And now another unflattering title could be headed its way: largest American city to declare bankruptcy.—INTERNET

Business

Higher learning institutions in Sagaing Region for human resources development



As higher learning institutions including technological university were opened in Sagaing Region, those educational infrastructures have now been able to turn out human resources capable of serving the interest of the State and the Region.

Technological University (Monywa) was opened in Monywa, Sagaing Region for local youths in the region to be able to pursue higher education and advanced technology within their reach. University for Development of National Races (bottom left) was opened in Sagaing and Institute of Economics (Monywa) (bottom) was opened in Monywa to fulfill the educational needs of local people.

Translation: AKK



Archive: Maung Nyein Aye

Technological University (Shwebo) which was opened in Shwebo is an educational infrastructure for local youths in the region to pursue higher education.

Suicides up last year among Japan students

TOKYO, 11 March—The number of students who took their own lives in Japan in 2011 was up almost 11 percent from the previous year, the National Police Agency reports.

The total number of suicides fell by more than 3 percent to 30,651, The Yomiuri Shimbun reported. The year was the 14th straight when more than 30,000 people committed suicide in the country.

There were 1,029 student suicides, up by

101 from 2010. Where a reason for the suicide could be determined, 140 were motivated by academic problems and 136 by worries over what they would do after they left university, the NPA report said.

There were 5,547 suicides among people in their 60s, the largest number for any age bracket. Overall, health problems were the biggest reason for suicide, with 65 percent of those who left notes or other evidence citing poor health.—Internet

Building Macao into world's leisure centre

BEIJING, 11 March—Following are some quotes on building Macao into a tourism and leisure centre in the world from Ho Teng Iat, a political advisor and president of the Women's General Association of Macao, at the annual session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee on Sunday: — The central government should support the government of Macao Special Administrative Region in laying out industry and talents policies, and

completing urban planning.

—The central government should push forward all-around cooperation between Macao and the inland areas, especially take advantage of the opportunities of developing the Hengqin Island. < — The central government should help facilitate the flow of human, logistics, finance and information between Macao and the inland areas.

Xinhua

Modern People's Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Joint General Secretary-2 of Modern People's Party Daw Yi Yi San presented the party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV today.

The translation of her presentation is as follows.



I am Daw Yi Yi San (Pen name-Khin Win San), Joint General Secretary-2 of the Central Executive Committee of Modern People's Party. I am also a Pyithu Hluttaw candidate representing Wakhema Township.

First, I wish all the Myanmar people good health and happiness.

Since 1980, our party has conducted research on the defectiveness of socialism that centralizes economy and politics. Since then, we, a group of modern political eco-science, have transformed into Modern People's Party by doing constant research on Myanmar and international economic and political policies in the public interest. This is why our party has experienced in politics and policy research.

There are four principles of social science that reign in the world and cannot be prevented by any creator. They are: 1) Nothing can be done without the mass of people, 2) Nothing can be done without public elections, 3) People must be allowed to choose a suitable, correct policy in their best interest, and 4) If they are not allowed to do so, people will choose their own way.

So, our party will try to perform the duty of building a modern democratic nation upholding the above four principles. We will do everything peacefully. We don't accept the way we will initiate violence if everything cannot be done in peace. Our party has adopted an unconditional peace programme. Any measures involving violence and confrontation are outdated and can go back to the old eras as they can destroy revolutionary materials and knowledge. If there are any internal and external armed conflicts, we will try our utmost to cease those clashes for peace by openly pointing out which side is held accountability and which side is not. Social scientists say that barbaric ages generate wars and vice versa. This is why our party will adopt an unconditional peace programme keeping in the fore "Theory becomes a material force when it grips the masses".

Building up a peaceful, stable and modern developed democratic nation

Seeking and studying experiences and suggestions from global countries are necessary as well as beneficial. Yet, no matter where those advice and suggestions come from and how sincere they are, they need to be in conformity with the nation's prevailing objective conditions. The phenomenon of social science also says truth can only be sought in real life. Any creator cannot build a democratic nation overnight and it cannot be copied from other countries, either. Democracy must be domestically created. The granting of freedom alone cannot promote democracy. In democracies, people need to have good knowledge as everything is decided by the majority. To have wisdom and knowledge, people's living standards need to develop. To raise their living standards, it is necessary to develop economic forces of people. Modern political eco-science says the development of the productive forces is the highest criterion of the social progress. Hence, in this transition to democracy, it is time all the people needed to work hard to develop the said three basic needs.

I will elaborate our party's policy programmes in brief.

(a) Economy

We will practise open market economy that guarantees people's economic freedom. We will prioritize development of private economic enterprises, invite foreign director investments and encourage our businessmen to invest in foreign countries. We will promote

cooperation with our neighbouring countries, ASEAN countries and all global countries in manufacturing commodities and production technologies.

(b) Politics

We will exercise multi-party democracy that guarantees people's political freedom. For the flourishing of democracy, we will enshrine in the constitution the rights to express freely, write freely, organize and speak freely, assemble peacefully, form political parties freely and set up community-based organizations.

(c) Education

We will adopt an education system capable of turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia who can serve the real public interests in this age of knowledge. Our education system must be able to generate human resources. We will adopt a compulsory free middle education system for education promotion of the people. Private sector will be allowed to get involved in the education field. We will encourage both government and private sector to do education research. We will also encourage studying at accredited international universities and cooperation with those universities.

(d) Health

We will try for the uplift of health and fitness of the entire national people by laying down national health projects. We will highlight scientific improvement of medical branches. We will try to make sure that government takes charge of providing public health care and that private sector competes in the health sector. We will also encourage medical research including traditional medicine.

(e) Defence

There must be a modern national Tatmadaw which is capable of safeguarding independence and sovereignty, protecting the constitution prescribed in accord with democratic practices and safeguarding the Union at risk of its life. We will try to ensure that our Tatmadaw is always modern and advanced.

(f) Foreign affairs

We will continue to practise the five principles of peaceful co-existence. For the peaceful evolution of international human society, we will exercise an independent foreign policy. We will try for international peace and development, especially for evolution of genuine capitalism. We will actively cooperate with the UN in international security, peace and development and other global issues.

(g) Agriculture

We will adopt an agricultural policy that guarantees free cultivation, storage and distribution and free internal and external trading. We will try to adopt an agricultural system of commercial-scale cultivation with high technology for socio-economic development of rural and needy farmers.

(h) Cultural and social affairs

We will try to maintain traditional cultural heritages of the Myanmar national races and promote the cultures that emerge with the times. In social affairs, we will maintain social affairs and fine traditions of the national races. At the same time, we will employ social practices according to the present time.

(i) Religious affairs

We will allow people to choose their faith freely and engage freely in their religious matters. (The mixed practice of religion and politics is not allowed.)

(j) National race affairs

We will build a genuine Union with market economy system and democratic rights that can guarantee the equal rights for all the national races. We will solemnly strive for evolution of genuine capitalism free from chauvinism and narrow racism and for ensuring national unity and perpetuation of the Union.

(k) Internal Peace

We must follow the Path of National Reconciliation to end one of the longest civil war of the world and restore internal peace for evermore.

In summary, we will strive at our best to develop the capitalism which increases the investment or Genuine Capitalism which is, otherwise, not the sort of capitalism which sparked off crisis in industrialized nations of the world today as we believe surplus value is germ seed of development of social production. Market economy and

democracy form capitalism.

Social scientists say, "Capitalists do not live in luxury on surplus value. They work restlessly to be in production and to step up production. Rivalry in capitalism improves the production endlessly. This competitiveness among capitalists reduces price and prevent monopoly. The capitalists always produce things for the society. They restlessly mobilize the society for constant modernization. Labour, farmers and the poor has the equal right to vote only under the capitalism. For instance, a ballot of capitalists followed by the ballots of workers and the poor could create three branches of power, known as executive, judicial and legislation powers."

Today, the Union government is initiating reforms for emergence of new modern, developed and democratic nation. Our Modern People's Party is also implementing 14 procedures for rural development and human rights.

These are:

- (1) Granting the ownership of farmlands to those who engage in farming.
- (2) Non-expropriation of currently running farmland and property by the government or private entrepreneurs (if the government has to do so, awarding decent compensation or compensatory land).
- (3) Not digging fish ponds in thriving farmlands.
- (4) Seeking justice against capitalization on and exploitation of honesty of farmers.
- (5) Granting the rights to grow, store and sell freely to farmers. (Allowing them to sell at both local and foreign markets.)
- (6) Trying industrial technologies to develop high-yield modern farming system.
- (7) Eradicating private monopolized landlords who do not really engage in farming and tenancy they collect.
- (8) Participation of representatives of farmers in affairs of farmers.
- (9) Helping farmers to report violations of human rights against farmers and miscarriage of justice steered by the rich exploiting the poverty to authorities, the President, courts, respective committees of people's Hluttaws, Hluttaw speakers, National Human Rights Commission or media freely in legal framework.
- (10) Striving at our best for economic, health, education and social improvements of farmers.
- (11) Communicating with government organizations by members of Modern People's Party with a civil tongue.
- (12) Seeking solutions for internal issues, difficulties and disputes only at home (if it is not possible in 1000th time, in 1001st time) with the national attitude of resolving internal issues only inside.
- (13) Working in cooperation with the government in shaping Good Governance and Clean Government.
- (14) Carrying out abovementioned tasks through peaceful and progressive ways.

Our party will try to make changes in laws, bylaws and rules and regulations that hinder human rights of the entire people including workers, poor workers and entrepreneurs, great or small, and promotion of democracy within the framework of the constitution without fail.

There are three extremist mistakes that lead to failure of public-based organizations. They are (1) establishing personality cult on unbridled freedom (without principle), (2) introducing objectives which are not commensurate with the actual social lives of the people though they are correct, and (3) continuing adoption of wrong principles.

We, Modern People's Party, solemnly promise the people to work for emergence of new modern, developed and democratic nation on the world stage through national reconciliation, internal peace and human rights and democracy without making three extremist mistakes.

To help democracy flourish through peaceful and progressive way, I would like you to vote Modern People's Party with the green globe where Myanmar map is embedded with three red stars.



Union Solidarity and Development Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Party U Htay Oo presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV this evening.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-



Esteemed people,

I extend greetings to all may you all be physical and mental wellbeing.

I am U Htay Oo, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Party.

First and foremost, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the esteemed people for your landslide support and cooperation over representatives of the Union Solidarity and Development Party in the multi-party democracy general election in 2010.

Our party is always paying respects to the esteemed people for your trusts and supports. With the encouragement and support of the people, we are striving for ensuring peace and prosperity of all national people, life security, fulfillment of basic needs and social needs and flourishing of democracy both inside and outside Hluttaw.

Esteemed people,

The Union Solidarity and Development Party is constituted with those from all walks of life with same believe from various regions of the nation.

The vision of the party is set in line with the aspiration of the people "to build a peaceful, prosperous, modern, developed democratic nation".

According to the historical demand, the Union Solidarity and Development Party will steadfastly uphold "Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty" as national policy.

The party will strive for flourishing democracy process that harmoniously practises liberty and accountability, for frankly joining hands with global countries in line with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and for properly practising market economic system so as to narrow the gap between wealthy and poorness and developing the economy of the State and the people.

While pouring out strenuous efforts for making eternal peace in the nation, the party will try its best for prevention against internal and external dangers that can harm the interests of the State and the people. In accord with the Constitution, we will grant the citizens to be able to enjoy fundamental rights, democracy and human rights. Emphasis will be placed on development of all national races including those of border areas that lag behind in development. We are now striving for enhancement of social economic life of the farmers, protection of their farmlands and sales of agricultural produce at fair prices. Moreover, the party is trying its best for creating greater job opportunities and for harmonizing the least salary of workers with existing cost of social life. Moreover, we are seeking various ways and means for ensuring smoothness of trade not to cause a rise in the price of commodities.

Esteemed people,

Our party will grant the freedom of belief and religion. With regard to the education sector, the party will encourage development of international level human resources on which the State relies. Furthermore, we are striving for providing health care services with coverage over the whole national people and preserving characters of national culture among the national races. At present, the party is taking an active part in amending, adding, abolishing and renewing the existing laws that are not in conformity with the present era and system.

Our party accepts that all strata of the people such as peasants, workers, youths, women, intellectuals, intelligentsia, artistes, media and public service personnel are important forces in respective sectors in building a new nation. The policies and development work programmes being realized by the party are serving the interest of the people.

As our party members are also the people like the other people in this country, born on this land, drink water from the same river and have grew up under the caring hands of the motherland and the people. We are serving the interests of our own region, our country and our people as much as we can out of nationalistic fervor and patriotic spirit. We take it as repaying the gratitude of the motherland and people. In serving the interests of the nation and people, we take legal parties and personalities as our partners.

Esteemed people,

For every process including the nation-building one, it needs to taken right actions with might and main in the present based on the legacy from the past in search of better results in the future. Developments today are the outcome

of the endeavours in the past. Here, historical background is important. Generally, those who have good historical background can create pleasant future. Things never stay the same and we are thus committed to do our best in the all possible interests of the nation and the people every time.

Esteemed people,

In the forthcoming by-election, people from vacant constituencies will have a chance to elect MPs who can actually serve the interests of own region and the people. It is important to make right decision to choose the one who can really serve the interests of own region and the people. For the future to which we can only imagine, we need to assess the efforts of candidates in the present and the future. I believe that voters can cast the right ballot realizing which party, organization and personalities are actually serving the interests of own region through action and not by words.

Esteemed people,

Our Union Solidarity and Development Party is born out of Union Solidarity and Development Association which had worked in tandem with the people in the interests of the nation and the people about 17 years. It was the national element who joined the efforts of the people in smooth transformation to multiparty democracy. Although it could not fulfill all the wishes of the people, it managed to leave most productive results. It is also a party which can guarantee people to complete the remaining processes aspired by them as soon as time and conditions are mature. Our party is not under the management of single leader but a firm organization under the collective leadership which attaches great importance to voices, wishes and needs of the people. Like the motto of the party "Public opinion, our diagram; public rights our pride; public aspiration, our determination", we guarantee national interests and democratic process. For us, people are our parents. We have chosen representatives who can devote and are devoting their mind and souls into the public welfare. I would like to ask the people to make comparison based on the real situation and cast a right vote.

Thank you.



Preventive measures on bird flu taken

KAWLIN, 11 March—According to the plan on prevention against avian influenza in Kawlin Township of Sagaing Region, Staff Officer U Hsan Aung, Deputy Heads Dr Tin Win Shwe and Dr Thein Aye of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Chairman of Township Livestock Breeding Association U Yan Gyi Aung and Secretary U Zaw Win Tun gave talks on use of spraying disinfectant on the breeding farms and facts about bird flu for raising knowledge about bio-security and surveillance against bird flu disease at 47 poultry farms in six wards of Kawlin on 3 March.

They also distributed pamphlets to the breeders.

On 4 March, responsible person of Township Livestock Breeding Association and Executive Officer U Tint Wai of Township Development Affairs Committee and party inspected shops of selling chicken and eggs at the market of Township Development Affairs Committee.

Myanma Alin



SPEECH CLARIFIED: The clarification on speech delivered by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at the ceremony to mark the 21st Anniversary of Information and Public Relations Department was held at Namkham Township IPRD on 1 March. Head of Township IPRD Daw Nay Chi Thway explains the speech of the Union Minister for staff.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

Applied Pharmacy Management Course concludes

YANGON, 11 March—The Applied Pharmacy Management Course No. 13, organized by Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Dealers Association, concluded at the office of the association at UMFCCI Office Tower Level 5 on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 8 March morning.

Vice-Chairman of the association U Thant Zin made a speech.

Next, Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin, central executive committee member Dr Saw Mya Aung, executive U Myo Thet and U Kyaw Thein Zan, Chief Course Instructor Dr Mie Mie Ko and Dr Thanda Win presented completion certificates to the trainees.

The Vice-Chairman awarded outstanding trainee Daw Ohnma Khin.

Advanced Applied Pharmacy Management Course No. 11 will be opened in May.

Myanma Alin



Incumbent government...

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The President then cordially greeted those present. He then proceeded to Kengtung Sasana Beikman and paid homage to monks. The congregation led by the President and wife Daw Khin Khin Win received Five Precepts from Abbot of Kengying Monastery Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadaja

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win donate eight essential requisites to Sayadaws at Sasana Beikman in Kengtung.—MNA

President U Thein Sein cordially greets those present at meeting in town hall of Kengtung.—MNA

Bhaddanta Khemasara and sermons from Sayadaws.

The President and wife presented Eight Prerequisites and offertories to Sayadaws. Next, Daw Khin Khin Win and wife of the State chief minister Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt presented offertories to nuns, the deputy commander-in-chief and the Union ministers Eight Prerequisites and offertories to Sayadaws.

Next, the congregation received sermons from Abbot of Kengtung Theravada Hilly Region Missionary Sasana Taxila Maha Dhammacariya Maha Saddhamma Jotikadaja Bhaddanta Tejaniya and shared the merits gained.

The President and party arrived back here from Kengtung by air at noon.—MNA

As all national people are families living...

(from page 1)

The nation and the people had to go through more than 60 years of instability and lack of peace. Shan State itself still has to suffer the wounds of instability. This is why the government is making all-out efforts to ensure domestic political stability. While making arrangements to meet and negotiate with internal political forces to discard differences, the government is taking reform measures in order that all political forces can cooperate in future political programmes, added the President.

He went on to say that national security and stability are essential requirements for national economic development as well as people's socioeconomic progress. This is why the government is placing emphasis on talks and negotiations with national race armed groups to achieve lasting peace.

State level and Union level peace talks and agreements with more armed groups are bearing fruits. All the groups with which peace talks have been held have agreed that they will never secede from the Union and will accept Our Three Main National Causes. After achieving peace, arrangements will be made for older people from the national race groups to get involved in party politics, for middle-aged people to be economically strong and for young people to be able to safeguard their own country. Today, the whole Shan State has been quiet with no sound of gunfire and enjoyed peace and stability to a certain degree, noted the President.

As all the national people are the families living under the same roof of the nation, the time has come for them to work together for national development with full understanding, instead of arguing with each other.

The government is laying down policies in order to



maintain the momentum of agricultural development and promote modern industrial development based on agriculture.

The President said that agriculture needs to develop for food security of the whole nation. So, it is necessary to engage in agriculture with modern scientific methods in place of conventional ones. Measures are also required to reduce crop wastages and to produce high yield.

Efforts must be made to establish a modern industrial nation for economic development and prosperity of the nation. For example, steps should be taken to sell timbers as value-added products and finished products by

establishing factories of rubber and oil palm raw materials.

If Shan State fully enjoyed peace, job opportunities would be created for those back home from border regions and migrant workers. Therefore, factories and workshops must be set up by inviting domestic and foreign investments.

In accord with MDGs, the nation's poverty rate will reduce from 26% to 16% by 2015. So, efforts are necessary to establish factory complexes to create jobs. The government is also trying to develop IT by inviting foreign investments. Encouragement is being given to the development of human resources, education and health and it is needed to set the aim of having skilled human resources ready for establishment of an industrialized nation.

The President continued that by-elections will be held soon to fill the 48 vacant constituencies. So, all are to try to ensure the

most transparent and free and fair election. The democracy the nation is practising cannot be identical to Western democracies. All the people including those from Shan State are to try to build a discipline-flourishing, genuine democracy that suits the character and prevailing conditions of the nation and the people, urged the President.

Later, the President cordially greeted those present, left Taunggyi by air and arrived in Kengtung in the afternoon.

MNA



Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat making clarification.—MNA

Union Minister on inspection tour of Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun on 9 March met staff of Forest Department and Myanma Timber Enterprise at MTE Office in Taunggyi. He called for combating bribery, sticking to ethics of civil servants and accomplishing duties.

He inspected Taunglone nursery for greening of Inlay Lake under Forest Department. He heard report submitted by an official.

The Union Minister inspected west Inlay reserve forest, water and soil conservation in Paungpine creek and construction of check dams. Forest Department has been constructed 28 check dams in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

He inspected contour bund for prevention against erosion near Shwe Taung Oo Pagoda.

The Union Minister also visited No (127) Sawmill (Thitpinhtaung) Ayethaya Myothit and left necessary instructions.—MNA

President's wife Daw Khin Khin Win meets WAOs, MCWA in Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein met members of District and Township Women's Affairs Organizations and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee at District WAO Office in Kengtung yesterday afternoon.

She called for making concerted efforts in carrying out WAO's tasks to make the organization more successful. Works for helping women generate more income and disseminating health education are to be implemented, she said. As Kengtung is a border region, it is needed to educate Myanmar women to adore and value traditional customs, to ac-

tively participate in the fight against human smuggling and trafficking, to disseminate knowledge for prevention against human smuggling and trafficking on field trips to village-tracts in the region, and to conduct training courses in summer holiday season to school-children to help them use their leisure times effectively, she said.

Maternal and Child Welfare Associations are to provide education, health and social services to mothers and children through mobilization, she said. She also urged them to make school health sector a success and provide dental care to basic education students in co-ordination with school doctor. She



Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, donates cash to older persons at Kengtung Home for the Aged.—MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, donates cash to Kengtung District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee.—MNA

called for opening auxiliary midwifery courses constantly. She continued to say that cleft lip and palate patients in the region are to be enlisted and reported it to Union government office. Those who need further treatment will be sent to Yangon and Mandalay to undergo surgery and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) will provide assistance, she said. She highlighted the need of plan to provide surgery to eye patients. She called for coordination among administrative organizations and related departments to open philanthropic night schools.

The chairperson of Kengtung District WAO and a member of

District MCWA reported on progress of works.

The wife of the President called for unity in realizing tasks.

She presented K 0.5 million each donated by the President's family to district and township WAOs and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee. Shwe Than Lwin Co and Kanbawza Bank Co Ltd donated K 5 million each to the fund and the former presented two Sky Net (DTH) receivers.

On arrival at Kengtung Home for the Aged, the wife of the President donated K 0.5 million to the elder persons. Shwe Than Lwin Co and Kanbawza Bank Co Ltd donated K 5 million each to the

fund and the former presented one Sky Net (DTH) receiver.

She also visited Labour Room of Kengtung Township MCWA and gave away food and medicines to expectant mothers. She urged them to have healthy diet. She donated K 0.5 million to the elder persons. Shwe Than Lwin Co and Kanbawza Bank Co Ltd donated K 5 million each to the fund.

The wife of the President then visited to Kengtung self-reliant kindergarten and urged the headmaster, teachers and officials to carry out school development tasks. The wife of the President donated K 0.5 million to the elder persons. Shwe Than Lwin Co presented one Sky Net (DTH) receiver.—MNA

Union level peace-making group, KIO delegation release joint-statement after third peace talks

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March — Union level peace-making group and a central delegation of Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) held peace talks for the third time at Jingcheng Hotel in Shweli in the People's Republic of China from 8 March to yesterday.

During the three-day peace talks, the two sides cordially discussed the facts focused during the 2nd Union-level talks on January 19.

The two sides held a third-day meeting yesterday, focusing on the facts discussed during the first and second meetings.

The two sides announced a joint-statement after discussed the peace issues in detail yesterday.

The joint-statement said:

- (1) The two sides have satisfied the peace talks between the Union level peace-making group of the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar and KIO's central delegation.

- (2) The peace talks have seen progress and the two sides could build trust during the meetings.
- (3) The peace talks will continue through political means.
- (4) The two sides believe that military tensions would be decreased as a result of the peace talks.
- (5) The two sides will continue to discuss the issues related to the outposts in conflict areas until the two sides reach an agreement and will carry on the agreement after setting dates.

After the meeting, on behalf of the President, U Aung Thaung, the leader of the union level peace-making group, presented 20 sets of Sky net from the President as a peace gift to U Swam Lut Gum, the leader of the KIO's central delegation. U Aung Thaung also presented gifts to officials of the People's Republic of China.

During the meeting, the union level peace-making group was led by U Aung Thaung, Taungtha Township representative for Pyithu Hlutaw, comprising Deputy Chairman of the group U Thein Zaw, Myitkyina Township representative for Pyithu Hlutaw and members Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint, Chief Minister of Kachin State U La Jun Ngan Sai, Deputy Ministers U Phone Swe and Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Kachin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Than Aung, Amyotha Hlutaw representative U Khet Htein Nan, Mansi Township Pyithu Hlutaw Representative U Tun Thein (a) U Tun Tun, Lt-Col Zaw Naing Oo of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Col Win Thein of North East Command. KIO central delegation was headed by U Swam Lut Gum, member of the central committee of KIO, comprising members of the central committee U La Hpai La, U La Zein Ji Naung, U Khun Naung, U Naw Bu, U Naw Twe, U Maran Zaw Taung and U Hsin Khaw.

Afterwards, they posed for a documentary photo.—MNA



Leader of Union-level Peace Making Group U Aung Thaung presents 20 Sky Net receivers to U Swam Lut Gum, leader of KIO central delegation.

MNA

Union Border Affairs Minister on inspection tour of Border Areas Nationalities' youth training school in Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March— Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay held a meeting with the principal and faculty members and students at Border Areas Nationalities' youth training school in Kengtung this morning.

The Union Minister paid a close look at automobile parts displayed inside at the hall of the school and then he delivered speech at a ceremony to make donation and

give gifts at the hall of the domestic science training school.

Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Limited U Aung Ko Win and Chairman of Shwe Thanlwin Co U Kyaw Win presented K 5 million in total, and Chairman U Kyaw Win a set of Sky Net (DTH), TV, a generator.

Afterwards, the Union Minister gave confidence to the trainees sewing clothes. **MNA**

Union Construction Minister meets employees

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March— Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint held a meeting employees of Shan State (South) Public Works on 9 March.

During the meeting, Superintending Engineer of

Shan State Public Works reported on conditions of roads and bridges, organizational set-up and machinery.

The Union Minister called for improvement of condition of roads and bridges in Shan State

(South), stepping up efforts in the opening season, efficient use of oil and tar, taking fire preventive measures and supervising the roads and bridges which are being constructed under the BOT system. The Union Minister also met with road

Union I & P Minister meets departmental personnel, ward/village administrators in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March— Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met departmental personnel, ward and village administrators at the Mandalay government office on 4 March.

At the meeting, Chairman of National Population and Development Commission and Central Census Commission Union Minister U Khin Yi elaborated on issuance of national scrutiny cards and censuses under Moepwint (2) Plan, plans for record of 2012

domestic mobilization and taking national census in 2014, calling for cooperation with his ministry for the success of those works.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint explained assistance possible from departments in the region. The Union minister and Director-General U Maung Maung Than then replied to queries of Hluttaw representatives and personee. **MNA**

Cash, publications donation held in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March— The Information and Public Relation Department in PyinOoLwin District in Mandalay Region held a donation ceremony of publications so as to nurture reading habits, at Land Record Training School in PyinOoLwin on 9 March morning.

Mandalay Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Phone Zaw Han delivered an address. And Deputy Director U Kyaw Than Tun the Information and Public Relation Department explained the purpose of the ceremony to those present.

Afterwards, the winners of the essay contest (Open) and the extempore contest (Open) were awarded. Contributed by Myanmar Libraries' Foundation, Region/ District Information and Public Relation Department, the publications went to a total of 20 village-libraries.

Then, wellwishers added in the fund of the libraries that are under construction and that have been put into service.

It was known that March 10, there has been K 349,000 in total of cash and publication donations. **MNA**

Member of UEC (Kachin State In-Charge) meets members of state/district/township election sub-commissions of Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March— A meeting between member of Union Election Commission (Kachin State In-Charge) and members of state/district/township election sub-commissions

of Kachin State was held at the Town Hall of Myitkyina yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, member of Union Election Commission (Kachin State In-Charge) U Win Kyi

briefed on preparations for successful holding of by-election to be held 1 May and facts to be careful about.

Next, Chairman of Kachin State Election Sub-commission U Nyunt Shwe

presented matters on forming of sub-commissions at different levels in Mogaung, Phakant and Bhamo constituencies, political parties to stand for the by-election, compiling of voters list, designation of polling stations, and others.

This was followed by a general round of discussions in which chairmen and secretaries of the township sub-commissions participated.—**MNA**

Family values Tin Maung Than

Traditionally, family values have been relayed from one generation to another throughout the long history of human civilization and this tradition enables posterity has the knowledge on formation and limits of families.

More often than not this tradition is the power that can make a family unique. It draws the family members closer and produces a sense of unity among them eventually strengthening the bonds of love and understanding. In fact, a strong family unit forms a protected, constructive and helpful place for all its members to flourish well. A family tradition will be nothing more than a morning breakfast or a dinner or a religious or social gathering on a holiday or a family meeting or a family vacation at which all members can have a nice chatting and feel togetherness and such a practice is enough for them to become a firmly knit community through broader and closer communication and cohesion. This kind of opportunity is essential for all members to come together and share their feelings, opinions, views and lives. In fact, a family meeting is a chance to categorize the matters it values according to priority list and define its lifestyle.

Naturally, all the family members have not so much free time as they are with their own schedules. For example, elders

are working at private or government organizations or running their own businesses to earn money for the family, while youngsters are pursuing knowledge for their future. In any case, all families need to make this tradition ever alive.

Weakness in communication may cause misery and misunderstandings within the family turning minor issues into major problems and in some cases they become uncontrollable.

Honesty is another essential family value as it is underpinning all relationships to last long. There must be parent-children, husband-wife, and sister-brother honesty as a family cannot form a deeper and enduring connection without it. In consequence, a family must encourage honesty by practicing understanding and respect. Family members should welcome and accept constructive criticism and suggestions among themselves and failure to do will destroy the values such as understanding, coherence and openness.

In the rural or the urban, parents in reality are the head couple of a family and the relationship between the father and the mother is much important as it has a lot of effects on their children. A happily married couple will create a joyful and healthy family in which thoughts, opinions and perspectives can be expressed more freely and openly.

In a family, parents need to teach

A rural family preparing for a pilgrimage. Family trips enhance the sense of togetherness one of the essential family values. (Courtesy: Enchanting Myanmar)



their children how to make sound decisions. If the children have witnessed their parents always smart and making wise decisions over the years, they themselves will become good decision makers too.

There are other important factors such as solidity, flexibility, responsibility, curiosity, encouragement, generosity, forgiveness, respect, and so on for members to form a family in which values are embraced and well preserved.

Some people say family values are political and social beliefs that hold the nuclear family to be the essential ethical and moral unit of society while others define a family as a social unit consisting of parents and the children they raise.

Anyhow, the values a family develops and embraces in general are the foundation for how children or in other words future generations learn, grow, develop and take their roles in the world.

Singaporean youth delegation enjoys performance of traditional cane-ball



YANGON, 11 March—A youth diplomatic delegation led by Singaporean Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua enjoyed skills demonstration of Myanmar traditional cane-ball at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township of Yangon Region at 4 pm 5 March.

Selected Myanmar athletes of Myanmar Cane-ball Federation performed demonstration on their brilliant skills of playing

traditional cane-ball.

The Ambassador of Singapore to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Vice-President of Myanmar Cane-ball Federation U Tun Win exchanged gifts.

Officials of the federation presented commemorative cane-balls to members of the delegation. The Singaporean Ambassador and youths of the delegation joyfully played traditional cane-ball.

The Singaporean youth delegation arrived here to visit pagodas and stupas and observe traditional culture and traditional sports events.—Myanma Alin

Paletwe hybrid paddy strain grown in Tatkon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe and members of the district agricultural coordination committee met local farmers at 110-acre Paletwe hybrid paddy strain plantation being grown through good agricultural pattern in Yeaye Nyaungton-aing Village of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 29 February.

They explained cultivation of hybrid paddy



strains.

Present at the meeting were Township Administrator U Aye Lu, Head of

Township Myanmar Agriculture Department U Chit Swe Oo and officials. Myanma Alin

Construction of library inspected in Momauk

MOMAUK, 11 March—Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing of Momauk Township and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department inspected Sar Bagyi Library built with contributions of the State and local people in Myohaung Village of Momauk Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State on 1 March.

In meeting with members of the library

committee and village elders, they explained timely completion in construction of the library building, donation of books and publications, media materials and furniture, and setting up of fund.

Later, they presented K 500,000 provided by the State for the second time to the fund of the library through local people.

Township IPRD

Earthen bricks replaced with cement ones

MANDALAY, 11 March—Due to changes of lifestyle of the people who prefer high-rise buildings and construction tasks in development undertakings of the State, brick demand is higher and higher. As such, regions and states face deforestations and soil degradation.

As part of efforts to

conserve natural forests and land resources, cement bricks substitute in the places of earthen bricks in the market in Patheingyi and Pyin Oo Lwin townships. A piece of earthen brick is worth K 90 and cement brick, K 80. Cement brick is marketable in urban construction tasks in Mandalay.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: Staff Officer of Shwepyitha Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Zaw Thein Oo and staff made field trip to grassroots level in Yangon North District for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards. On 17 February, they issued the cards to eligible citizens at the office of Ward 15 administrator. TOWNSHIP IPRD

MLF invites wellwishers to donate cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Power lines substituted with new ones

YANGON, 11 March—The 400-volt power line was substituted with new one for public consumption near the junction of Banyadala Road and U Aung Myat Road in Thabyegon Ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Region on 29 February.

Such power line was

substituted with new one for ensuring safety of electricity, minimizing loss of electricity and supplying electricity at full capacity.

Township electrical engineer U Aung Kyaw Moe and skilled workers supervised the replacement of power line section.

Township EP



DISTRICT NEWS

Breeding ranches inspected in Kyaukse

KYAUKSE, 11 March—Cow breeding is being undertaken in Taohn, Nyaungbintha, Daunggyikwe and Ywabo villages of Mandalay Region.

On 28 February, Head of Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Than Htaik and party inspected rural development undertakings and cow breeding along the bank of Dokhtawady River.

During the visits, Dr Nilar Aung explained technology to feed nutritious feedstuff to cows and Dr Aye Mya Kyi, control of infectious diseases.—Myanma Alin

Special care taken for fish and prawn

YANGON, 11 March—An official of the Fisheries Department said that special

care is being taken in breeding fish and prawn across the nation in season change period.

It was learnt that a large number of fish and prawn may die in season change period in March and April.

Staff members of the Fisheries Department make field trips to fish and prawn breeding ponds of Twantay Township in Yangon Region and take special care of fish and prawn, he said at the fish and meat entrepreneurs' weekly meeting 10/2012.

Myanma Alin

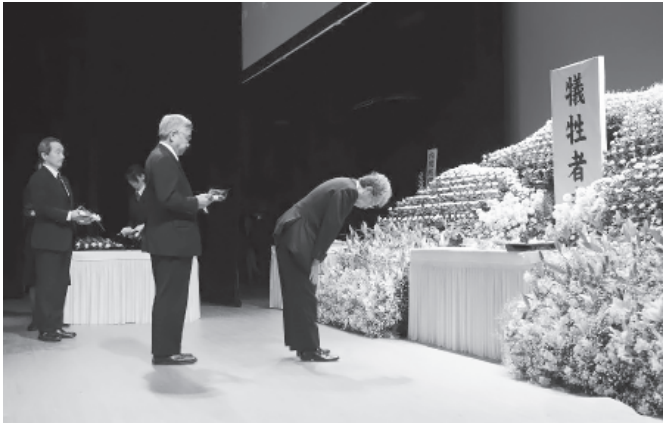
Knowledge on prevention against trafficking in person disseminated

HTANTABIN, 11 March—An educative talk on prevention against trafficking in person was held at Thiri Mingala Hall of Htantabin Township of Bago Region on 24 February morning.

Secretary of Toungoo District Anti-Human Trafficking Committee Police Major Chin Sein made a speech.

Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Nay Thway, IP Myo Thein of Bago Region Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad and Tawkywe-in Police Station Commander IP Khin Maung Hla of Kyaukdaga Township disseminated knowledge about trafficking in person.—Township IPRD

Take Fire Preventive Measures



People present flowers to victims during a memorial service to mark the first anniversary of the on 11 March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Fukushima, Japan, on 11 March, 2012. A total of 300 residents from Fukushima, Iwate and Miyagi attended the memorial service on Sunday. The earthquake and ensuing tsunami left more than 19,000 people dead or missing and triggered a nuclear accident the world had never seen since 1986.—XINHUA

China aims to launch 100 satellites during 2011-2015

BEIJING, 11 March — China has set a target of completing a space mission of “100 rockets, 100 satellites” during the five years between 2011 and 2015, a senior space executive said on Saturday.

On average, China will complete about 20 launch missions each year before 2015, said Zhang Jianheng, deputy general manager of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp (CASC). “The densely

arranged launch missions and flight tests have posed an unprecedented challenge to the country’s space programme,” Zhang, a deputy to the country’s top legislature, the National People’s Congress, told *Xinhua* on the sidelines of the ongoing parliamentary session that started on Monday.

According to Zhang, China launched 19 satellites, a target orbiter *Tiangong-1*

and *Shenzhou-8* spacecraft with 19 *Long March* rockets last year, a record high for China’s space programme in launch numbers. China has surpassed the United States, which completed 18 launches in 2011, to become the world’s No. 2 in terms of launch numbers following Russia’s 36 launches, Zhang said.

In 2012, China has planned 30 satellite launches with 21 rockets, including the launch of *Shenzhou-9* spacecraft, which is scheduled to carry out China’s first manned space rendezvous and docking with *Tiangong-1* between June and August.—MNA/Xinhua

Military helicopter crashes in S Philippines

CAMPEVANGELISTA, 11 March—A helicopter under the Tactical Operations Group-10 (TOG-10) of the Philippine Air Force crashed in Kitcharao, a municipality of its southern province of Agusan del Norte at 10:30 am local time Sunday, and the pilots and passengers survived, the military said.

The aircraft crashed before landing, when it was on a mission to airlift a wounded soldier for immediate medical treatment and to deliver additional provisions to operating troops in the area.

The cause of the crash is still unknown and personnel from TOG-10 are

currently conducting investigation to determine what caused this unfortunate accident.

All those personnel onboard of this ill-fated chopper only sustained minor injuries and are now in stable condition.

MGen Victor A Felix, Commander of the 4th Infantry Division said, “we are saddened that one of our reliable assets in the conduct of our operations to expedite the Filipino people’s fight against insurgency crashed this morning. However, I am relieved that the pilots, their crew and passengers only sustained minor injuries.”

Xinhua



The American band Death Cab For Cutie performs during the “Jue Music+Art Festival” in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 March, 2012. The festival is held in Beijing and Shanghai, east China, simultaneously from 9 to 25 March.—XINHUA

Japan holds photo show in Indonesia on anniversary of quake

JAKARTA, 11 March— Japan held a photo exhibition in Indonesia on Saturday to commemorate the victims of the deadly earthquake which hit Japan on 11 March last year and to demonstrate the post-quake recovery.

The Asahi Shimbun and Mitsubishi Corporation, supported by the Embassy of Japan and in cooperation with the Daily Jakarta Shimbun and the Jakarta Japan Club, organized “East Japan Earthquake Press Photo Exhibition” on 10-18 March.

“In the post-disaster recovery efforts in Japan, we have

received so much support and assistance from Indonesia. Therefore, as an expression of gratitude to all parties in Indonesia, let us show the last condition of the affected areas through this photo exhibition,” said Takashi Kasuya, Board Director, Office of the President of The Asahi Shimbun.

In addition to Jakarta, the photo exhibition is also organized by the Asahi Shimbun and Mitsubishi Corporation in Bangkok, Thailand, from 5-14 March and Seoul, South Korea, on 12-20 March.

MNA/Xinhua

China completes advanced high-speed train brake test bench

BEIJING, 11 March— China has completed the construction of a powerful test bench for a train braking system, setting a world record by allowing a maximum test speed of up to 530 kilometres per hour, a railway researcher said here Sunday.

Li Heping, a political advisor and researcher with

the China Academy of Railway Sciences (CARS), said that as a key technology for high-speed trains, the test bench has been put into operation at a state key laboratory for the high-speed railway system at CARS.

The test bench can simulate the high-speed train braking process in different conditions like dry or humid

environments, as well as airstream, low temperature and snowfall, Li told *Xinhua* on the sidelines of China’s annual legislative session.

The CARS-developed high-speed train brake disc and brake lining have both passed tests at the new bench under maximum-speed conditions, said Li.

Xinhua

Death toll rises to 3 in Chinese restaurant blast in Russia

ST PETERSBURG, 11 March—Two more Chinese nationals have died from burns suffered in a restaurant explosion in St Petersburg, bringing the death toll to three, officials say.

A gas blast rocked the Chinese restaurant on 2 March, setting the five-story apartment building on fire.

At least eight people, all later confirmed to be Chinese citizens by the Chinese Consulate, were injured in the blast.

“Until now, three Chinese in total have died from burns after the gas explosion,” said Sergei Kapitonov, an official in St Petersburg’s investigation department.

According to earlier reports, a Chinese cook who was injured in the accident died Tuesday.

Xinhua



A Chinese worker wounded in arsenal blasts in Republic of Congo is carried out of a chartered plane that landed at Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, late 10 March, 2012. Thirty-one Chinese workers, who were wounded in arsenal blasts that occurred last week in Brazzaville, capital of Republic of Congo, arrived here on Saturday night, after a 16-hour flight on a chartered plane. The wounded workers will then be transferred to local hospitals for medical treatment.

XINHUA

Philippine Air Force to have two more C-130

MANILA, 11 March— Philippine Air Force (AFP) will have two additional C-130 planes within next few months, a move to strengthen the military’s heavy-lift capability, Air Force Chief Maj Gen. Lauro Catalino dela Cruz said Sunday. According to Cruz, the first additional C-130 is expected to arrive from United States, where it is undergoing repair; the second one, which is being repaired in the Philippines, will be available by September or October.

At present, Philippine Air Force has only one C-130, and the arrival of the two C-

130 planes would augment its heavy-lift capability, Cruz said.

The C-130 is used by the military to transport troops and supplies. It has also been used to transport relief goods and other supplies for victims of typhoons and other forms of calamities.

The Air Force is expecting by November four additional Sokol helicopters from Augusta PZL Swidnick, an Italian and Polish firm, which signed a 2.8 billion Pesos (65.6 million US dollars) contract with AFP for the delivery of eight Sokol combat utility helicopters.—*Xinhua*

Three leftist rebels killed in clash in S Philippine

COTABATO, 11 March—Philippine government soldiers have killed at least three leftist rebels and wounded seven others during a clash in the country’s restive south, an army official said Sunday.

The government soldiers under 68th Infantry Battalion were patrolling Saturday afternoon when they encountered some 50 New Peoples Army rebels in Batang village, North Cotabato province, said Prudencio Asto, public affairs chief of the army’s 6th Division.

A three-hour firefight ensued, leaving three guerrillas dead and seven others wounded, according to Asto.

“Hundreds of families have fled for fear of their safety. The rebels only withdrew when we used howitzers,” Asto said, adding there were no reported casualties on the government side. The NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been waging a guerrilla campaign in the countryside for four decades. Military estimates the NPA strength at more than 4,000 men scattered in more than 60 guerrilla fronts throughout the country.—*Xinhua*

Silver Shekel sells for \$1.1 million

One of the first shekels minted in Jerusalem after Jewish rebels ousted the ancient Romans sold in New York for a record \$1.1 million, an auctioneer said.

The silver shekel is one of only two specimens known, Heritage Auctions said. It was sold Thursday night as part of an auction of

coins from the Shoshana Collection, which spans more than 11 centuries.

The buyer was identified as Steve Rubinger, president of Antiqua Ancient Art & Numismatics in Woodland Hills, Calif, who purchased it on behalf of a private East Coast collector.

The Shoshana Collection, consisting of more than 2,200 coins from a private collector, is expected to raise more than \$10 million in multiple auctions this year.

The shekel was struck shortly after the Jewish War began in the year AD 66, the auction company said.

"This is literally one of the very first coins the Jewish rebels struck after the ousted the Romans from Jerusalem, sending shock waves through the empire," Cris Bierrenbach of Heritage Auctions said.



Front of one of the first shekels minted in Jerusalem after Jewish rebels ousted the ancient Romans sold in New York for a record \$1.1 million.

Visitors watch luxury yachts in the 6-day HISWA Boat Show in Amsterdam on 8 March, 2012. The biannual exhibition will be held till on 11 March, which attracted more than 300 exhibitors to show their newest boat and equipment around the water sport.



Parrot scares off burglars

A parrot in Britain managed to scare off intruders by mimicking the sound of an alarm after they tried to break into her owner's pub, the *Daily Mail* reported Thursday.

Fizzy Winkle, 14, screeched out a siren noise sending the crooks into a flap as they tried to smash their way into the property.

Landlord David Heafield, 49, heard a commotion from his flat

above the George pub in Fenstanton, Cambridge, followed by piercing squawking from his distressed pet.

When he went downstairs he discovered cash from the fruit machine abandoned on the floor.

He said: "They went to all the trouble of breaking in, but they didn't get any of the money. They must have been disturbed by Fizzy and made a run for it."

David, and wife Joanne, 53, have one daughter Victoria, 22, who lives in London.

They decided to rescue Fizzy from an elderly neighbour who wasn't able to look after her.

The articulate bird is a hit with locals who adore her quirky catch phrases.

News Album

Dutch cheese wins top prize

A Netherlands-made low-fat Gouda received the best-of-show award at the World Championship Cheese Contest in Wisconsin.

The Gouda, made by the FrieslandCampina cheese company in Wolvega, Netherlands, was chosen by a panel of international judges, who picked a Swiss Winzer Kate as the first runner-up and an Appenzeller as the second runner-up, the Wisconsin State Journal reported Thursday.

"It was really a piece of exceptional quality," judge Josef Hubatschek said of the Dutch gouda. "From low fat (milk), it's very difficult to give it a good body and intensive taste because fat is carrying flavor. It's really, really difficult."

Lily Collins laughs at Kristen Stewart rivalry rumours

WASHINGTON, 11 March—Lily Collins has "laughed" off rumours suggesting that she and Kristen Stewart are rivals.

The 22-year-old actress, who takes on the role of Snow White in upcoming comedy fantasy movie 'Mirror, Mirror', explained that even though the 'Twilight' star will be essaying the same part in 'Snow White and the Huntsman', the two films are "so different".

"We've laughed about the fact that people think we're rivals because to us they're so different," Contactmusic quoted her as telling *E! News*.

"I think the advertising is kind of genius because both films are being shown in this different way because they are such different stories.

"I've seen the trailers, I'm very aware of the other one. We've always been aware of each other and I'm excited to see



Lily Collins

what Kristen does. I'm excited for her and vice versa," she added.—*Internet*

Reese Witherspoon launching new production company

WASHINGTON, 11 March—Reese Witherspoon is all set to launch a new production company in an attempt to give other female stars a voice.

The recently married Oscar winner has been acting for over two decades but has confessed to being eager to step behind the camera.

The 'Walk the Line' star is teaming up with girl friend and Milk producer Bruna Papandrea to create a new firm, which will empower



Reese Witherspoon

women and ensure they have an opportunity to pursue their dreams.

"We will be producing some films with a very clear female voice," Contactmusic

quoted her as saying.

"I've been acting since I was 14, and I know every aspect of filmmaking at this point. I think it's important for women who have attained a certain amount of success in this business to give back to other female writers and filmmakers and try and facilitate their dreams," she added. The blonde beauty had launched her first production company, Type A Films, in 2000.—*Internet*



Actress Lea Michele arrives at the 18th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles on 29 January, 2012.—*INTERNET*

Glee' plans Whitney Houston episode

LOS ANGELES, 11 March—An upcoming episode of the US music-themed series "Glee" will feature eight songs by late recording star Whitney Houston, *E! News* said.

Cast member Amber Riley performed "I Will Always Love You" and producers added a dedication card at the end of an episode last month, shortly after Houston died at age 48.

A show source told *E!* the new episode was planned after Houston's death and will

"not be a typical tribute."

"It's using Whitney's music as a way to say goodbye," the source said. "A way to respectfully say thank you for her music."

"Glee" co-star Lea Michele mentioned the episode via Twitter on Friday.

"Starting a new episode today. A very special tribute to one of the world's most amazing singers. Very excited about this one," Michele said. An air date has not yet been set for the episode.—*Internet*

Batali settles \$5.25M tip lawsuit

NEW YORK, 11 March—Celebrity chef Mario Batali and his business partner, Joseph Bastianich, have agreed to pay \$5.25 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed in New York.

More than 100 current and former workers at the partners' eight Italian-style restaurants took part in the complaint, accusing Batali and Bastianich of misappropriating 4 percent to 5 percent of each shift's wine and drink sales from the workers' tip pool and failing to pay extra for shifts lasting more than 10 hours, the *New York Post* reported.

The proposed settlement, which would cover lost earnings from 2004 to 2012, was filed this week and is awaiting approval of a federal judge in New York.

Neither Bastianich nor Batali responded to its requests for comment, the *Post* said.

Internet

Cohen, Rancic to host Miss USA pageant

NEW YORK, 11 March—Andy Cohen and Giuliana Rancic are to return as hosts of the 61st annual Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas, officials said on Thursday.

The event is to take place 3 June at



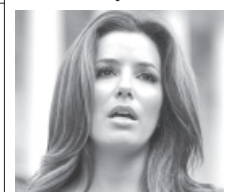
Ashley Durham (L)

Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. Cohen is the host of Bravo's "Watch What Happens: Live" and Rancic is the co-anchor of "E! News." They also presided over last year's Miss USA competition.

Their participation in the 2012 edition was announced Thursday by NBC, Donald J Trump and Paula M Shugart. "The city of Las Vegas, one of the most exciting cities in the world, will once again set the stage for the Miss USA competition, giving 51 of the most beautiful women in the country a chance to win the coveted title of Miss USA," Trump said in a statement.—*Internet*

Longoria and Cruz break up

LOS ANGELES, 11 March—Eva Longoria and Eduardo Cruz ended their yearlong romance this week, a source close to the couple told America's UsMagazine.com. Cruz is the younger brother of Spanish actress Penelope Cruz. Longoria is a cast member of TV's "Desperate Housewives." "It was a mutual decision," the insider told UsMagazine.com of the split. "They are staying friends." No reason was given for the breakup.—*Internet*



Actress Eva Longoria participates in a news conference to introduce the Children's Act for Responsible Employment (CARE), aimed at protecting young farm workers, on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on June 16, 2011.—*INTERNET*

Defiant Dalglish won't give up on top-four bid

LONDON, 11 March—Kenny Dalglish refused to give up on Liverpool's hopes of qualifying for the Champions League despite missing out on an opportunity to close the gap on the Premier League's top four.

Danish international Nicklas Bendtner's fortuitous 56th minute winner at the Stadium of Light was enough to lift Sunderland up to eighth and within two points of Liverpool, who lost a third consecutive league game for the first time in eight-and-a-half years.

Dalglish's side are 10 points from fourth place and the gap will become 13 if Arsenal overcome Newcastle at the Emirates on Monday. Liverpool, who play Everton on Tuesday, have just 11 matches

remaining to bridge the gap, but a defiant Dalglish is not prepared to write off the Champions League just yet.

"It's up to us to keep going, and keep our mouths shut," said Dalglish. "As I've said all season, we see how many points we have collected by the end of the campaign, and see where that takes us."

"We'll play all our matches and see where we are. We'd prefer to have taken more points at home."

"If we were to get into the top four, it would be fantastic, just as it was winning the League Cup and being in the sixth round of the FA Cup." Dalglish could count himself unlucky that Liverpool lost a lacklustre clash featuring just a few half chances at either end.

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Sunderland's Nicklas Bendtner (R) clashes with Liverpool's Martin Kelly during their English Premier League match at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland.

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Chelsea 'happy to win ugly': Di Matteo

LONDON, 11 March—Roberto Di Matteo signalled a break with Chelsea's recent past by insisting his team must adopt a stronger winning mentality.

Di Matteo oversaw a 1-0 victory over 10-man Stoke in his first Premier League game since being placed in caretaker control following the dismissal of Andre Villas-Boas.

Villas-Boas maintained the importance of playing with style during his eight-month stay at the club.

But Di Matteo conceded the victory over Stoke—that came courtesy of Didier Drogba's 100th Premier League—had been hard-fought.

And he insists Chelsea must maintain that approach



Chelsea's striker Didier Drogba celebrates scoring during their English Premier League match against Stoke City at Stamford Bridge in London. Drogba's 100th Premiership goal was enough to beat ten-man Stoke and maintain Chelsea's challenge for a top four finish.

INTERNET

during the final games of the season as they attempt to force their way into the top four. "Today was a step in

the right direction and sometimes you have to win like this to get three points," he said. "It's not easy and sometimes you have to win scrappy."

There are 10 league games to go and Tottenham could be drawn back into the fight for fourth.

Asked whether this approach marked a change in direction from that set in place by Villas-Boas, Di Matteo added: "I'm looking forward and getting the team in the right frame of mind."

Drogba proved to be his side's saviour after Ricardo Fuller was sent off in the 25th minute for a stamp on Branislav Ivanovic.—Internet

Redknapp shrugs off Spurs slump

LONDON, 11 March—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp insists he is not worried about his team's position despite three straight losses in the Premier League.

Redknapp, who has been linked with the England vacancy since Fabio Capello left the job last month, saw his side lose 1-0 at Everton on Saturday, a defeat which followed on from losses against Arsenal and Manchester United. Tottenham qualified for the Champions League the season before last and until recently had looked likely to push Manchester City and United in the title race.

But rivals Arsenal can now close to within a point when they host Newcastle on Monday night. Even though they have suffered three consecutive losses for the first time since Redknapp replaced Juande Ramos in 2008, the Tottenham manager is not surprised at the chasing pack closing on his team. "I'm suicidal really," Redknapp joked. "We've lost away to Arsenal, away to Everton and at home to Manchester United and they're always going to be tough games."

"Two of the games we didn't deserve to lose—against Everton and against Manchester United. I said all along that 10 points can evaporate very quickly. You look at the fixtures and you knew going away to Arsenal, Chelsea, playing Manchester United, they were tough games and you knew it could turn.

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Everton's Tim Cahill (R) fights for the ball with Tottenham Hotspur's Sandro (L) during their English Premier League match at Goodison Park in Liverpool. Everton won 1-0.

INTERNET

Wozniacki and Sharapova in cruise control



Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark.—INTERNET

INDIAN WELLS, 11 March—Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki and former winner Maria Sharapova cruised into the third round of the Indian Wells WTA tournament with 6-2 6-0 victories on Saturday.

Denmark's Wozniacki launched her title defence by demolishing Russian

Ekaterina Makarova and Sharapova, the 2006 champion, crushed Argentina's Gisela Dulko at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

Former world number one Wozniacki took advantage of an error-strewn display by her left-handed opponent, cruising to victory in just over an hour on the showpiece stadium court.

Makarova, who reached her first grand slam quarter-final at the Australian Open in January, never once held serve before her match ended when she netted a backhand.

"I played pretty good out there," fourth seed Wozniacki told reporters after ending the

day session with her win. "It's always pretty tough playing in your first match, and I actually felt comfortable."

"I don't like to be out there for too long if I don't have to. I like to play tennis and I love grinding it out, but if I have the opportunity to finish it off fast, I like that opportunity, as well."

The 21-year-old said she was excited to be back at Indian



Wells. "This is one of my favorite tournaments and I always feel at home here," she added.

Wozniacki, who beat Frenchwoman Marion Bartoli in last year's final, will next face Swede Sofia Arvidsson, a 6-3 6-3 winner against Romanian Monica Niculescu.

Sharapova, one of six former champions in the field, broke Dulko three times in each set before ending the first match of the evening session with a crunching forehand down the line.

Internet

Former winner Maria Sharapova

Loeb leads Citroen 1-2 in Rally Mexico



MEXICO CITY, 11 March—World champion Sebastien Loeb was on course for his

Frenchman Sebastien Loeb is on course for his sixth-straight Rally Mexico victory, finishing day two with a 36.2sec lead over Citroen team-mate Mikko Hirvonen.—INTERNET

sixth-straight Rally Mexico victory, finishing day two with

a 36.2sec lead over Citroen team-mate Mikko Hirvonen. The French driver extended his lead throughout the day's stages, conducted in blistering temperatures that didn't deter thousands of fans. He won the nearly 42km 14th stage in which Hirvonen settled for third behind Jari-Matti Latvala, more

than nine seconds off the lead. Four stages remain on Sunday, one of them the 54.30km Guana-juatito stage that Loeb cautioned could still prove decisive. "Now we have a good and comfortable situation but there is still a long way to go and a 54-kilometre stage—so still nothing is done," said Loeb, an eight-time world champion.

Internet

International Sports

Canadian skier killed in World Cup crash

GRINDELWALD, 11 March—Canadian skier Nik Zoricic died on Saturday after crashing in a World Cup ski cross race in the Swiss resort of Grindelwald, Alpine Canada said. Officials said Zoricic crashed in the finish area after during the fourth heat of the ski cross finals.

"We've lost one of our athletes on the ski World Cup and you can imagine everyone in the organization is just devastated getting that news this morning," Alpine Canada president Max Gartner said.

"Nik as far as I know is a model athlete. He's extremely dedicated who has gone about his business and found his home in ski cross."

The 29-year-old Zoricic sustained severe head injuries in the crash. He was airlifted to hospital in Interlaken and was pronounced dead at 12:35 p.m. local time. Zoricic had raced on the World Cup for more than three years and finished eighth at last year's world championships. The cause of death was given as "severe neu-rotrauma."—Reuters



Canada's Nick Zoricic (L) skis down the slope during a run at the FIS skicross world cup event in Grindelwald, on 10 March, 2012. REUTERS

Rooney sends United top as City crash at Swansea



LONDON, 11 March— Wayne Rooney fired Manchester United to the top of the Premier League as the champions defeated 10-man West Bromwich Albion 2-0 to take full advantage of Manchester City's shock 1-0 loss at Swansea on Sunday.

Sir Alex Ferguson's side secured their fourth successive league win thanks to a brace from England striker Rooney and that allowed the champions to move one point clear of bitter rivals City, who surrendered top spot when

Luke Moore scored Swansea's winner with just seven minutes left at the Liberty Stadium.

At Old Trafford, United made a slow start and Albion midfielder Keith Andrews prodded wide from close-range before firing in a powerful drive that David de Gea did well to save.

But the hosts gradually found their rhythm and took the lead in the 35th minute thanks to Rooney's 23rd goal of the season.

United were only denied a second goal by the woodwork as Hernandez's strike cannoned off a post.

Albion's hopes of a comeback began to fade in the 66th minute when Swedish defender Jonas Olsson was sent off for a

second booking after tripping Hernandez.

Roberto Mancini's men were fortunate not to fall behind in the sixth minute when referee Lee Mason ruled that England goalkeeper Joe Hart had fouled Wayne Routledge as he tried to save the winger's feet.



Scott Sinclair took the spot-kick, but Hart plunged to his right to save the Swansea forward's tame strike. Swansea continued to dominate despite Sinclair's miss and Mancini responded by sending on Argentine

striker Sergio Aguero before half-time in place of Gareth Barry, who appeared to exchange words with City assistant David Platt as he trudged off.

City duo Kolo Toure and David Silva both went close to breaking the deadlock, but the leaders' frustration appeared to boil over again at half-time, with reports of a tunnel argument between Mario Balotelli and Yaya

Toure. Balotelli appealed in vain for a penalty early in the second half when the Italian striker made a theatrical tumble after a slight nudge from Joe Allen.

Micah Richards thought he had equalised in the closing moments but the defender's header was rightly ruled out for offside.

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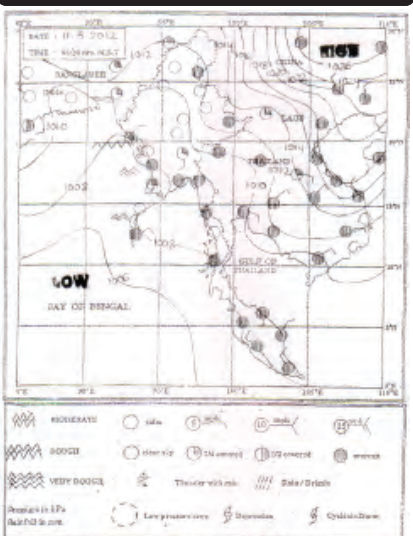
Joe Hart dives to save Scott Sinclair's sixth-minute penalty.



Results on Sunday, 11 March

Man Utd	2-0	West Brom
Swansea	1-0	Man City

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 12th March, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	33.88	17.63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
2	Kayah	34.93	14.57	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
3	Kayah	36.100	23.73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
4	Chin	23.73	5.41	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	32.90	17.63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
6	Lower Sagaing	36.100	21.70	Partly cloudy	
7	Tamulhuyi	36.97	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
8	Bago	32.90	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
9	Magway	36.100	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
10	Mandalay	36.100	20.68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
11	Man	36.97	26.79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
12	Yangon	36.97	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
13	Rakhine	33.91	22.72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
14	Southern Shan	31.88	13.65	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
15	Northern Shan	32.90	27.45	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
16	Karen Shan	33.91	14.57	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
17	Ayeyarwady	36.97	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36.100	20.68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36.97	25.77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36.100	20.68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing and Tamulhuyi Regions, Kachin, Kayah and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (4°C) above March average temperatures in Southern Shan State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chind (41°C) and Maba, Aungmye and Taungtha (40°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Maba (1.65) inches.

Bay Influence: Windfall is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

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

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

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:50 am
- 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:05 am
- 3. Song Of National Races
- 8:15 am
- 4. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:00 pm
- 5. Martial Song
- 4:50 pm
- 6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 7. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 5:15pm
- 8. Documentary
- 5:35 pm
- 9. Myanmar Idol
- 6:20 pm
- 10. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
- 11. TV Drama Series
- 7:50 pm
- 12. Documentary
- 8:00 pm
- 13. News
- 14. Talk of the Political Parties
- 15. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Aseayone)
- 16. India Drama Series

CSC ISSUED: Citizenship scrutiny cards were issued to eligible citizens in Tawant Township in implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan. On 4 March, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Aung Hsan Oo and staff issue the cards to the people.—TOWNSHIP IPRD



Prizes awarded to winners in reading skills

PATHEIN, 11 March—The prize presentation for raising reading habit was held in conjunction with the book donation at Pinyinna Dagon Library in Theinsan Village of Pathein Township on 5 March.

Ayeyawdy Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung delivered an address. Assistant Director of Ayeyawdy Region Information and Public Relations Department U Ngwe Tun reported on advantages of reading habit.

Writer Pathein Yan Naung Soe talked about advantages from literature.

Next, books were donated to the library.

Later, the Region Chief Minister and officials presented prizes to winners in reading habit from Zinpyun, Shwemyintin, Mayanchaung Village-tracts.

District IPRD

Ronaldo double as Real go 13 points clear

MADRID, 11 March— Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice as Real Madrid marked Jose Mourinho's 100th match in charge by opening up a 13-point lead with a 3-2 win over Real Betis on Saturday, their 11th victory in succession.

But it was a tough night for Mourinho's men who had to come from behind before they could celebrate a 21st victory in 22 games.

Jorge Molina scored after nine minutes for Betis before Gonzalo Higuain drew Real level.



La Liga's top-scorer Ronaldo then put Madrid ahead after the break. Betis refused to roll over and Jefferson Montero equalised before Ronaldo secured the win with his 32nd goal of the season after 72 minutes. "It

Cristiano Ronaldo shoots at Real Betis' goalkeeper Fabricio Brazio (L) during a Spanish League foot-ball match at Benito Villamarin stadium in Sevilla.—INTERNET

was a game in which neither side was in control and so you didn't know who was going to win. At times it is better to be more defensive," said Mourinho.

"The game was full of bad passes and so perfect for

counter-attacking. I think that a draw would have been a fairer result but it could have finished 2-4 or 4-4 easily.

"Betis aren't a big team but they play exciting football for people to enjoy and the attitude of their coach (Pepe Mel) is fantastic."

Ronaldo had a shot saved by the keeper in the opening exchanges but Betis went ahead from a counter-attack with Ruben Castro's defence-splitting pass setting up Molina who fired home past helpless goalkeeper Iker Casillas.

Internet

Incumbent government is constantly focusing on two major aspirations of the people today—stability of the State and development of national economy

NAY PYI TAW, 11 March—President U Thein Sein met departmental personnel, members of social organizations and senior citizens at Kengtung Town Hall yesterday morning.

Also present on the occasion were the deputy commander-in-chief of Defence Services, Union ministers, the Shan State chief minister and departmental heads, the commander of Triangle Region Command, state ministers, national races affairs ministers, national races people and guests.

Kengtung Township Administrator U Khin Win reported to the President on salient facts about the district, progress of development undertakings and requirements for regional development.

Next, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi elaborated on Moepwint (2) project conducted region-and state-wise and measures for taking national census, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe on power supply to eastern Shan State and progress in implementation of Namlwe Creek Hydropower Project, Union Minister for

fulfill the wishes and aspirations of the people as much as it can. It is constantly focusing on two major aspirations of the people today—stability of the State and national economic development. For the stability of the State, it has managed to build internal political stability holding talks with internal political organizations. It is also negotiating with ethnic armed groups for national consolidation to ensure peace.

Today, the government is holding peace talks with nine ethnic armed groups. Following the improvement in internal political environment, foreign pressures have decreased and contacts and cooperation have increased. International investments are about to flow into the country. As Shan State becomes more and more stable, such national races groups as Special Region (2) Wa group, Special region (4) Mongla Group will be able to promote the interests of own region for regional development, access to transportation, power supply and job opportunities in tandem with locals and the government.

It is heartening to see development of



President U Thein Sein delivering a speech in meeting with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and senior citizens at Kengtung Town Hall.

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Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun on ecological conservation and forest management.

The President extended greetings and said: it is fair to say Kengtung is his native place. He engaged in development undertakings of Kengtung hands in hands with locals in his capacity as major and commander of Triangle Region Command. So, he has amicable relationship with all the local people. It is his first visit to Kengtung after the new government has taken office with two intentions—to fulfill the requirements of the region and to inform actions and plans of the new government.

The incumbent government, being the one elected by the people, has determined to

Kengtung including the town hall, Sasana Beikman, universities, 200-bed State People's Hospital. Although electric power could be fully supplied to Kengtung, best possible measures will be taken now to supply power to Shan State (east) including Kengtung District. The government will implement Namlwe Creek Hydropower Project. As the region produces coal, the government will consider establishing of coal power plant if the coal meets required quality.

Relative departments will take actions for water supply to Kengtung. Agricultural development should be projected in regional development and state development drive. Though the region enjoys food sufficiency now, it needs to view far in consideration of

the potential population. Here, locals will need to make series of reforms in their mindset, practices, land reclamation plus shift to modern agricultural methods and high yield strains.

Meanwhile, it needs to establish industrialized nation for national prosperity. It is also required to extensively set up factories and workshops to be able to manufacture value-added products replacing primary production. If the dream do come true, it will bring about job opportunities, which will be a solution to forced migrant working of local youths. To establish factories and workshops, it needs to invite both local and foreign investments, calling for regional stability and urgent peace and security.

At the same time, it needs to turn out

brilliant and competent human resources for future's industries. As Shan State covers vast area, it is divided into four special regions with fulfillment made in education and health sectors. So, it needs to put education and health of local youths high in the agenda for the future. Environmental conservation is a global concern nowadays. Catastrophic natural disasters like Nagis cyclone and Tahlay earthquake are the outcome of deterioration in the environment. So, the entire national people need to have ecological conservation attitude and take biodiversity conservation as national duty. Local people are to grow rubber and macadamia on depleted farmland.

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Union level peace-making group, KIO delegation release joint-statement after third peace talks

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Higher learning institutions in Sagaing Region for human resources development

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