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**True patriotism**

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

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

# Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends naming ceremony and shed warming ceremony of white elephant Zata Kalya

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—White elephant Zata Kalya, given birth on 27 November 2011 by white elephant Baddawady in the eastern precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda was three months old. It is pleasant view that the baby cub with characteristics of Yadana white elephant born in Nay Pyi Taw is now happy in good health together with mother elephant Baddawady in the white elephant park.

The naming ceremony and the shed warming ceremony of white elephant Zata Kalya was held at the white elephant hall in the eastern precinct of the pagoda this morning, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham who sprinkled Paritta water on the elephant.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Htay, officials of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and guests.

The Vice-President and Union ministers dressed the white elephant with nine gems ornaments at its forehead.

The Vice-President together with the Union ministers shampooed the white elephant and sprinkled Paritta water on it.

At 8.10 am, the white elephant was moved to the white elephant shed.

After sprinkling the white elephant with the aromatic water, they fed the elephant.

Elephants Baddawady and Zata Kalya paid homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda.

The master of ceremonies announced that the female white elephant is called Zata Kalya. The Vice-President and Union ministers called it Zata Kalya three times. The congregation applauded it with an act of clapping.

The Vice-President and the Union ministers presented cash gifts for the elephant through Assistant General Manager Sithu Dr Wan Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise.

Managing Director of Phyo Sithu Trading Co Ltd Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Excellent Performance in Social Field (Second Class) U Ko Ko Aye and wife Daw Thi Thi Naing and family donated cash for the nine-gem ornament from the forehead of the elephant to Sithu Dr Wan Tun.

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***Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends naming ceremony and the shed warming ceremony of white elephant Zata Kalya at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda.*—MNA**

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## Strong earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—A strong earthquake of magnitude (6.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Off the east coast of Honshu, Japan) about (3330) miles northeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (47) min (01) sec M.S.T on 14th March, 2012.

*MNA*

# PERSPECTIVES

**Thursday, 15 March, 2012**

## Bottled Water

**It is assumed that bottled water—a saleable outcome of imported idea by two or more national entrepreneurs—came into view in Myanmar around 2000s or earlier. Then, it has gradually become an essential part of our daily life. Today, it has colonized everywhere, offices, airplanes, homes and restaurants in urban and even in some rural areas.**

**It is refreshing, convenient to carry around and tastier than tap water, much healthier than sugary sodas and most of all easy to drink, getting rid of the chores like buying earthen pot, filtering tap water and perhaps washing of cups if you like to drink water from big bottle with small one.**

**Why the bottled water has taken the place of filtered tap one? Apart from above-mentioned conveniences, the most important cause is it convinces us it is purer and safer than tap water. But, given the lack of labeling requirements for bottled water, how much do we really know about what is in the bottle? In fact, we do not know whether the water, the package it comes in, is safe, at least safer than filtered tap water.**

**Many a brand has entered into this booming market one after another as the way it is going in here. Some bottled water comes from sparkling springs, but most of it comes from a municipal supply especially in Yangon where the brands are mushrooming with more than two brands supplied to a single ward. It is no more than drinking idealized tap water in a fancy bottle in most of the time.**

**Most bottled water comes in polyethylene terephthalate bottles, indicated by a number 1, PET or PETE on the bottle's bottom. They are generally safe, but still the plastic may leach chemicals into water when stored in warm or hot temperatures. Bus drivers should be aware of sipping from a bottle that has been sitting in a hot car.**

**I don't mean to criticize or attack bottlers. I just want them to guarantee consumer safety. The weather is scorching hot here and I drank up two one-litre bottles from 20-litre one while writing this piece of editorial. I found myself just inseparable from it now.**

# Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives UNICEF Resident Representative, Dy Colombian FM

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha at his office, here, at 2 pm today.

Both sides had a cordial discussion on development of Myanmar, and bilateral cooperation between UNICEF and Myanmar.

At 3 pm today, the Union Minister also received Colombian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ms Patti Londorso at the same venue and they discussed promoting bilateral ties and mutual interests between the two countries.

*MNA*

# Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Hagay Moshe Behar as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Yaron Mayer.

Mr Hagay Moshe Behar was born on 29 May 1963. He holds a BA (International Relations & Spanish and Latin American Studies) from Hebrew University and MA (Law Studies) from Bar Ilan University.

Mr Hagay Moshe Behar joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel in 1994. He had served at various capacities at Israeli Embassies in Ivory Coast, United States of America and Belgium. Mr Hagay Moshe Behar is currently head of department at Resource Budget Planning & Management of the State of Israel.—*MNA*

***Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha.***

**MNA**

# Health Ministry cooperating with international institutions for better healthcare

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin received a Nepalese delegation led by Member of National Planning Commission Professor Shiba Kuamr Rai, USAID Assistant Administrator Ms Nisha Desai Biswal of the United States of America, and Deputy Director-General Mr Yoshio Wada of the JICA separately at his office here yesterday.

The Nepalese delegation and the Union Minister held talks on matters related to primary healthcare services of Myanmar, measures for development of traditional medicines, using of TM as household medicines in primary healthcare services, medical teaching, human resources development, opening of private medical colleges in Nepal, and management matters, cooperation for medical advancement of the two nations. The Union minister and the USAID discussed campaigns against communicable diseases, assistance of USAID to accelerate mothers, infant and child healthcare programmes and joint-programmes, technical assistance to food and drug inspection in Myanmar, upgrading of labs, assistance in fighting against drug-resistant malaria and TB, and medical human resources development.

During the talks with the JICA, the two sides discussed development of health information system, provision of healthcare infrastructure and pharmaceuticals, assistance in enhancing proficiency of basic health staff and training and joint-programmes.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, Director-General of Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, Director-General of Medical Science Department Dr Than Myint Zaw and personnel.—*MNA*

***Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin receives a Nepalese delegation led by Member of National Planning Commission Professor Shiba Kuamr Rai.*—MNA**

# Myanma Gems Emporium 2012 continues for sixth day

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The 49th Myanma Gems Emporium 2012 continued for the sixth day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near the Myanma Gems Museum here this morning.

***Local and foreign merchants observe jade lots.*—MNA**

Jade lots were sold through open tender system. Local and international gem merchants put their offers into the respective tender boxes.

In the evening, Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing the Emporium Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik observed gems emporium.

Jade lots will be sold through open tender systen on 16 March, competitive bidding system from 16 to 18 March.—*MNA*

# Santorum sweeps South: wins Alabama and Mississippi

WASHINGTON, 14 March—With most precincts reporting, Rick Santorum is the projected winner of the Republican presidential primaries in Alabama and Mississippi. Newt Gingrich appears to have placed second in both contests with narrow leads over Mitt Romney.

Both states allocate their delegates proportionally, so Mitt Romney will retain his wide lead in the race toward the 1,144 delegates needed to secure the party's nomination. But Santorum's victories are a huge blow to Romney's campaign, which was hoping to put a stop to the narrative that the former governor cannot win in the traditional South. The sweep will likely provide Santorum with a major boost of enthusiausm and financial support.

"I want to say first to the people of Alabama, you made a great difference," Santorum said from Lafayette, La before the results of Mississippi were clear. "I don't think there was a single poll showing me anywhere close to winning Mississippi. Not one," he added—a true statement, though only a small handful of polls were conducted.

Speaking from Birmingham, Ala, Gingrich sounded his usual defiant note amid speculation that he would drop out of the race after failing to win either state in what is considered his strongest region of support.

"In both states, the conservative candidates got nearly 70 percent of the vote. If you're the frontrunner and you keep coming in third, you're not much of a frontrunner," Gingrich said. "Mitt Romney as the inevitable just collapsed."

*Rick Santorum at his primary night watch party in Lafayette, La.*—INTERNET

Prior to the elections, all four candidates spent time campaigning in the region. Santorum had downplayed his chances of sweeping the night like he did in February in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri, but said it was important to place well in order to carry on.

*Internet*

# Seven cops killed in Pakistan following calls for peace talks with terrorist groups

ISLAMABAD, 14 March—At least seven policemen were killed in two separate incidents in Pakistan on Tuesday, according to local media reports.

Local Urdu TV channel Geo said that three policemen were killed in different areas of Karachi late on Tuesday night, but the report failed to give any details about the incident.

Earlier on Tuesday night, in Pakistan's eastern district of Gujrat, four policemen were killed by unknown gunmen.

The gunmen coming on two motorbikes opened fired at the police on duty near a railway intersection in the district, killing three policemen right on the spot, said local reports, adding that another injured cop died later in hospital.

Despite the obvious terrorist nature of the two incidents, no group has claimed responsibility for the two attacks.

Tuesday's attacks on local police came just one day after the country's top police chief, Interior Minister Rehman Malik, issued a call for peace talks with terrorist groups including the Taleban in the country.

The interior minister on Monday told local media that the government is willing to hold peace talks with banned terrorist groups including the Taleban in the country provided that they are willing to give up militancy and extremism.

The killing of seven cops in Pakistan on Tuesday could be a response made by some of the terrorist groups in the country to the Pakistani Interior Minister's call, said local watchers. According to local media reports, there are an estimated 30 banned militant and terrorist outfits in the country.

*Xinhua*

# Workers to raise ferry in deadly Bangladesh crash

*Map showing the area in Bangladesh where at least 32 people drowned when the ferry sank before dawn on Tuesday with scores more bodies feared trapped inside the capsized vessel, officials said.*—INTERNET

DHAKA, 14 March—Recovery workers were trying to raise the wreckage of a ferry that capsized on a river in Bangladesh while carrying about 200 people, hoping Wednesday's efforts would reveal the fate of dozens of passengers still missing. The death toll stood at 66.

The ferry collided with a cargo boat and capsized in the darkness of Tuesday morning, sending hundreds of people into the Meghna River, just south of the capital, Dhaka. Local police chief Mohammad Shahabuddin Khan said about 35 survivors were plucked out of the water, while local media reported that another 40 managed to swim to shore.

The death toll climbed to 66 on Wednesday after villagers and rescuers found more bodies floating near the scene of the accident, said rescue official Mahfuzul Haque. Divers had recovered 31 bodies from inside the sunken ferry the day before, and Wednesday's efforts to move the ferry had shaken more loose.

The dead included a young woman found cradling her baby's lifeless body, Khan said. "The death toll is likely to rise as more bodies are feared trapped inside," police official Khan said. "We will get a better picture of the casualties once the sunken ferry is pulled out of the water." Ferry accidents, often blamed on overcrowding, faulty vessels and lax rules, are common in Bangladesh, a low-lying delta nation of 160 million people.—*Internet*

*Relatives of victims of a ferry accident wail on the banks of the Meghna River in Munshiganj district, about 20 miles (32 kilometres) south of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 13 March, 2012.*—INTERNET

# US nuclear expert finds Iran explosive site in imagery

*International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Yukiya Amano reacts as he attends a board of governors meeting at the United Nations headquarters in Vienna on 5 March, 2012.*—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 14 March—A US non-proliferation expert said on Tuesday he has identified a building at the Parchin military site in Iran suspected of containing, currently or previously, a high-explosive test chamber the UN nuclear watchdog wants to visit.

David Albright, founder of the Institute for Science and International Security, said he studied commercial satellite imagery and found a building located on a relatively small and isolated compound at Parchin that fit a description in the November 2011 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report.

The building has its own perimeter security wall or fencing and there is a berm between the building and a neighbouring building, Albright said in a report.

The compound is located more than four kilometers away from high-explosive related facilities at Parchin which the IAEA visited in 2005, Albright's report said.

*Reuters*

# Gunmen attack bus in Ethiopia, kill 19

ADDIS ABABA, 14 March—An attack by gunmen on a public bus in western Ethiopia has left 19 people dead and eight others injured, an official said Tuesday.

"The attack took place yesterday (Monday) around 2 pm.... I suspect it was an anti-peace element we consider as rebels," regional president Omot Odeng Olol told *AFP*.

Omot said the suspected rebels armed with machine guns stole money and clothes from the passengers before opening fire on them.

He said the gunmen have not yet been caught.

"We deployed a number of forces and we are still looking, and they are not yet caught," he said, adding that he does not expect tha assailants to launch further attacks in the area as security has been beefed up since Monday.

Omot said when police arrived at the scene bodies were strewn on the ground as the injured were taken to a nearby hospital. "That kind of thing is the very worst you can imagine," he said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Ethiopia's Gambella region, which lies some 700 kilometres (430 miles) to the west of the capital Addis Ababa, is one of the most fertile and resource-rich areas of the country.

In January the US-based Human Rights Watch accused Addis Ababa of forcing thousands of villagers from their land to make way for commercial farming developments, leaving people impoverished and hungry.—*Internet*

*A woman is pictured near a bus in Addis Ababa in 2010. An attack by gunmen on a public bus in western Ethiopia has left 19 people dead and eight others injured, an official said.*
INTERNET

# 28, mostly children, die in Swiss bus accident

SIERRE, 14 March—Twenty-eight people, including 22 children, returning from a skiing holiday died in a bus accident in Sierre in the Swiss canton of Valais, the Swiss news agency *SDA-ATS* reported Wednesday.

The children were travelling from Val d'Anniviers and were returning to Belgium. The bus carrying the passengers was registered in Belgium, the news agency said. The bus was travelling towards Sion, and hit a wall on Tuesday night in the motorway tunnel running from east to west and exiting at Sierre.

Valais cantonal police initially reported only injuries. The bus was carrying 52 passengers from the cities of Lommel and Heverlee in Flanders. The news agency said two drivers were killed in the accident. Four Valais hospitals were treating the injured, *SDA-ATS* reported.—*Internet*

# Red meat boosts risk of dying young

WASHINGTON, 14 March —Eating a portion of processed red meat daily can boost a person's risk of dying young by up to 20 percent, said a long-running US study of more than 120,000 people released on Monday.

While the research by Harvard University experts offers more evidence that eating red meat increases the risk of heart disease and cancer, it also counsels that substituting fish and poultry may lower early death risk.

"This study provides clear evidence that regular consumption of red meat, especially processed meat, contributes substantially to premature death," said Frank Hu, senior author of the study in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

Researchers gleaned their data from a study of 37,698 men who were followed for 22 years and 83,644 women who were tracked for 28 years. Subjects answered surveys about their eating habits every four years.

Those who ate a card-deck-sized serving of unprocessed red meat each day on average saw a 13 percent higher risk of dying than those who did not eat red meat as frequently.

And if the red meat was processed, like in a hot dog or two slices of bacon, that risk jumped to 20 percent.

However, substituting nuts for red meat lowered total mortality risk by 19 percent, while poultry or whole grains lowered the risk 14 percent and fish did so by seven percent.

The authors said between seven and nine percent of all deaths in the study "could be prevented if all the participants consumed fewer than 0.5 servings per day of total red meat."—*Internet*

***A worker watches fresh hamburger patties at a food plant in 2004.***
**INTERNET**

# Circumcision reduces prostate cancer risk

SEATTLE, 14 March—Circumcision before a male's first sexual intercourse may help protect against prostate cancer, US researchers suggested.

Lead author Dr Jonathan L Wright, an affiliate investigator in the Hutchinson Centre's Public Health Sciences Division, said circumcision could hinder infection and inflammation that may lead to this malignancy.

Wright and colleagues analyzed data from 3,399 men — 1,754 with prostate cancer and 1,645 without.

The study, published online ahead of the print edition of the journal Cancer, found men who had been circumcised before their first sexual intercourse were 15 percent less likely than uncircumcised men to develop prostate cancer.

Men circumcised before their first sexual intercourse had a 12 percent reduced risk for developing less aggressive prostate cancer and an 18 percent reduced risk for developing more aggressive prostate cancer, the study said.

Sexually transmitted infections may lead to prostate cancer by causing chronic inflammation that creates a hospitable environment for cancer cells, but other mechanisms may also be involved, Wright said.—*Internet*

# Health Tip: The right diet can boost athletic performance

Eating the right balance of nutritious foods can improve athletic performance, whether you're an elite athlete or just enjoy sports and exercise on a regular basis.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics lists these benefits of a healthy diet for athletes:

* Improved cardiovascular health, including better blood flow, delivery of oxygen and blood pressure.
* Improved respiratory function.
* A stronger immune system.
* Stronger bones and muscles.
* Improved metabolism to keep your body burning calories.

*Internet*

***Anguri, a 26-year-old pregnant woman in labour, lies on a maternity table as a doctor and nurse examine her at a community health centre in the remote village of Chharchh, in the central Indian State of Madhya Pradesh, on 24 Feb, 2012.***
**INTERNET**

# Fed: 15 banks pass stress test; Citi, 3 more fail

WASHINGTON, 14 March —All but four of 19 major US banks got a green light Tuesday from the Federal Reserve to boost their dividends and take other steps that will make their stocks more attractive to investors.

The Fed declared them strong enough to survive a downturn worse than the Great Recession.

The Fed's findings signaled its confidence that the financial system, which nearly collapsed 3½ years ago, is healthy again.

JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo and other large bank holding companies that passed the Fed's so-called stress tests raised their dividends and announced plans to buy more of their stock. The news ignited a late-day rally on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average shot up 218 points to its highest close since the end of 2007.

"It's clearly good news — the US banking system can now withstand a quite severe recession without falling over," said Douglas Elliott, a fellow at the Brookings Institution, a non-partisan policy think tank.

One notable exception was Citigroup, the nation's third-largest bank. It was among the companies the Fed said lacked enough capital to withstand another severe economic and financial crisis. Its stock price fell 3 percent in after-hours trading. The Fed announced the results after markets had closed.

***In this 18 Jan, 2011 file photo, a customer exits a Wells Fargo bank branch in Los Angeles. Are banks strong enough to spare some cash? The country will get the answer on 15 March, 2012, when the Federal Reserve releases results of its so-called stress tests on the 19 largest US financial institutions.***
**INTERNET**

The other three financial institutions that did not pass the Fed's hypothetical stress tests were Ally Financial, SunTrust and MetLife.

The Fed released the results two days earlier than planned after JPMorgan Chase sent out a press release late on Tuesday saying it had passed the test.—*Internet*

***Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao speaks during a press conference after the closing meeting of the Fifth Session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 March, 2012.***
**XINHUA**

# China's premier says 7.5 pct GDP target not low

BEIJING, 14 March—Premier Wen Jiabao said Wednesday that the 7.5 percent GDP growth target for 2012 is a result of the government's proactive macro-control and can not be viewed as low.

China's GDP has reached 47 trillion yuan (7.46 trillion US dollars). On this basis, the growth rate of 7.5 percent can not be counted as low, not to mention the economy would keep expanding at this pace, Wen told a Press conference after the conclusion of the annual parliamentary session.

Indeed, the Chinese economy faces slowing trend due to impacts from the European debt crisis and contracting overseas demands, Wen noted.

Under such circumstances, to lower the growth mainly aims to facilitate economic restructuring, the premier said.

*Xinhua*

# Dow reclaims 13,000, Nasdaq tops 3,000 as recovery gains momentum

NEW YORK, 14 March—US stocks rallied on Tuesday, with major indexes settling above milestones, as investors were heartened by the signs that the economy was picking up momentum.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose for the fifth straight day, jumping 217.97 points, or 1.68 percent, to end at 13,177.68.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rallied 24.87 points, or 1.81 percent, to 1,395.96, its highest.

The Nasdaq Composite Index surged 56.22 points, or 1.88 percent, to 3,039.88. It was the first time for the index to settle above 3, 000 in more than a decade after flirting with the level last month.

Tuesday's rally came after the Commerce Department said retail sales rose 1.1 percent in February, the largest gain in five months.

This was also the second consecutive month of increasing retail sales. In January, the figure rose 0.6 percent.—*Xinhua*

# Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Chairman receives Technical Assistance Mission of IMF

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mya Nyein and members received Technical Assistance Mission of International Monetary Fund at I-20 Building of Amyotha Hluttaw Affairs at 9.30 am today.

During the meeting, both sides cordially discussed laws practised by Central Bank.—*MNA*

***Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mya Nyein and members receive Technical Assistance Mission of International Monetary Fund.*—MNA**

# Infrstrauctures for human resources development in Meiktila and Kyaukse Tsps

**Technological University (Meiktila) (Right) provides brilliant youths in Meiktila Township of Mandalay Region with quality higher education.**

**Meiktila Institute of Economics (bottom) in Meiktila Township of Mandalay Region turns local students to well-rounded economists.**

**Civil Aviatoin and Aerospace University (above Left) in Meiktila of Mandalay Region and night scene of Technological University (Kyaukse) (above Right) in Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region and three-storey building of Technological University (Kyaukse) (Left).**

Translation: HKA

**Archive: *Maung Nyein Aye***

# National League for Democracy presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March— *Chairperson of the National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi presented the party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV today.*

*The translation of her presentation is as follows:-*

The presentation of our party's policy, stance and work programmes before holding the by-election on 1 April in a way has recognized a public right.

Not only voters, all the citizens as well have the right to decide which organization and who they will vote for by studying and reviewing the party organizations and the people they want to represent.

As we will accept the public decision according to the basic principles of democracy, now I would like to explain our ambitions for the nation and the people along with the principles that have been upheld for more than 20 years.

The three points the National League for Democracy has prioritized out of its main aims are the rule of law, internal peace and constitutional amendments.

Public fear reigned in the country as the rule of law had been hampered due to various ways such as the putting of judicial system under control of the government machinery, nationalization of media and the revoking of the people's rights to speak, write, hear and express freely by passing strict media and sensor rules.

Democracy will not flourish unless the people have freedom from fear and human rights. With the rule of law, the people will really enjoy protection by law and the taste of freedom.

The rule of law will give the ordinary people, service personnel and politicians protection and care they deserve. Then, persons, organizations and leaders with full authority will not be able to take action against and bully anyone through irrevocable order. Only then, will democracy flourish.

What shall we do to ensure the rule of law?

- We have to promptly abolish some outdated rules oppressing the people.
- We have to pass the laws protecting the people.
- We have to make sure that the judicial system is independent, and make it upright.
- We have to grant complete press freedom.
- We have to extend supporting networks of law to help the people.

The judicial pillar must stand independently together with the legislative and executive pillars that are in conformity with the democratic concept. The judicial pillar must always be above the executive pillar. And any rulers or organizations in breach of law must be brought to justice. Every person is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty.

The civil war born together with independence is still burning in our country. Since 1947 when the national leaders were assassinated, we have not been able to put on the negotiation table the issues of doubts among the national ethnic groups and different ideologies among those with different political views. Instead, we have been trying to solve those problems so far with the use of weapons. What's more, the absence of the rule of law fanned the flame of civil war. The security and rights of the national races could not have been protected, and a military dictatorship had emerged as a consequence of civil war.

We will be able to develop our nation only if we can put out the fire of civil war and ensure peace. We have to take three steps to end the civil war for peace.

First, there must be a nationwide ceasefire. Second, we must seek negotiations and solutions by holding political talks. Third, we must find common ground in order to build a genuine Union based on equality which is the basis of Panglong as aspired by the national races, the right to have own rule and the right to decide freely in accord with the constitution. I strongly believe that our national brethren want only a genuine democratic Union, and they don't want secession at all.

Since the draft constitution appeared, the NLD announced its disagreement pointing out that needed amendment.

All the Hluttaw representatives, including united military forces, are to work together to amend the constitution with a sense of serving the interests of the nation only without attachment to own party and own group and personality cult.

We cannot deny the fact that the armed forces of Myanmar and of global countries are main forces for national defence.

According to the political experiences and incidents of Myanmar, I believe that the endeavours for development of Myanmar call for essential participation of the Tatmadaw.

I also believe that the Tatmadaw founded by my father General Aung San is always ready to serve the national interests.

Actually, a constitution is a charter placed between the people and the rulers. It can be amended, changed or abolished when necessary. It is found that the present constitution is not in conformity with democratic norms and standards.

One clear example is that only the rule of people by the representatives elected by the people is the true essence of democracy. It has been known to all that in the 2008 constitution, the parliamentary seats of unelected representatives account for 25 percent of all. As there are unelected representatives in the respective Hluttaws, it is not in conformity with democratic principles. The National League for Democracy has publicly announced the sections of the constitution that need amendments.

It is common knowledge that after the 1988 democratic campaign, the NLD has been struggling for the emergence of a genuine democracy for over 20 years under various pressures and oppressions. The members loyal to the party were kicked out of their jobs, lawyers and doctors had their licences revoked, some were unjustly arrested and got severest sentences. Consequently, our social lives were ruined and the economy of our families deteriorated. Anyhow, our NLD members have stood for the people and the party maintaining their conviction.

Our League has developed contacts at international level which can guarantee cordial relations with global nations and potential benefits to our people. We have also managed to establish friendly relations not only with developed old democracies but also with neighbours. We will also focus on seeking necessary international assistance for development of the nation.

Regarding the economy, it is required to make a shift to market economy with a right balance between freedom, stability and social justice, based on the rule of law.

We will have to focus our efforts on creating new jobs and solving unemployment problem to wipe out poverty, enhance living standard and social dignity of each individual of different national races in different regions, and make sure all the national races residing in the country have equal rights to work or to be employed.

We have to tackle the budget deficit but not by printing money but by seeking other ways and means. We have to smash the barrier in current monetary and banking systems.

It is required to closely cooperate with the International Monetary Fund, International Finance Commission, and the World Bank for development all the State-run and private-owned businesses. NLD is paving the way for such cooperation right now.

As an education initiative, we need to make sure every citizen has access to standard education, every school-age child has access to compulsory primary education and to open middle and high schools and vocational training schools in regions and states.

It is required to draw educational plans designed to help offspring of ethnics with language barrier. We need to initiate special programmes for school-age children and youths who found it hard to receive formal education to be able to pursue non-formal one.

It is critically important to promote our educational standard to reach international level. Only then, there will emerge real human resources which has been the hot topic in these days. It is extremely important that teachers are competent. For this, we need to make reforms while considering providing them with right emolument they deserve.

It is also required to get rid of hindrances in current education system to undertake educational reforms.

As to health, the State should have quality health care system.

We need to explore ways and means to establish separate health security programmes for the public especially for the needy.

We need to cooperate with international experts and medical institutions for modernization of medical teaching, pharmacology, medical therapies, and pharmaceutical technologies.

To make sure farmers have legal rights to manage and own farmland is our priority. Again, it needs to make sure farmers are allowed to grow, process and trade agricultural products freely in accordance with the market oriented economic system and their products fetch reasonable prices.

We need to be aware of globally increase in prices of agricultural produce and set up forward-looking agro-economic system.

It needs to allow the formation of united farmers unions to be able to freely deal with losses, rights and affairs of farmers in their interests.

We need to take actions for formation of labour unions legally protection of labour rights to make sure full rights of workers.

It is required to make sure all workers are equally treated, have equal opportunities, acceptable working environment, enjoy the same amount of earnings for the same work, rights to be paid and protection against unemployment.

We need to stop forced labour and take every measure we possibly could to meet the ILO's norms.

For any country, youths are the most valuable forces of the nation. We, therefore, are committed to give encouragement to better and accessible education and right careers for youths. Unemployment problem is to be addressed by creating jobs for the youth.

We will employ the efficiency of the youth, the human resources and the future of the nation as strong force in the nation-building. Again, it needs to allow formation of independent students unions legally founded by students.

To protect the rights of women who make up the over 50 per cent of the population and to expand their role in social, economic and political issues should also be main priorities.

I have articulated most of policies and stances I have just presented here in my electoral campaigns. People may be thinking now like this—your words sound great but can they really be realized? Well, to establish the Union aspired by us is not an easy task. But, I do believe nothing is impossible if only we try out of wish, industry, sentiment and knowledge in unison.

The National League of Democracy has decades of experiences in dealing with difficult tasks with diligence and industry. I would like to request the voters to vote in favour of our candidates as an assignment of harder national tasks for us to accomplish. Our emblem is a golden peacock on the red-coloured background with a five-angle white star at the left top corner and a phrase reading "National League for Democracy." Please vote for the National League for Democracy.

Thank you all!

# Myanmar New Society Democratic Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—*Chairman of Myanmar New Society Democratic Party U Zin Aung presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 14 March evening.*

*The translation of his presentation is as follows:-*

**Aim of forming Myanmar New Society Democratic Party**

We are student youths by sacrificing self-interest taking part in activities of 1988 democracy and human rights at the forefront. Without purpose to take part in the multi-party democracy system election at that time, we established the New Society Democratic Party in line with the decision of student leaders of (88) activity as a bridge for the student youths wishing to join the political arena. Therefore, we became not only the backbone of all political parties that participated in the democracy activity but also the second strongest party.

We unconscientiously moved under the title of second independence struggles from the title on endeavours of democracy and human rights, and then we stood for realizing the endeavours of freedom in a front row.

Due to wrong policies, construction of a modern and developed new democratic nation we aspired had delayed for over 20 years. The policy on common enemy was a drive for only the communism with the attitude that those with different policy are enemy and the dictatorship centralized system. It was obvious that democracy rights such as rights of competitiveness, rights of diversity of attitudes and rights of opposition ceased to exist for democratic forces.

Due to the title on second independence struggles, our activities with the purpose to be the Tatmadaw as culprit of history without leaving any political outlet for it became more serious conflict among the nationals. Finally, the public and we embraced only loss due to wrong policies. Consequently, the party lost the chance to stand as official position aboveground. The political party which could not join hands with the people without stand for official alive at home would not have capabilities to serve the interests of the nation and the people. At last, the party will wear down gradually and then will be the culprit of history.

As we focused on only interests of the State and the people by sacrificing the self-interests without considering the gaining of State power and self-interests, an aim was set to abandon the wrong policies so as to be free from the situation in which we had stood for over 20 years without constitution and continually flourish democracy and human rights.

As we are survivors overcoming political battlefield of activities on democracy and human rights, we have capabilities to bravely and clearly criticize right and wrong of actual political processes. The invaluable political knowledge we gained during the 20-year period is that whenever reconciliation cannot be realized among the nationals without suppressing the selfishness, any person, party, organization and ism cannot save the nation and the people from various miseries.

We followed together with the whole national people under the leadership of the Tatmadaw during the period of transition. Owing to blocking the political outlet of the Tatmadaw, we together with the people also lost the political outlet. As creation of the political outlet for the Tatmadaw in line with the win-win theory is an act of gaining the political outlet for us, we set an aim to continuously build the national reconciliation, which is essential for the State, keeping the Tatmadaw as focal point and abandoning the confrontation, civil disobedience and utter devastation so as to heal the pains from the hearts of the people who suffered from the flame of anger over the Tatmadaw due to detrimental acts of us.

The Myanmar New Society Democratic Party was established with the aim of enabling the brother colleagues (today's intellectuals and intelligentsia) who had evaded to foreign countries for about 20 years to reenter the motherland with prestige for carrying out nation-building tasks by joining hands with us along the route we constructed and managing the escape of our colleagues from various jails as quickly as possible for serving the greater interests of the State in cooperation with us to be able to develop the human society.

**Policy of Myanmar New Society Democratic Party**

We caused pains to the hearts of the people for suffering from flames of anger after instigating the Tatmadaw government and the people through confrontation, civil disobedience and utter devastation. We took lessons that the victorious result of 1990 election based on utilizing the flames of anger to attack the Tatmadaw came out only disadvantages for the State and the people. We firmly believe that whenever reconciliation cannot be realized among the nationals without suppressing the selfishness, any person, party, organization and ism cannot save the nation and the people from various miseries.

Thus, we adopted the national reconciliation that does not ignore democracy and fundamental human rights as our policy and will exercise it through the middle path without practising extreme left and right isms. We will abide by the inner party democracy without accepting the personal-cult programme.

We will try hard to develop the developed democratic human society through evolution process based on isms, not on person.

**Policy over Tatmadaw and political party**

- We will build the national reconciliation by keeping the Tatmadaw as focal point and will consider the Tatmadaw as good friend.
- We will regard political forces in same visions, missions and isms as friends and will join hands with them for realizing democracy and human rights.
- Without considering other parties as our enemy, we will fairly compete with other parties in the by-election, considering them as our rivals.
- We adopted the policy to focus on flourishing students unions, workers unions and farmers unions as part of efforts for building basic infrastructures for basic human rights such as freedom of opinions and religion and to protect the unions so that they cannot be the lackeys of political parties.

**Policy on Youths**

We consider that those who are 18 year and above old are eligible to become members of our party, and under-23 would be considered as youths. We will not treat youths to do odd jobs but we will nurture them so that they can take a leading role in the future. There is no discrimination between youths and old people and will help over-23 aged members taking responsibilities democratically.

**Policy on National Races**

We respect the democracy practices of listening to majority and not neglecting wishes of minority and shall work hard to flourish the democratic practices among the people and will adopt the policy to give priority to the wishes of the ethnic minority though we abstain the discrimination.

The same fate would happen to a nation or its people if they fail to take lessons from the past. the cause of the political conflicts in the past is the selfishness. The over selfishness had caused losses which are irreplaceable to the country and the people.

A wrong medication by a doctor can kill a man. But, the wrongness of a political leader can kill many people and harm many lives. That's why, all voters should be farsighted to vote to be able to avoid encouraging those who are selfish and opportunists.

The upcoming by-election is the completion just for 48 seats, representing low percentage. However, it is a politically important contest because all are engaging in the by-election as a political movement.

National League for Democracy Party and our Myanmar New Society Democratic Party which were dissolved are participating in the by-election. Today, our party can stand with dignity and the government do not consider our party and exiled ex-leader Moe Thi Zun and ABSDF as unlawful associations and has held talks with us.

If the national reconciliation is given priority, without selfishness, Myanmar would see political stability. The Political stability would help boosting the economy, paving the ways for democratic and human rights. Therefore, As the decision of the people would affect greatly to the nation, the people should vote our candidates who will compete Hlegu, Dagon Seikkan and Thongwa so that they can be elected to the parliament.

The conflicts in the past shows that Myanmar's political situation could not stable as it was based on the two rival groups. We can say that Myanmar's political situation will never be stable if there are two rival groups. Only two pillars cannot bring the stability of Myanmar's political situation and only three pillars supporting each other can bring the political stability.

Therefore, I request all voters to consider the Myanmar New Society Democratic Party who has a history of sacrifices for the democratic rights as the third pillar for Myanmar's politics.

The democratic system we want is for doing Check and Balance while working in competition for the interests of the people. If three candidates of our party win in the by-election, they will do check and balance over the big political parties comprising opportunists, benefiting not only the region of the voters but also the country and the people.

If you all want to see our colleagues come back to our mother land with dignity, vote for our party.

If you want to see release of our remaining colleagues who are now in prisons, vote for our party.

If you want to see the political stability in Myanmar where two rival groups do compete with each other, vote for our party.

# Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends naming ceremony and shed warming ceremony…

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The master of ceremony blessed the elephant.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and the Union ministers fed white elephants Baddawady, Nandawady, Hemawady and Ngwe Saddan.

Zata Kalya was born at 9.45 pm on 27-11-2011 in the compound of white elephant park.

The baby is three feet and one inch high, 4 feet and one inch in circumference, 1.5 feet long tail (with fair tail hairs), door-shut shape tail hairs, banana leave shape back, five front toe tails and four back toe nails, pearl colour eye, triangular brass gong shape ear, white hairs and pinky skin.

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***Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash to General Manager Sithu Dr Wan Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise for white elephant Zata Kalya.***

**MNA**

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**Monghsat in Shan State (East)**". The deputy minister answered: The bridge was constructed in 2003-2004 fiscal year and its upstream pile from Wunpon side was damaged in inundation of Nantlon creek. Six-inch wood was used to fill the gap in 2004-2005 fiscal year and 1.3-ft wood is being used now.

Nantlon creek largely flooded in 2004-2005 fiscal year and the water course was changed to U shape over three furlongs upstream the bridge. Though it do not concern with the bridge, Public Works of Mongpyat Township dredged the creek once in 2008 and another in 2010.

The water course will be straighten and the bridge from Wunpon side will be repaired in 2012-2013 fiscal year after asking State Maintenance Fund in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win answered four questions related to border development raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

With respect to the question of U Ba Htay of Laymyethna Constituency on **"there is any plan to build Township Hall with a seating capacity of 1000 in Laymyethna,"** the Deputy Minister replied: the meeting hall in the compound of Township Administrator Office is being used as Township Hall. Estimated construction cost of concrete Township Hall measuring 147X70X19 would be K 203.5 million. Due to the facts that Township Development Affairs Committee has no enough funds for estimated cost and Township already has a Township Hall, construction of it will be implemented based on the funds.

Regarding the question of U Poke Khant In of Tiddim Constituency on **"there is any plan for supply of water in Reedkhawda and Falam,"** the deputy minister answered:

Tiddim with a population of 2728 is formed with two wards and 546 household. Its water consumption is 50,000 gallon a day. In summer, 25,000 gallon of water is being supplied from 14 brick lakes (600-gallon) daily. Its water supply coverage is 50 percent. In the rainy season, 50,000 gallon of water can be supplied, reaching 100 percent coverage. As Sarkaykyan spring is about seven miles far from the town and water shortage occurs only in summer, there would not be water shortage if the town is supplied with water by pumping water from Reed Lake in ward No.1.

In addition, experts from the Ministry would conduct underground water survey. Supply of water will be extended after sinking tube wells if there is the potential for availability of drinking water there. In 2012-2013 facial year, extended supply of water will be carried out with the government's fund of K 10 million. Upon completion of it, water supply converge would be 100 percent.

Falam is constituted with four wards and 1277 households, and 11,320 people are residing in it. Its water consumption is 0.226 million gallon. The township is being supplied daily with 0.2 million gallon of water in summer, covering 53 percent and in rainy season, with 0.18 million gallon, covering 80 percent.

Zarhtee spring in Falam located above Falam-Haka road, is (7/4) miles far from the township. Taking the water from it will be done by means of year-on-year measure, based on feasibility study.

With regards to the question of Dr Roh Ouke of Matupi Constituency on **"there is any plan to deal with the restrictions on buying household-use solar panels"**, the deputy minister replied: solar panel from the neighboring country is not a government-prohibited material. The government allows import of solar panels with import license in accord with legal procedures. At present, it can be imported with import license through Muse 105th mile trade zone.

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***Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr Roh Ouke from Matupi Constituency asking question.*—MNA**

For people in border areas, local administrative bodies will designate import of quantity and price allowed one time for household use and quantity and price allowed for individual. So, for the convenience of household use, respective State governments would arrange for systematic purchase of it.

Regarding the question of U Aung Tun Tha of MraukU Constituency on **"there is any plan to reconstruct 80-year-old damaged Yaypaukwa Bridge, a main bridge which is on the way to Nandawkon museum,"** the deputy minister answered: Yaypaukwo Bridge that links Lattkaukzay ward and Alaezay ward in MraukU, was built in 1928. MraukU Township Development Affairs Committee repaired it. Now, car with under three tons of load can pass on it. It would cost K 65 million if concrete bridge is constructed. Construction of it will be done by means of year-on-year measure, based on funds.

With regards to Society Security Bill sent by Amyotha Hluttaw, Chairman of Bill Committee U T Khun Myat submitted the committee's report. Each paragraph of amended proposals submitted by Union level organizations, the Bill Committee and the representatives were discussed and approved.

The Hluttaw approved the Amyotha Hluttaw's amendments to Paragraph 1, Paragraph 3(e), Paragraph 4 (a), Paragraph 5, (a,e and h), Paragraph 7, Paragraph 8 (a) (3,4,5,6 and 7) Paragraph 9 (b), Paragraph 10 (b) (4 and 5), Paragraph 11 (a) and 11 (a) (15), Paragraph 12 (a) (6 and 7), Paragraph 12 (b) (4), Paragraph 13 (e) (2), Paragraph 15 (a) (5), Paragraph 17, Paragraph 20 (e), Paragraph 21 (b), Paragraph 23, Paragraph 25 and Paragraph 25 (c), Paragraph 27 (a), Paragraph 23, Paragraph 34, Paragraph 43 (a,b), Paragraph 44, Paragraph 45 (b), Paragraph 50, Paragraph 68, Paragraph 79 (e), Paragraph 81, Paragraph 84 (a and f), Paragraph 85, Paragraph 87 (c and d), Paragraph 91 (a), Paragraph 97, Paragraph 100 and Paragraph 103 (a) in the Social Security Bill.

The Hluttaw also approved the Pyithu Hluttaw's amendments to Chapter, Paragraph 1 (b,c), Paragraph 2 (e), Paragraph 3 (a), Paragraph 5 (h, l and n ), Paragraph 8 (a,b,c), Paragraph 10 (b) (2,8), Paragraph 32, Paragraph 42 (a,b), Paragraph 52 (a), Paragraph 53 (b), Paragraph 55, Paragraph 56 (c), Paragraph 57, Paragraph 60, Paragraph 61, Paragraph 66 (a) (1), Paragraph 73 (c), Paragraph 75 (b) (3) and Chapter IX—Paragraph 86 and Paragraph 87 (a and b) of the bill.

The meeting came to an end at 1.50 pm and the meeting date for 15th day will be informed.

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## Union Education Minister inspects exam centers in Meiktila Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March — Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye inspected examination centers at Basic Education High School No 1, 2 and 4 in Meiktila today.

During the visits, he encouraged the students sitting for matriculation examination at the centres.

Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aung Chein also inspected examination centres at Basic Education High School No 1 in Mingaladon Township, Basic Education Middle School No 12 in Insein Township, BEHS No 4 in Mayangon Township, BEHS No 2 in Sangyoung Township, BEHS No 3 in Dagon Township and BEHS No 2 in Kyimyindine Township this morning. — *MNA*

## 4th day third regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—The 4th day third regular session of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw was held at 10 am on 13 March, attended by Speaker of Region Hluttaw U San Sint and Hluttaw representatives.

During the meeting, 15questions were answered, report of Region Hluttaw Representatives Scrutiny Committee submitted, bill of Ayeyawady Region Fresh water Fisheries Enterprise discussed, two proposals discussed, and two new proposals submitted.

The meeting was concluded at 4.45 pm.

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Low Tension Side. The ministry had increased 10 % for payment for power consumption for power waste in the transformers.

In villages, it costs only 25 kyats for one unit after reading the meter at the transformer before power meters were installed at homes. The ministry had collected K25 for one unit at Thamatku and Chaungson Villages and Taungtha Township since the start of power supply to the villages in March, 2006. However, the payment had increased to K50 for one unit from March 2010 to May, 2011, as the type of collection was wrongly included in the list of private transformers. Therefore, since June, 2011, the monthly payment had decreased to K25 for one unit and action was taken against those who were responsible fore the wrong calculation.

Besides, since its establishment, Yangon City Power Supply Board had been standing using its own income. Therefore, the board had collected a lump sum at the cost of K75 for one unit before meters were installed at homes in the self-reliant villages, and the board had collected K35 for one unit when the meters were installed at all homes in the villages, abandoning the system of reading each meter at home and collecting the cost for each home.

Today, after installing meters at homes in villages which applied for installation of meters, the ministry had collected K35 for one unit, increasing from K25. The ministry had increased the collection from K25 to K35 per unit for an ordinary meter and from K50 to K75 for one unit for a power meter. The ministry did not combine the units from an ordinary meter and a power meter. However, unsystematic using an ordinary meter and a power meter at one home had caused confusions to meter reading and putting all units from both meters to a power meter. Therefore, people were obliged to use an ordinary meter and power meter separately and to observe the rules and regulations of the ministry.

The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 had appointed its employees in accordance with the organizational set up of the ministry and it was difficult for the ministry to appoint an employee in each village which were supplied with power by the ministry. If necessary, the ministry would send an employee from a township office to villages occasionally and would conduct training for villagers.

U Mya Ohn of Kachin State constituency No. 8 asked the ministry **whether it had a plan to supply power from the grid to Kamai sub-Township in Hpakant Township in Kachin State.**

The Union Minister replied that Kamai sub-township was located about 25 miles from Mogaung in Mohnyin District. The ministry had used a 100 KVA diesel generator to supply power to 257 households in seven wards in Kamai sub-township from 6.30 pm to 8.45 pm everyday.

It was estimated that it would cost around K600 million to install 33-KV cables for 25 miles and to place 315-KVA transformer to be able to supply power to Kamai.

The ministry would make a plan to supply power to Kamai as it was working to supply power to Hpakant areas. The ministry would include the play for Kamai in the 2013-2014FY.

Regarding the question of Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State constituency No 1 over **rates for collecting costs for power consumption,** the Union Minister said Rakhine State Government had organized the 18-member committee to carry out power supply task for Rakhine State and the committee was carrying out the duties for balancing the power consumption and collecting costs for consumption.

The State had supplied power for two hours a day to towns in Rakhine State and was taking measures to supply power over two hours to 17 towns. The committees and private companies which carried out power supply tasks had collected K35 for one unit from people and K 75 for one unit from industries.

The maintenance fee for meters had been collected since 1951 when meters were installed in Yangon as a rent fee. The ministry did not allow to remove nor selling meters. The rent fee was inclusive of maintence of meters, cables and sub-power stations.

To transport power from Oatshitpin and Mann sub-power stations to Rakhine State, the Ministry had a plan to install power

***Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Mya Ohn from Kachin State Constituency No (8) raising question.***
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cables and sub-power stations at the cost of US$64.07 million loaned by the government of India and would start the projects in the 2012-2013 FY, including the 230-KV Oatshitpin-Taunggup Cable (69 miles) and sub-power stations, 230 KV Taunggup-Maei cables (35 miles) and sub-power stations, 230 KV Maei-Sane cables (42 miles) and sub-power stations, 230 KV Mann-An cables (80 miles) and sub-power stations and 230 KV An-MraukU cables (110 miles) and sub-power stations along the routes.

To buy cables and equipments for the projects, the government had reached agreement with the Power Grid Corporation of India and would sign the agreement in March, 2012. The corporation would start to send the materials to Myanmar within six months after signing the agreement and all materials would be complete within 15 months. It would take about two years to complete the projects. Besides, to supply power to Rakhine State, there were other tasks to be carried out, apart from the projects.

There projects are 35 miles long 66 Kv Sane-Kyaukphyu power line, Kyaukphyu power station, 66-Kv Sane-Yanbye power line (14 miles), 66-KV MraukU-Ponnagyun-Sittway power line (57 miles), Ponnyagyun, Sittway power stations, 66-KV Mrauk-Kyauktaw power line (26 miles) and Kyauktaw power station, and 66-KV MraukU-Minpya power line (20 miles) and Minpya power station.

In addition, it is projected to implement 132-KV Taungup-Thandwe power line (30 miles), Thandwe power station and 66-KV Thandwe-Kyeinali-Gwa power line (84 miles) and Kyeinali, Gwa power stations to supply electricity to Thandwe, Kyeinali and Gwa. However, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw instructed to suspend 230-Kv Taungup-Mai power line , 230-KV Mai-Kyaukphyu power line, 230-KV Mai power station and 230-KV Sane power station to be implemented with Indian loans in within 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Those projects are intended to share electricity from the national grid to Taungup through Oatshinpin power station, then to Mai, Sane (Kyaukphyu) and then to Kyaukphyu and Yanbye before the completion of Thahtay Hydropower Project. Electricity can also be supplied to Rakhine State upon completion of the project. On completion of those power lines, towns and villages Rakhine will not have to pay K 450 for a unit of electricity but instead the same amount in other regions to which electricity is supplied from the national grid.

In the near future, respective region and state governments will closely supervise medium- and small-scale power utilities in places out of the reach of national grid by enacting laws to reduce the price grip between one and another region. People may also give suggestions to bring down the electricity to electricity bill.

Regarding the question of U Maung Maung Aye of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (11) **If there is any plan to equip 66-KV power line to Kyaiklatt**, the Union Minister replied that there are 2869 electricity users in Kyaiklat to which electricity is supplied from 230/33 KV (100) MVA Hlinethaya power station.

There is a plan to construct 230-KV Hlinethaya-Kyaiklatt power line and 230-KV main power station in Kyeiklat in 2013-2014 fiscal year based on the amount of fund allocated.

Regarding the question of U Mana Naing of chin State Constituency No (10) about **if there is any plan to provide diesel generator to Kanpetlet**, the Union Minister replied that electricity is supplied to Kanpetlet from 6 to 9 pm a night with 64-KVA generator. It is planned to provide 300-KVA generator to the township in 2012-2013 fiscay year.

Regarding the question of U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No (5) about **if there is plan to put the service period of probationary personnel intended for the post of village-tract Myanma Agriculture Service manager and village Myanma Agriculture Service manager in service book according to probation normal salary**, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that probation period was allowed to be counted in service years as governmental personnel service book since 1 May, 1974. The probation period of probationary-turn-permanent personnel was put in their service books according to the announcement dated 3 June, 2000 issued by Myanma Agriculture Service of the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry since 1 May, 1974. The same will be done for the paid apprentices by issuing office order.

Next, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replied to questions of two representatives.

Regarding the question of Dr Tin Shwe from Yangon Region Constituency No (6) about if there is any plan to take national census within 2012 after the by-elections, the Union Minister replied that he held the same view that the population of a country is directly related with environmental conservation. There is no plan to take national census within 2012 after the by-elections.

The remain reason why not being able to make land surveys for census in 2012 is because of out of experience for about 30 years as the last national census was taken in 1983 and also of increased steps in preparatory works due to modern techniques. Although it cannot be made in 2012 but will be made in 2014.

Regarding the question of U Paul Htan Htai of Chin State Constituency No (3) **if the government has plan to take home census and enable citizens get national scrutiny**

***Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo makes clarification.*—MNA**

**cards and censuses swiftly and easily,** the Union Minister replied that relaxation had been made in the procedures of issuing census and national scrutiny cards. Moe Pwint Project Phrase-1 was implemented down to rural villages within four-month period from 1 July to 31 October, 2011 during which if the documents are complete, census is issued for free within the date of application and the national scrutiny card within 28 days the most and it only needs to pay only K 6 to the department. Moe Pwint Project Phrase-2 is designated from 1 February to March 2012. Those projects were implemented all over the country every day including weekends. After the phrase-2, phrases 3, 4,5, etc will be implemented constantly. Census is issued for free and national scrutiny for K 6 and currently there is no plan to issue national scrutiny card for free.

Regarding the question of U Pe Thaung from Kachin State Constituency No (6) about **if there is any plan to extend the coverage of MRTV retransmission station in Lonetone Village in Indawgyi Region of Mohnyin Township to cover the whole Indawgyi Region,** Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win replied that MRTV is aired through 26 retransmission stations in Kachin State. The 10-W retransmission station built with the fund of Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Lonetone of Indawgyi was commissioned into service on 20 July, 1995. It covers Lonetone Ward and Mamonekaing Village-tract and Nanmon, Mongpok, Lwemon, Nyaungbin, Lonesan and Hepu village-tracts are out of its coverage.

If the transmission capacity is increased to 50 W from 10 W, the retransmission station can cover Lwemon, Lonesan and Hepu village-tracts, but the remaining three villages still could not receive due to mountain barriers and long distance despite the increased transmission capacity.

The Myanama Radio and Television under the Information Ministry is setting up retransmission stations in townships, sub-townships, and the places directed by the State leaders as first priority. In spite of current 226 retransmission stations so far, village-tracts thickly surrounded by mountains cannot receive yet. There are still 2296 village-tracts still out of the coverage of TV transmission. It costs about K 88 million to build a 50-W retransmission station. Currently, there is still no plan to build retransmission stations in every village-tract.

Now, one can watch TV programmes from any corner of the nation with Sky Net DTH system. With Sky Net DTH, one can

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watch new channels in addition to free to air MRTV, MITV and MRTV-4 channels. As the TV programmes are aired through Sky Net DTH round the clock, one can watch as he desires. The price can be said fair. It is more appropriate to equip DTH system in village-tracts which are out of the coverage of retransmission stations.

Regarding the question of Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (6) **if the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry has records of number of elephant species and estimated number of elephants in its forest reserves,** Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied that elephant conservation law has been enacted since 1879 in monarchial period, followed by forest laws, forest regulations, forest policy, wildlife and fauna and fauna protection and natural area conservation by-laws for biodiversity conservation.

Elephant topped other animals in the list of endangered wildlife in Myanmar to be protected from extinction in the announcement No 583/94 dated 26 October, 1994 of the Environemntal Conservation and Forestry Ministry. There are two species of elephant Asian and African in the world and elephants in the Myanmar reserve forests are Asian one.

Myanmar cooperated with Smithsonian Institutions in observing the ecosystem of wild elephants at Alaungdaw Katthapa National Park in 2001 and 2002 and at Bago mountain ranges in 2003 and 2004. Moreover, Myanmar conserved wild elephants at Alaungdaw Katthapa National Park and ShweUdaung sanctuary in cooperation with Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora-CITES. Plan is under way to continue protection of wild elephants in cooperation with MIKE.

Myanmar has joined the ASEAN-WEN (ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network) as member since 2005. The Union government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar formed the National Wildlife Law Enforcement Task Force with notification No 21/2011 dated 27-5-2011 to effectively take action against trading wildlife and flowery plants inside the country and through the borders.

The task force comprises representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Ministry of Border Affairs, Myanmar Police Force, Customs Department, Directorate of Trade, General Administration Department and Office of the Attorney-General of the Union. Wild elephants are found most in Bago, Yangon, Mandalay, Taninthayi and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin and Rakhine States. Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry established Rakhine mountain range elephant sanctuary in Thandwe and Gwa townships and ShweUdaung sanctuary in Mogok and Thabeikkyin of Mandalay Region and Momeik Township of Shan State (North).

Estimated number of elephants cannot be counted in Myanmar as the national elephant estimation cannot be conducted at forest reserves in Myanmar. The ministry will cooperate with NGOs and international organizations to conduct research on elephant bills at elephant sanctuaries.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee read the report of the committee on **Amyotha Hluttaw Bill**, and committee member Dr Myat Nyana Soe supported it.

As the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw sought the approval of the Hluttaw for the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill, the Hluttaw approved it.

U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No 3 submitted the proposal **urging the Union government for managing the emergence of qualified lawyers who have capability to monitor the judicial pillar**. Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo replied that since Myanmar regained her independence, the Chief Justice, the Justice Ministers, the Attorney-General, lawyers and advocates have discharged judicial duties. To maintain its fine traditions, it needs to continuously nurture the noble vocational subject. Experienced lawyers are to share their experiences to the new generation ones. At present, preparations are being made to amend the Bar Council Act.

Only when the lawyers are qualified, will they contribute much to justice. They have to abide by the ethics of lawyers. As such, they can contribute to coming out the righteous judicial system.

He said that with regard to the proposal urging the Union government, the points in the proposal are being undertaken practically and these facts will be implemented in the future. Thus, the proposal should be put on record.

The Hluttaw announced that the proposal was put on record.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No 9, U Mahn Kan Nyunt of Kayin State Constituency No 2, U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No 12, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No 1, U Zon Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No 2 and U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No 12 discussed the proposal **urging the Union government to standardize the responsibility, authority, entitlement, insignia and salary rates of the State service personnel to be on a par with international standards and regional and ASEAN standards by systematically abolishing, downsizing, extending and reorganizing some service organizations** submitted by Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No 1.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw replied that after taking the office, the new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar reduced, abolished and combined some service organizations in conformity with new governance and market oriented economic system. From 31-3-2011 to date, seven organizations such as Myanma Foodstuff Industries, Myanma Ceramics Industries, Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries, Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries, Directorate of Industries and Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department under the Ministry of Industry-1. In consequence, a total of 1135 posts of officers and 53885 posts of personnel, totalling 55120 posts could be reduced, and K 32642.65 million can be saved for their salary and allowance for a year. Moreover, Myanma Agriculture Service and Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation were reformed as Myanma Agriculture Department and Myanma Industrial Crops Development Department. In this regard, a total of 51 officer posts were added while 4374 posts of personnel were reduced. Thus, reducing 4323 posts of staff can save K 2258.35 million for salary and allowance for a year.

Therefore, 1048 officer posts and 58259 posts of personnel totalling 59343 were reduced under two ministries for declining K 34900 million for a year. However, staff members of necessary organizations were extended in accord with the new administrative system in education, health and social sectors. Newly-formed departments were National Blood Centre and four 500-bed hospitals (orthopaedic, child, OG and eye), 29 16-bed hospitals, two 25-bed hospitals, seven rural health centres, 90 rural health branches, four midwifery training schools, one regional health branch, one rural dispensary under the Ministry of Health, one Basic Education High School, one BEMS and five township education offices under the Ministry of Education, Environmental Conservation Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, National Laboratory and GTI (Kanbalu) under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Tarpein-1, Nancho, Upper Paunglaung, Kyeeohn Kyeewa, Upper Kengtawnge and Chipwenge power plants under Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, Power Grid Office (2) (Minbu and Bhamo) under Ministry of Electric Power No 2 and the temporary project strength for installation of 30 GSM mobile lines under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications.

Organizational setups of the extended ministries were 2171 officer posts and 10871 posts of personnel totalling 13042 were extended for two 1000-bed hospitals, four 500-bed hospitals, five 300-bed hospitals, 19 200-bed hospitals, five 100-bed hospitals, four 50-bed hospitals, seven 25-bed hospitals, 53 16-bed hospitals, one University of Nursing, one National Blood Centre, four midwifery training schools, seven rural health centers, 91 rural health branches, one regional health branch, one rural dispensary, two 100-bed traditional medicine hospitals, one 50-bed traditional medicine hospital. They are paid K 954050 million for salary and allowance per year. In the Ministry of Education, 1010 officer posts and 1982 posts of personnel, totalling 2992 were extended and paid K 2775.67 million as salary and allowance per year. Under control of the Supreme Court of the Union, Papun District Court was formed with one officer and nine personnel paid K 7.47 million as salary and allowance per year. Under control of the Union government office, 38 officers and 27 personnel, totalling 65 were formed and paid K 76.92 million as salary and allowance per year. In remaining 14 ministries, 2160 officers and 24949 personnel for 77 organizational setups were extended and they are paid K 16124.64 million as salary and allowance per year. Totally, 5380 officer posts and 37838 personnel posts of two departments and 16 ministries were extended and K 28525.20 million are paid to them as salary and allowance per year.

In the time of the new government, a total of 16125 numbers of personnel were declined and K 6375.80 million worth salary and allowance reduced. That is why necessary service organizations were reduced in line with the changing political, social and economic systems of the nation by giving priority to health, education and social requirements of the people, while the service organizations were reformed compactly in accord with the new administration system.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue raised salary and daily wages of the State service personnel four times to as to ensure welfare of the personnel. Moreover, the Union government allowed raising the pension salary beginning July 2011.

The Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill 2012 and the 2012 Union Budget Bill submitted by the Union Minister for Finance and Revenue and the Union level organizations on 31 January to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw comprise charges, salary scale, daily allowance and costs for office, house, building and regalia.

The Union government is fulfilling requirements of the personnel for the worksite guarantees and sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter and welfare of retired personnel year after year. Moreover, the Union government is focusing on raising efficiency of the departmental staff, contributing to good governance and clean government and ensuring betterment of spirit and qualification of the staff. As such, human resources of the nation will be higher and the nation will be stronger in the long run.

According to the above-mentioned points, departments of the Union government were constituted on a basis of respective duties and subjects for ensuring accomplishment of their missions. Based on economic cost effectiveness and regaining benefit from the budget, the departments are under compact reformations with extension and reduction of organizational setups. Therefore, the proposal of Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No 1 is to be inserted into the bills that are being discussed.

According to his submission, the proposal of Dr Aye Maung was put on record.

The 15th day third regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw came to an end at 4 pm.

A total of 10 questions were replied, one bill approved and two proposals discussed and put on record at today's session.

*MNA*

***Laterite Road built with village development fund in Donkayit Village-tract in Shwegyin Township, Bago Region was opened on 7 March. Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung, Village Administrator U Soe Tint, Chairman of Road Committee U Maung Maung Shwe formally opened the road.***—MNA

## LOCAL SPORTS

# Dagon University secures golden championship trophy in tennis tourney

YANGON, 14 March—The Inter-University/College Tennis Tournament of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) for 2011-2012 academic year was held on 29 February.

Dagon University secured golden championship trophy.

Deputy Director-General Dr Myo Thein Gyi of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) presented prizes to the winners.

Tennis players of Dagon University Tennis Subcommittee bagged golden championship trophy two successive times.—*Kyemon*

***Chairperson of Dagon University Tennis Subcommittee and Tennis Team Captain Prof Daw Baby Shan Shwe of Dagon University accepts golden trophy in Inter-University/College Tennis Tournament of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar).—*KYEMON**

# Stipends provided to outstanding students

YESAGYO, 14 March—Ayeyawady Foundation is awarding scholarships to outstanding students who are facing difficulties to learn higher education.

In 2011-2012 academic year, cash assistance for learning was presented at the hall of Myoma Basic Education High School branch in Yekyi on 3 March morning.

First, Township Administrator U San Hlaing spoke on the occasion.

Secretary of the foundation U Kyi Than explained the facts about Ayeyawady Foundation and presented stipends to parents of 39 students.

Form January to October 2012 during 2011-2012 academic year, the foundation provided stipends based on university/college arranging from K 20,000 to K 110,000 to the students monthly.

*Min Zaw Oo (Yekyi)*

# New school building handed over in Pinlaung Township

PINLAUNG, 14 March—A ceremony to hand over new building to Basic Education Primary School was held in Tinhtet (North) Village of Sittoung Village-tract in Pinlaung Township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, on 29 February morning.

Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Swe, Assistant Director of Shan State Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races U Soe Yu Lwin, Field Officer Ms Reiko of Nippon Foundation (Cetana), Township Education Officer Daw Kyi Kyi Hla and in-charge of the region of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone U Thuriya formally opened the new building.

The 90 feet long and 30 feet wide one-storey building was built with K 202,99,131 contribution by Nippon Foundation (Cetana) and K 6,675,908 by local people.

*Township IPRD*

# Statue unveils at Maubin Home for the Aged

MAUBIN, 14 March—A ceremony to open the Statue in commemoration of the Home for the Aged was held in front of the home in Maubin on 4 March.

After opening the statue, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe donated K 1 million, U Hla Win-Daw Khin Than Yi family K 600,000, and Maubin Township Association K 625,000 to officials.

Construction of the home has completed by 75 per cent. Those wishing to donate cash may contact 045-30384.

*Township WJA*

# Development of ward libraries discussed

YANGON, 14 March—A meeting on development and perpetuity of village libraries in Pazuntaung Township was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department of Yangon Region on 27 February morning.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Yi Yi Lwin gave lectures on techniques and work procedures for development and perpetuity of library.

It was attended by librarians from the ward libraries.

*Township IPRD*

## DISTRICT NEWS

# Fire preventive measures taken in Putao District

PUTAO, 14 March—Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Tun of Putao District General Administration Department, together with the head of district Immigration and National Registration Department, the head of District Information and Public Relations Department, the deputy head of Township GAD, the commander of Township Police Force, the commander of Township Police Station, the Assistant Engineer of Township Development Affairs Committee, the Township Electrical Engineer and members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade inspected use of electricity and fire at Myoma Market and Putao Airport Market in Putao on 23 February morning.

In the meeting, they explained systematic use of fire and electricity, systematic keeping of fire extinguishers, disciplines for throwing garbage and sanitation at the markets.—*District IPRD*

**ROAD INAUGURATED:** ***The self-reliant asphalt road was commissioned into service in Kada Village of Chaungzon Township on 24 February. Executive Officer U Ko Ko Naing of Township Development Affairs Committee, Road Construction Committee members U Min Thet Khaing and U Aye Lwin cut the ribbon to open the road.—*TOWNSHIP IPRD**

# CSCs issued to eligible citizens in Shwepyitha

SHWEPYITHA, 14 March—By implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan, citizenship scrutiny cards were issued to eligible citizens in Ward 17 of Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region.

On 8 March morning, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Zaw Thein Oo and staff cooperated with ward administrator U Pyone Cho and members in issuing CSCs to the eligible persons of the ward.

*Myanma Alin*

# Respects paid to old faculty members at Yangon Institute of Education

***The 17th ceremony to pay respects to old faculty members in progress at Yangon Institute of Education on 28 February.***

YANGON, 14 March—The 17th ceremony to pay respects to old faculty members was held at Yangon Institute of Education at its Dhammayon on 28 February.

Rector Dr Aung Min extended greetings. Chairman of the organizing U Ohn Myint explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Old students donated K 300,000 each to the old faculty members of above 95 years, K 280,000 each to those of above 85 years, K 240,000 each to those of above 75 years and K 200,000 each to those of above 60 years.

At the ceremony, U Sai Lon Kyauk, on behalf of Chairman of Kanbawza Bank U Aung Ko Win and Vice-Chairman Daw Nan Than Htwe, donated K 26.9 million as paying respects and K 6 million for health care to the old faculty members.

*Myanma Alin*

# Fire leaves eight household victims in Nyaungshwe

NYAUNGSHWE, 14 March—A fire broke out at the house of Dr Tin Aye Naing and Daw Yi Yi Mya on Bogyoke Road and 6th lane in Myole Ward of Nyaungshwe at 3.30 pm on 9 March.

Officials concerned and members of fire brigade together with six fire engines from Fire Services Department, one fire engine from No. 646 Ordnance Unit, eight water tankers from Development Affairs Department and from local people put out the fire at 4.50 pm.

The outbreak of fire destroyed four houses, leaving eight households homeless.

The fire victims are being accommodated at No. 3 Basic Education Primary School, and officials provided necessary assistance to them.

*Kyemon*

***Take Fire Preventive Measures***

# CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SILVER SAFETY VOY NO (YA1202) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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# 60 seconds of combat impairs memory

PORTSMOUTH, 14 March— A study of police officers in Britain found 60 seconds of all-out physical exertion in a threatening situation seriously damaged the memory of the incident.

Dr Lorraine Hope of the University of Portsmouth, England, found police officers, witnesses and victims of crime suffer loss of memory, recognition and awareness of their environment if they have had to use bursts of physical energy in a combative encounter. Hope said the 60 seconds of all-out exertion could seriously impair the ability of police officers — even those in top condition — to remember details of the incident or even identify the person who was involved.

The findings were a stark warning to police officers, police chiefs and the courts, Hope said.

"Police officers are often expected to remember in detail who said what and how many blows were received or given in the midst of physical struggle or shortly afterwards. The results of our tests indicate it may be very difficult for them to do this. As exhaustion takes over, cognitive resources tend to diminish," Hope said in a statement. "The legal system puts a great deal of emphasis on witness accounts, particularly those of professional witnesses like police officers. Investigators and courts need to understand that an officer who cannot provide details about an encounter where physical exertion has played a role is not necessarily being deceptive or uncooperative."

*Internet*

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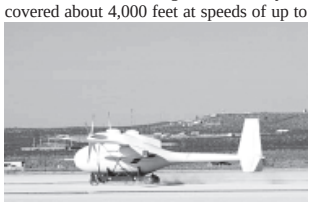
*An employee is seen through a glass wall as she walks past the logo of Youku.com above the reception desk at the company's headquarters in Beijing, in this 9 December, 2010 file photo.*—INTERNET

# *Hydrogen-powered plane completes taxi test*

NORTH EDWARDS, 14 March— Boeing says its Phantom Eye unmanned aircraft, burning liquid hydrogen as a fuel, has successfully completed its initial taxi test in California.

While it will someday soar to 65,000 feet, it took a modest, ground-level spin at Edwards Air Force Base in its first medium-speed taxi test this month, Boeing said Tuesday. It covered about 4,000 feet at speeds of up to 34.5mph.



*Nestled on its launch cart system, the Phantom Eye traveled some 4,000 feet at speeds of up to 30 mph in a trip that lasted less than two minutes.*—INTERNET

Additional taxi tests are scheduled, culminating with one at 46 mph, before the drone's first flight. Boeing has not announced a date for when it will go airborne, CNET.com reported.

"It's huge to capture the data that we did today," Drew Mallow, Phantom Eye program manager, said of the drone's taxi test, "to allow the team to evaluate it so we can fine-tune the models, understand if the software is correct and understand how the propulsion system is going to react as it moves forward."

Carrying 1,900 pounds of liquid hydrogen in its two tanks, the Phantom Eye is powered by 150-horsepower engines turning 16-foot-diameter propellers. With a wingspan of 150 feet, the high-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle, with a 450-pound payload, is intended to stay aloft for four days on "persistent" intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and communications missions, Boeing said.—*Internet*

# Youku to buy Tudou, creating China online video giant

SHANGHAI, 14 March— China's top two online video companies are joining forces, with Youku.com buying smaller rival Tudou Holdings Ltd in an all-stock deal worth over $1 billion, creating an industry leader with more than a one third share of a market that is losing money as it battles rising costs.

The two US-listed firms have been bitter rivals, locking horns in courtroom battles over alleged copyright infringement and unfair competitive practices.

Both companies have this month reported a net loss for last year, pinched by rising costs for Internet bandwidth, content and mobile video services. But bringing the two together is a good move for a highly competitive industry with many players fighting over more than 450 million Internet users, analysts said.

"This creates China's biggest video site, but it doesn't create a YouTube - they still have less than 50 percent market share," said Bill Bishop, an independent analyst based in Beijing.

*Internet*

# North American frog is disease carrier

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 March—Researchers say a common North American frog has been identified as a carrier of a deadly disease decimating world amphibian populations.

Finding how the Pacific chorus frog, known for its noisy and distinctive "ribbit" call, survives while carrying chytridiomycosis, a deadly disease caused by an aquatic fungus, may yield clues to protect more vulnerable species, scientists at San Francisco State University said Tuesday.

*Pacific Chorus Frog*

Their surveys in the Sierra Nevada revealed that between 2003 and 2010 Pacific chorus frog populations remained stable while during the same time period a chytrid epidemic swept through the region causing mass die-offs among other species.

Pacific chorus frogs survived the outbreak but did not escape infection, as investigation confirmed that two-thirds of the animals tested were infected with the fungus.

"The Pacific chorus frog is a perfect host for chytrid, allowing the disease to leap frog to the next pond over," SFSU biologist Vance Vredenburg said. "The findings help explain the pattern and speed of the chytrid epidemic in the Sierras."

The species rarely shows symptoms, researcher found, making it a highly effective carrier.

"We found that the vast majority of Pacific chorus frogs don't die or show symptoms even with surprisingly high levels of infection," researcher Natalie Reeders said.—*Internet*

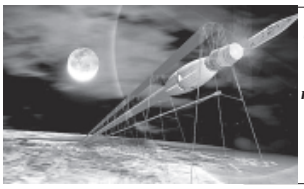
# Maglev-launched spacecraft proposed

TITUSVILLE, 14 March— One of the US inventors of the superconducting maglev train says a bigger, better version of the technology could fire payloads from Earth into orbit.

All it would take is 1,000 miles of track running to a height of 12 miles, $20 billion and a decade to build, says James Powell, who started Startram Inc. with aerospace engineer George Maise. Triple the cost and double the construction time if you want to use it to put people in space, they say. Powell says their system could cut the cost of getting a 2.2-pound payload to orbit to less than $40, while a passenger trip could come in at about $5,000, *TG Daily* reported Tuesday.

Their proposed Startram project is based on existing magnetic levitation technology and basic physics, they said.

"The infrastructure for a cargo-only version would cost on the order of $20 billion to build and could be completed within 10 years," Powell and Maise said. "A people-capable version could be built for $60 billion and be completed within 20 years."



*StarTram Generation 2 launching a spacecraft, a megastructure with an elevated launch tube.* INTERNET

While the principle is fairly simple, it would be an impressively ambitious project, experts said. A 1,000-mile maglev track would have to run up at an angle to a height of about 12 miles. Superconducting magnets on the moving spacecraft would induce currents in metal loops on the acceleration tunnel walls to levitate and guide the craft.—*Internet*

# Clay pigeons bear political faces

Two Washington State men are selling clay pigeons with the faces of public figures, including President Barack Obama, for politically frustrated skeet shooters.

Dan Klug and Dan Rich, co-creators of Bastard Blasters of Centralia, said they created the clay pigeons to be collectors' items, but they have received orders from some trap-shooting clubs, KOMO-TV, Seattle, reported on Monday.

"I use a 3-D modeling programme to make the face and I design the sticker to fit exactly into the standard clay pigeon," Klug said.

The men said their top seller has been Obama, followed

by US Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California and former Alaska Gov Sarah Palin. "This is not a hate thing," Rich said. "If they want a hate thing, they have to go somewhere else. This is not about hating; it is just political fun — good fun for us, and a way to make money."

He said the next face to grace a Bastard Blaster will belong to the winner of this year's Republican presidential nomination.

# Desert ants use magnetic cues to return home

Foraging desert ants seem to find their way back home even if the barren environment is bereft of landmarks.

Apart from visual cues and odours, ants can also use magnetic and vibrational landmarks to navigate their way home, a tiny hole in the ground, say behavioural scientists from the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Germany.

They wanted to find out whether these insects, adapted to landscapes providing a minimum of cues, are able to use magnetism and vibrational signals in the absence of other landmarks. "We were very surprised that this is actually the case," says Cornelia Buehlmann from Max Planck, who performed the experiments.

Besides, carbon dioxide produced by their nestmates' breathing also helps homing ants to pinpoint their nest entrance. Hence, the ants' navigational skills prove enormously adaptable to their inhospitable environment, according to a Max Planck statement. For ants, it is a question of life and death to find the right nest because they may be killed or at least attacked by resident ants if they enter the wrong nest accidentally. It is known from leaf-cutting ants that they use vibrational signals for communication. That ants - like birds - also sense Earth's magnetic field, becomes more and more likely.

# Some honey bees tend to take risks

Believe it or not — some honey bees tend to take the initiative or the risk to find new hives, with their brains showing similar patterns of activity as those found in adventure loving humans, a study reveals.

"In humans, differences in novelty-seeking are a component of personality. Could insects also have personalities?" asks Gene Robinson, professor of entomology at the University of Illinois entomology, who led the study.

Depending on 'personality' type, individual honey bees may or may not like to perform particular tasks, said Robinson, according to a university statement.

Robinson and colleagues studied two behaviours that looked like novelty-seeking in honey bees: scouting for nest sites and scouting for food.

When a colony of bees outgrows its living quarters, the hive divides and the swarm must find a suitable new home. At this moment of crisis, a few intrepid bees — less than five percent of the swarm — take off to hunt for a hive.

These bees, called nest scouts, are on average 3.4 times more likely than their peers to also become food scouts, the researchers found.

Not only do certain bees exhibit signs of novelty-seeking, but their willingness or eagerness to "go the extra mile" can be vital to the life of the hive, said Robinson.

# News Album

## Michelle Obama to be guest on 'Late Show'

***President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama have dinner with winners of a campaign contest at Boundary Road on 8 March, 2012, in Washington, DC.***
**INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 14 March— America's first lady, Michelle Obama, is to make her first visit to the "Late Show with David Letterman," CBS announced Monday.

Obama has been booked as a guest for the 19 March edition of the late-night chat show.

"The first lady will appear on the 'Late Show' to discuss her Joining Forces initiative and her plans for its upcoming one-year anniversary in April," CBS said in a news release. "As first lady, Mrs. Obama and ... Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, launched Joining Forces, a national initiative to recognize, honour and support military families. The initiative aims to educate, challenge and spark action from all sectors of society to ensure that military families have the support they have earned."—*Internet*

## Channing Tatum opens NOLA bar

NEW ORLEANS, 14 March—Actor Channing Tatum, who filmed the action-comedy "21 Jump Street" in New Orleans, said he enjoyed the city so much he's opening his own Bourbon Street bar.

Tatum said he's excited about joining the French Quarter scene with the launch of his watering hole, Saints and Sinners.

"I love New Orleans, man. I love the spirit of New Orleans," The (New Orleans) Time Picayune said on Sunday. "I think [co-star) Jonah (Hill) wrapped it up perfectly: He said it's like the bad-kid island in 'Pinocchio;' The Bourbon Street area, Frenchmen, everything. It's just such a vibrant place. I love it down there," Tatum said. Once the lease is finalized, he said, a quick remodel should see Saints and Sinners open for business in about two months.

***Channing Tatum, a cast member in the motion picture romantic drama "The Vow", attends the premiere of the film at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, on 6 Feb, 2012.***
**INTERNET**

"I don't think I'd ever open a bar anywhere else really, because I don't want to try to get people there," Tatum said. "But people come to New Orleans with a little bit of money in their pocket and they have one thing they want to do with it — and that's spend it and party with it and go crazy."—*Internet*

***Actor Leonardo DiCaprio***

## Leonardo DiCaprio still searching for true love

LONDON, 14 March — Actor Leonardo DiCaprio, who's currently dating Victoria's Secret model Erin Heatherton, admits he's yet to find true love. The 37-year-old has previously enjoyed relationships with actress Blake Lively and models Bar Refaeli and Gisele Bundchen.

"My first love? Boy I don't even remember," he said. "I suppose if I'd found my true love I would be married right now wouldn't I?," contactmusic.com quoted DiCaprio as saying. "Pretenti-ous women really turn me off. Vindictive women too. So do opportunistic women. I think what turns me on about a girl is what most men find attractive - which is something genuine about them. Being a good person," he added.

*Internet*

## Gugino to co-star in 'Political Animals'

NEW YORK, 14 March— Carla Gugino has been cast opposite Sigourney Weaver in the upcoming television series "Political Animals," USA Network said. Gugino has appeared in the "Spy Kids" movies, as well as the films "Sin City," "Watchmen" and "American Gangster," and TV's "Spin City" and "Entourage." She recently starred in the Broadway play "Road to Mecca."

In her latest project, Gugino will play Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper reporter Susan Berg, a hungry Washington journalist intent on destroying the career of former first lady and newly appointed Secretary of State Elaine Barrish, played by Weaver, a synopsis said.

***Cast member Carla Gugino attends the premiere of "The Mighty Macs" held at the Arclight Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 20 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET***

"Political Animals" is to debut on the cable network this summer.—*Internet*

## Javier Bardem goes blond for next Bond flick

LONDON, 14 March— Spanish actor Javier Bardem will wear a police uniform and a blond wig in his role as the villain in the next James Bond movie, according to photos from the shoot published Monday in London.

As is customary, secrecy surrounds the production of the next flick in the Agent 007 saga. But scenes filmed on the streets of downtown London last weekend revealed some intriguing details of "Skyfall" starring Daniel Craig as Bond.

Bardem plays a bad guy named Silva, but in the pictures he is dressed as a British cop and wears a blond wig that recalls his peculiar hairstyle in the movie "No Country for Old Men", a part that won him the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

The leading characters of "Skyfall" are in London, where several scenes have been shot in Whitehall, the site of most government offices, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.—*Internet*

***Spanish actor Javier Bardem***

## Katy Perry joins Kids' Choice lineup

***Singer Katy Perry arrives at Nickelodeon's 23rd annual Kids' Choice Awards held at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion on 27 March, 2010 in Los Angeles on 27 March, 2010.—INTERNET***

SANTA MONICA, 14 March—US pop star Katy Perry is to perform live at the 25th annual Kids' Choice Awards show, Nickelodeon said on Monday.

"Katy Perry has doubly earned her position as kid favorite — through her music, of course — but also for reveling in an outrageous sliming on the show two years ago," Marjorie Cohn, president of original programming and development for Nickelodeon/ MTVN Kids and Family Group and executive producer of the show, said in a statement. "She works hard and plays hard and that's what makes her performance on the KCAs one to look forward to."

Will Smith is to preside over the 31 March event at USC's Galen Centre in Los Angeles. The ceremony, now in its 25th year, is famous for covering stars in goo as a stunt to delight its young audience.

*Internet*

# Federer gives Raonic a master class at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 14 March—Triple champion Roger Federer survived an early storm from Milos Raonic before taking control to complete a 6-7 6-2 6-4 victory in the third round of the Indian Wells ATP tournament on Tuesday.

Stunned by the young Canadian's power serving in the opening set, the Swiss maestro delivered a master class in the next two, sealing victory in just over two hours when the towering Raonic netted a forehand.

*Roger Federer of Switzerland give a thumbs up to the crowd after defeating Milos Raonic of Canada in their match at the Indian Wells ATP tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 13 March, 2012.*
INTERNET

Federer, who had never previously played the 21-year-old Canadian, will next face Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci, who benefited from a walkover when Russian Nikolay Davydenko withdrew due to illness.

"For me it was a difficult match," Federer said in a courtside interview after receiving rapturous applause from the near-capacity crowd at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. "I've never played him before.

"He's probably seen me play a whole lot of times on TV which helps him out a bit. But I really did well. I hung in there and played a great second set.—*Reuters*

# Djokovic, Sharapova win at Indian Wells

*No 2-ranked Maria Sharapova*

INDIAN WELLS, 14 March—Top-ranked Novak Djokovic defeated Kevin Anderson 6-2, 6-3 to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open on Monday, while American men had mixed results, with No 8 Mardy Fish and Andy Roddick knocked out and John Isner winning.

Djokovic broke Anderson's serve once in each set playing in the heat of the day at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, where he won in 2008 and last year when the Serb claimed three Grand Slam titles and went 70-6. Djokovic successfully defended his Australian Open title to open the year.

No 2-ranked Maria Sharapova defeated Simona Halep of Romania 6-3, 6-4 in their first career meeting. Sharapova is one of three former winners remaining in the field, with Caroline Wozniacki and Ana Ivanovic also in the bottom half of the draw. Ivanovic rallied to beat Ksenia Pervak, 6-7 (8), 6-3, 6-2 and set up a fourth-round match Tuesday against Wozniacki, who outlasted Sofia Arvidsson 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 in a match that lasted more than 2 1-2 hours. She broke Arvidsson three times in the third set, then closed it out with a forehand winner off the Swede's drop shot.—*Internet*

*Novak Djokovic of Serbia, returns a shot to Kevin Anderson, of South Africa, during a match at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament on 12 March, 2012, in Indian Wells, Calif.*
INTERNET

# Ferrer goes out, Del Potro advances

INDIAN WELLS, 14 March—Fifth-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer was ousted from the Indian Wells ATP tournament on Tuesday as Juan Martin Del Potro survived a shaky second set before moving into the fourth round. Ferrer was upset 6-4 6-3 by Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin while big-serving Del Potro of Argentina advanced with a 6-2 7-6 victory over Spaniard Fernando Verdasco at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

A winner of three ATP titles this year, Ferrer had lost only once in 20 matches this season before struggling badly on his second serve as he was outplayed by the 51st-ranked Istomin.

*Fifth-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer.*—INTERNET

"I didn't play a good match even though I don't want to take credit from him," the Spaniard tweeted in his native language. "He was the better player today and played very well, a fair winner." Claycourt specialist Ferrer, a former world number four, had won titles in Auckland, Buenos Aires and Acapulco this year.

*Internet*

# Kobe, Bynum double trouble for Grizzlies

LOS ANGELES, 14 March—Kobe Bryant's partnership with Andrew Bynum continued to blossom on Tuesday as the Los Angeles duo carried the Lakers to a thrilling 116-111 double overtime victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

The seven-foot Bynum powered his way to a season-high 37 points and 16 rebounds while Bryant tallied 34, nine rebounds and five assists to give the Lakers (26-16) a rare road win against a top Western Conference team.

It was the third straight victory for Los Angeles, who are third in the conference, 1 1/2 games ahead of fourth-placed Memphis.

"We definitely wanted to get this win, that's why we got it," Bynum told reporters after making 15 of his 18 shots from the field. "They're a good young team. They really challenged us."

One game after Bryant deferred to Bynum for a final shot in Los Angeles' close win over Boston, the tandem delivered another win by combining on a game-ending 10-2 run after the Grizzlies had led by three with about two and a half minutes to go.

Memphis were without leading scorer Rudy Gay, who is dealing with concussion symptoms.

*Los Angeles Lakers Kobe Bryant (L) drives on Boston Celtics Paul Pierce during their NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, California on 11 March, 2012.* —INTERNET

Marreese Speights stepped up with 25 points and Marc Gasol added 20 for Memphis (24-17), who led by as much as 17 in the third quarter before the Lakers stormed back.

Los Angeles trailed by five with less than four minutes left but Bryant came to life and had a hand in his team's last 11 points in regulation. He made a game-tying three-pointer, then found Pau Gasol for a dunk to give the Lakers a 97-95 edge with under a minute left.— *Reuters*

# *Mourinho staying at Real Madrid, Ronaldo says*

MADRID, 14 March—Jose Mourinho will stay on as coach of Real Madrid next season, his Portuguese compatriot Cristiano Ronaldo said on Tuesday, amid reports that the self-styled 'Special One' was poised to return to London to manage Chelsea.

As Real prepared for Wednesday's Champions League round-of-16 second leg against CSKA Moscow at the Bernabeu, Mourinho and Ronaldo appeared together at a news conference and both were quizzed about the Chelsea reports.

"He is going to continue," Ronaldo, who netted Real's goal in last month's 1-1 first-leg draw in Moscow, said with a smile. "He is going to continue with us."

Mourinho responded with a terse "No" when asked if his future depended on Real winning Europe's elite club competition, as the La Liga leaders chase a 10th European crown and their first since 2002.

*Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho during their Spanish first division match against Osasuna at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium, on 11 Sept, 2010.*
INTERNET

Responding to a question about Wednesday's game, he added: "If my future depends on the result of this tie? No. Unless the club decides to fire me, but I do not base my decisions on winning or losing one match."

The most successful manager in Chelsea's history, Mourinho left in 2007 after falling out with the club's ruthless billionaire owner Roman Abramovich.

*Reuters*

*Barcelona midfielder Xavi admitted on Tuesday that the club's players fear coach Pep Guardiola, pictured on 6 March, will decide not to renew his contract with the European champions.*
INTERNET

# Xavi fears Guardiola exit

BARCELONA, 14 March—Barcelona midfielder Xavi admitted on Tuesday that the club's players fear coach Pep Guardiola will decide not to renew his contract with the European champions.

"We're not ready to have a 'no' from Guardiola. We're hoping he'll stay," said the Spanish international.

"Guardiola is a key element in the Barca system. I see him satisfied, enjoying himself. He continues to be as competitive as ever but the decision in the end is his. Personally, I think he will renew his contract."

Uncertainty continues to surround the future of Guardiola, who is out of contract in the summer and has not yet committed to a new deal after a glittering three and a half years in charge at Camp Nou.

*Internet*

# Gerrard treble as Liverpool down Everton

*Liverpool's English midfielder Steven Gerrard (3rd L) celebrates scoring during the English Premier League football match between Liverpool and Everton at Anfield in Liverpool.*
INTERNET

LONDON, 14 March—Steven Gerrard marked his return to Liverpool's starting line-up with a hat-trick as Kenny Dalglish's side returned to winning ways with a 3-0 win over Everton in the Merseyside derby on Tuesday.

Gerrard, who has been plagued by injury this season, became the first player since Ian Rush in 1982 to score a treble in the fixture as David Moyes's 10th anniversary celebrations in charge of Everton fell flat at Anfield.

Liverpool's first win in four league games lifted them to within two points of sixth-placed Newcastle while Everton's first defeat in 10 games continued their miserable record at Liverpool, where they have not won since 1999.

They might have secured the League Cup last month, but Liverpool's results since the beginning of 2012 have been anything but impressive. Dalglish's side had lost five of their previous eight top-flight outings prior to this game.

Everton made the short journey to Anfield on the back of a nine-match league and cup run, but Moyes risked criticism from his own fans after resting the likes of Tim Cahill, Phil Neville, Leon Osman, Nikica Jelavic, the goalscoring hero in the last game against Tottenham, Royston Drenthe and John Heitinga ahead of Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final with Sunderland.—*Internet*

## *International Sports*

## Focus Myanmar TV Programme

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

**(15-3-12 09:30 am ~ 16-3-12 09:30 am) MST**

*News
*Ceremony to mark the success of 2600th Anniversary Shwedagon Pagoda
*News
*Daw Sein Poe D and Her Journey of Arts
*News
*Workshop on Program for Economic Development
*Music Gallery
*News
*Mass Measles Campaign 2012
*News
*Being Young (Youth and Fashion) (Wit Hmone Shwe Yee)
*News
*The Enchanting Ahkha Village
*News
*Demo's Birthday
*News
*Myanmar Movie "Love Be Win"

**MYANMAR TV**

**(15-3-2012) (Thursday)**

**7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

**7:50 am**
2. Nice & Sweet Song

**8:10 am**
3. Dance of National Races

**8:25 am**
4. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day

**8:40 am**
5. International News

**4:00 pm**
6. Martial Song

**5:00 pm**
7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

**5:05 pm**
8. Teleplay (Health)

**5:30 pm**
9. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day

**5:45 pm**
10. Science and Environment

**7:05 pm**
11. Approaching Science Discovery World

**8:00 pm**
12. News
13. Talk Of the Political Parties
14. TV Drama Series
15. TV Drama Series

## New school building handed over in Nyaungdon

NYAUNGDON, 14 March—A ceremony to hand over Shwe Padetha new building was held in conjunction with the ceremony to upgrade Basic Education Primary School to BEMS (Branch) in Pesikyun Village in Nyaungdon Township on 6 March.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung, Region Hluttaw representative U Phone Myint, Township Administrator U Khin Min and wellwisher U Myint Lwin formally opened the new school building.

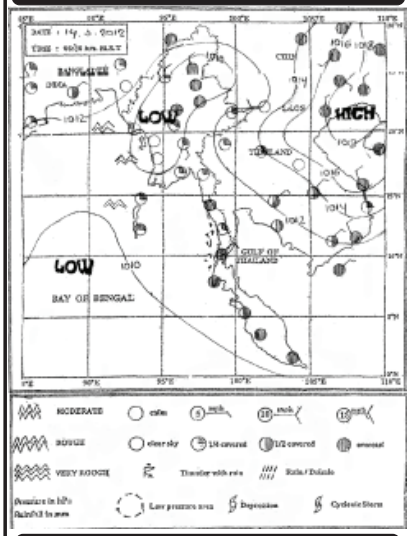
The Region Minister for Social Affairs explained priority being given by the State to rural development.

Wellwisher U Myint Lwin briefed those present on purpose of the donation.

The new building was built at a cost of K 15 million constructed by Managing Director U Myint Lwin of Kay Khaing Oo Construction Company-Daw Khin Hnin Kyi (BEHS No 1 in Sagaing).

*Myanma Alin*

***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas***




## Weather forecast for 15th March, 2012

| Sr. No. | Regions/States | Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum | Minimum | For Tomorrow Forecast | Percent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kachin | 31/88 | 19/66 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60(%) |
| 2 | Kayah | 33/91 | 18/64 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60(%) |
| 3 | Kayin | 36/97 | 23/73 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60(%) |
| 4 | Chin | 24/75 | 13/55 | Partly cloudy | |
| 5 | Upper Sagaing | 33/91 | 17/63 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60(%) |
| 6 | Lower Sagaing | 37/99 | 21/70 | Partly cloudy | |
| 7 | Tanintharyi | 36/97 | 24/75 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60(%) |
| 8 | Bago | 38/100 | 23/73 | Partly cloudy | |
| 9 | Magway | 40/104 | 23/73 | Partly cloudy | |
| 10 | Mandalay | 39/102 | 24/75 | Partly cloudy | |
| 11 | Mon | 36/97 | 25/77 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60(%) |
| 12 | Yangon | 38/100 | 24/75 | Partly cloudy | |
| 13 | Rakhine | 32/90 | 19/66 | Partly cloudy | |
| 14 | Southern Shan | 26/79 | 15/59 | Partly cloudy | |
| 15 | Northern Shan | 32/90 | 14/57 | Partly cloudy | |
| 16 | Eastern Shan | 32/90 | 19/66 | Partly cloudy | |
| 17 | Ayeyawady | 37/97 | 22/72 | Partly cloudy | |
| 18 | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 40/104 | 21/70 | Partly cloudy | |
| 19 | Neighbouring Yangon | 38/100 | 24/75 | Partly cloudy | |
| 20 | Neighbouring Mandalay | 39/102 | 24/75 | Partly cloudy | |

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| Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today | During the past (24) hours, light rain have been isolated in Shan and Kayah States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.The significant day temperature was Minbu (41°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Loikaw (0.12) inch. |
| Bay Inference | Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. |
| State of the Sea | Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. |
| Outlook for sub-sequent two days | Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the Central Myanmar areas. |

## Raul donates ball he scored 400th goal to museum

MADRID, 14 March—Schalke 04's former Spanish international striker Raul has donated his jersey and the football he scored his 400th professional goal with to the future museum of German football.

***Schalke 04's former Spanish international striker Raul***

Raul scored the goal on 16 February in a 4-0 win over Bundesliga rivals Wolfsburg. "I'm experiencing wonderful times in the Bundesliga and I'm very proud of the affection shown to me by the German fans," said Raul, who has scored 33 goals since joining Schalke in the summer of 2010.

"It's obviously a wonderful gesture to German football as a whole," said Manuel Neukirchner, director of the museum which opens in 2014. "Obviously these objects will be given a place of honour." The 34-year-old Spaniard scored 323 goals for Real Madrid, where he started his professional career in 1994, and won the Champions League three times. He added another 44 with the Spanish national team and 33 with Gelsenkirchen.

*Internet*

## Crawford steps in to save Blackhawks and beat Blues

CHICAGO, 14 March—Chicago netminder Corey Crawford took over from starter Ray Emery with his team trailing 3-1 to St Louis and turned the game in the Blackhawks' favor, stopping all 18 shots he faced and earning a 4-3 shootout win over the NHL-best Blues on Tuesday.

***Chicago Blackhawks' goalie Corey Crawford makes the game-winning save off St Louis Blues' David Perron during the shoot out of their NHL hockey game in Chicago, on 13 March, 2012.***
**REUTERS**

Blackhawks right wing Andrew Brunette netted the opening goal of the game in the first period before the Blues chased Emery with goals by Jamie Langenbrunner, Andy McDonald and Patrik Berglund. Chicago's Viktor Stalberg trimmed the lead in the second period before Brent Seabrook tied the score at 3-3 in the third.

After a scoreless overtime, Patrick Kane recorded the only goal in the shootout to give his team the triumph and snap the Blues' five-game win streak.—*Reuters*

## Acer announces new eco-friendly S series LCD monitors

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 March—There are new LED-backlit LCD monitors in town to fit a variety of budget sizes. Acer announced Tuesday five new models of the S series ultra-slim displays, available in 20, 23, and 27-inches of screen sizes with a whopping 1,000,000:1 contrast ratio to provide the most vivid and color-accurate graphics.

The most impressive of the lot is the Acer S235HL, a 23-inch widescreen LCD that recently won the 2012 product design award from the International Forum Design in Hannover, Germany. The buttons are placed on the monitor stand to add maximum viewing space on the screen, as well as external ports located on the base to help eliminate cable clutter. With the asymmetrical design that is typical of the form-meets-function model, it's no wonder the monitor earned its design award last month.

The S236HL also displays in full high definition at 1920 x 1080 resolution and 16:9 ratio in just a half-inch thickness of the entire screen profile, with one VGA and two HDMI input ports. The monitor will set you back $219 when it releases in April.

Other 23-inch S series monitor options include the S230HL Abd and S230HL Abii, both of which are capable of displaying digital multimedia in 1080p HD and 16:9 widescreen ratio. The former model costs $169 and has two video inputs, one VGA and one DVI, while the latter model is $20 more expensive with two HDMI inputs instead of the DVI. Both are available through online retailers now.

***Five new Acer monitors from the S series range from $139 to $329, giving consumers the option to own quality display screens for any modest budget.***
**INTERNET**

For the lowest costing monitor in the new S series models, the S200HL offers 20 inches of screen display in 1600 x 900 resolution and VGA and DVI inputs for gaming purposes at $139. On the other end of the pricing spectrum, the most expensive of the bunch is the S271HL, a 27-inch monitor that offers the same specs as the S235HL (minus, of course, the larger screen size) for $329. If size is not a primary concern, five inches is not much to lose to save yourself about a hundred bucks.—*Internet*

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# Third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 14th day

# Eight questions raised, one bill submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 14th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 10.15 am today. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 333 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attended today's session. Eight questions were answered and one bill was submitted.

The Hluttaw was reported that Amyotha Hluttaw had sent Labour Dispute Settlement Bill with amendments on 12 March and those willing to submit proposal to discuss amendments are to sign the notification and return it not later than 2 pm on 15 March.

U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency asked "**whether there is a plan to democratically elect Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon by ballot, whether regulations on organizer of arts exhibitions can be relaxed as there are difficulties in presenting biographies all participant artists in organizing arts exhibitions, and whether Sculptors Asiayon can be formed separately for development of Myanmar sculpture industry"**. Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin answered: Incumbent CEC of Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon was elected in first plenary meeting held in June, 2007, and is four years and seven months old today. According to the organizational set-up, it has surpassed four-year term. Second plenary meeting will be held in March, 2012, and new CEC members will be elected democratically by ballot.

Curriculum vitae of artists includes name, father's name, citizenship scrutiny card No., address, contact phone, number of paintings and titles. These are requested to carry out necessary procedures. The data help systematic organizing of the exhibition. If regulations are to be relaxed, the number of paintings and titles can be removed.

Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon (Cental) was formed with artistes of ten genres of Myanmar traditional arts in 1992 and implemented tasks for development of Myanmar arts under the leadership of the government. The Asiayon (Central) often organizes State-level traditional sculpture exhibitions and contests. The Asiayon (Central) works for development of all the traditional arts including sculpture. Though Myammar traditional arts are interrelated, the formation of sculptors Asiayon should be carried out in the will of the men of sculpture.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin answered three queries related to construction raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Kyaw Win of Kangyidaunt Constituency asked "**whether there is a plan to extend water clearance area of Thakkal Creek Bridge on Pathein-Ngaputaw road in Ayeyawady Region**". The deputy minister answered: In coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Office of Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the height of water clearance area was set as 40 feet. To save foreign currency and complete in time and the width was set as 120 feet, using the longest steel trusses that can be produced inside the country. It was planned to designate two waterways.

It is planned to establish Pale Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zones in Ayeyawady. The bridge will be constructed as steel bridge with the 240-foot-wide clearance area for increasing numbers of modern vessels in Thakkal creek which is the entrance to Pathein.

U Zaung Khaung of Sawlaw Constituency asked "**whether there is a plan to upgrade Chipwe-Sawlaw motor road to 34-mile gravel road to tarred road**". The deputy minister answered: Chipwe-Sawlaw road section is on 35-mile-long Chipwe-Sawlaw -Mankyi-Welton road. The condition of the road up to 31-5-2011 is hard road for 15 miles and earthen road for 20 miles. The works are being carried out in 2011-2012 fiscal year to make it all-season road. The fund of K 25 million has been requested to upgrade the 1.4-mile and 12-foot-wide hard road to tarred road and the remaining part to hard road.

*Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replies to queries.*—MNA

U Sai Kyauk of Mongphyat Constituency asked "**whether there is a plan to take preemptive measures against erosion at 12-foot-wide and 240 foot one-layer and one-storey Nantlon bailey bridge on Mongphyat-Mongkhok-**

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# Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 15th day

# Ten questions replied, one bill approved, two proposals discussed and put on record

NAY PYI TAW, 14 March—Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 15th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here this morning. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 188 Hluttaw representatives attended today's session.

Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe answered queries related to electric sector raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 6 asked about "**cases related to distribution and consumption of electricity**". The Union minister answered: When applying for meters and transformers for houses, watt and horse power to be used in the house need to be mentioned. The installation of meter is allowed after scrutinizing the condition of electricity and transformer. Electric Power Inspection Division of the Ministry of Industry scrutinized wires and switches for applied watt or HP. Only when it satisfies requirements, is it allowed to access electricity.

If the excessive watt or hp than permitted is used, wire shock, fire and failure of meter and service wires following overload, voltage decline in power grid and transformer and damaging electricity supply system. Power meter transformers and CT meters are checked whether they meet set standards.

Law Amending Electricity Act 1984 enacted on 7 March, 1990, states that Section (30) of the Electricity Act shall be replaced with the following section.

Section 30: Whoever destroys State-owned electric equipment, hands over State-owned electric equipment to any other person without permission of respective State-owned organization, appropriates electricity, connects electric wire without permission of respective State-owned organization, consumes electricity for economic purposes through general meter or domestic power meter and uses excessive load than permitted through power meter, the person shall be sued under this law or any other existing law and is liable to pay current price of the electric equipment or cash for loss caused by such act designated according to rules and procedures to respective State-owned organization as compensation.

To prevent overload consumption, the overload penalty is levied. But it is not collected as of 1 April, 2011, for domestic meters. If the meter is burnt following overload consumption, the compensation and fee for installation of new meter must be paid. Consumers should follow rules to prevent overload consumption and if they want to increase the consumption, they can apply for installation of matched meter. Consumers should stick to rules for safety.

*Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replies to queries.*—MNA

Former Myanma Electric Power Enterprise permitted Bulk or Main Meters to urban condominiums and villages following electricity and meter insufficiency. Electricity committees of condominiums and villages use sub meters and MEPE only uses main meters. Unit of electricity that read in main meter is usually smaller than that sub meter. Units are reduced technically or non-technically.

Especially, it was found that there were wastes of power due to unsystematic self-reliant power supply system using unsuitable cables. The ministry had allowed to transport power to the cables for the sake of the people though they did not meet the required standard. Therefore, the power cables installed during the previous time should be replaced with new ones meeting the set standard as part of efforts for prevention of power waste.

When housings and self-reliant villages had applied transformers, the ministry allowed them to install power meters at homes. power meters had been installed at homes and monthly cost for power consumption were calculated after reading the meters and people were urged to observe the rules and regulations and to inform the authority when they found the different methods for calculating the monthly cost.

The increase in 10% payment for power consumption was not concerned for the housings and villages and it was ordered for those who installed own transformers. The ministry had allowed those who want to use private transformers to equip High Tension Meter-HT Meter at their transformers. As the cost for installing HT meter was high, the ministry had allowed them to use LT Meter at

*(See page 9)*