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U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, receives Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—A goodwill delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Anifah Aman paid a call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 11.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and departmental heads. The Malaysian delegation was accompanied by Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhamad.

They had a cordial discussion on promoting friendship and cooperation and enhancing trade and investment between two countries.—*MNA*

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives goodwill delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Anifah Aman at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets Foreign Affairs Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Anifah Aman at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.

MNA

Low-price Sim cards on sale

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—Sale of K 200,000 GSM Sim Cards, one of a series of installments of GSM 30 million project, was launched in Kachin State yesterday. Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Union Minister for Road Transportation U Kaman Dunaw and State Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications U Aung Phyo Myat formally opened the ceremony in which the chief minister made a speech.

The state chief minister also addressed the coordination meeting for prevention against fire at town hall of Myitkyina.—*MNA*

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Planting seeds of kindness

Despite every major religion having love as a universal principle, there have been cases of mass genocide and brutal war in this world stemming from personal hatred or national interests, proving the "survival of the fittest theory" of evolution, which says that humans are driven to compete for existence selfishly.

If there had been less cruelty, there would not have been so many human tragedies. Nonetheless, still we can build the world to be much more beautiful if only everyone is just a little kinder and sympathetic towards each other. Humans are humans everywhere under the sun. They are selfish, self-centered but kind and helpful at the same time.

Helping others is its own reward. Kindness can help regulate emotions, which has positive impact on our health. Studies show that kindness can make us happier and it is difficult to be angry, resentful, of fearful when one is showing unselfish love towards another person. I do not mean kindness as large cash contribution, offering your seat on bus or train to someone weaker or older, and giving a lift to school children waiting bus, are also acts of kindness.

We can train ourselves to be kinder by doing acts of kindness on a regular basis. We have an in-built capacity to help others, especially those close to us. But, how about to the complete strangers? There is a phenomena known as "bystander effect" which explains when someone needs help in a public place, they are less likely to receive if there are more people around because everyone in the crowd assumes someone else will take responsibility. But, be never hesitant to act from the goodness of your heart as kindness you have shown to someone, can make a difference, however small, in his life.

However, kindness has to begin within ourselves. The more altruists in a society, the more peaceful and prosperous it becomes as altruists cooperate and contribute to the wellbeing of fellow group members. Let's share a seat under the shade of tree grown from the seeds of kindness.

Union Foreign Minister receives goodwill Malaysian delegation led by Foreign Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March— At the invitation of Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, a Malaysian delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Datuk Seri Anifah Aman, paid a State visit to Myanmar.

They yesterday evening arrived in Yangon and got to Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

The delegation called on Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin at his office at 9:30 am today.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Hauk Do Soun of the Political Department, Director-General U Win Naing of the International Organizations and Economics Department, Director-General U Aung Lin of ASEAN Affairs Department, Deputy Director-General U San Lwin of the Political Department and officials concerned.—*MNA*

MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Rector Dr Nay Soe Maung of Public Health University (Yangon) of the Medical Science Department, the Ministry of Health, on expiry of the one-year probation period.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Datuk Seri Anifah Aman.

MNA

Over 1400 jade lots fetched on 7th day of Myanma Gems Emporium

***Local and international merchants observes jade lots.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — A total of 1471 jade lots were fetched through the tender system at the seventh day of 49th Myanma Gems Emporium here today.

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik visited the sales organized by the central committee for holding 49th Myanma Gems Emporium at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

The jade lots will be sold through the competitive bidding system tomorrow and Secretary of the central committee Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members of the central committee assisted the merchants in evaluating the jade lots.

The sales will continue on 18 March.— *MNA*

CPT Deputy Minister inspects GSM/UMTS stations in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin assisted in the installation of GSM tower and machinery for GSM/UMTS services at the relay station of Myanma Radio and Television in Lashio on 13 March.

During the visit, he inspected the towers and mobile stations in Lashio and also met with employees of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at the office of the manager of Shan State MPT. The deputy minister also inspected the Shan State auto exchange office.—*MNA*

***Staff Officer of Ahlon Township Immigration and National Registration Department and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people in Kayanchan village on 6 March.*—MNA**

Rescuers and policemen inspect the suicide blast site in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 15 March, 2012. Three policemen were killed and another injured in a suicide blast that took place Thursday morning in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar, said local police.
XINHUA

Three policemen killed, one injured in suicide bomb in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 March—Three policemen were killed and another was injured in a suicide blast that took place on Thursday morning in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar, said local police.

Shafqat Malik, Assistant Inspector General of police in Peshawar, said that the attack took place at about 9:30 am local time when a suicide bomber blew himself up near a police vehicle in Pishtakhura area of the city.

Superintendent Police Kalam Khan who was on an inspection tour of check posts at the outskirts of Peshawar was killed right on the spot while his three colleagues in the vehicle were wounded in the blast. Two of the injured police later died in hospital.

Police quickly cordoned off the area after the attack was reported and six suspects have been arrested from the nearby area in the search operation.

Bomb disposal squad believed that an estimated six kilograms of explosives were used in the suicide vest worn by the bomber. Ball bearings were used in the bomb to enhance the intensity of the blast, they said. Identity of the suicide bomber is yet to be determined, said local police, adding that no group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. Over the last couple of days, a series of attacks on police were reported in the country.

On Tuesday night, unknown gunmen killed four policemen in Pakistan's eastern district of Gujrat, a place lying some 120 kilometres north of Lahore in Punjab Province. On the same night, three cops were killed in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi.—*Xinhua*

Lee, Obama welcome implementation of S Korea-US FTA

SEOUL, 15 March—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak held telephone talks with his US counterpart Barack Obama to celebrate the beginning of a long-delayed free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries, South Korea's presidential office Cheong Wa Dae said Thursday.

Lee said he expects that the implementation of the (South) Korea-US FTA will contribute to enhancing the two countries' economic development and bilateral relations, according to Cheong Wa Dae.

He also said he believes the agreement will serve as a "good model" for global free trade and that he hopes it will achieve successful results.

Obama responded that he is pleased with the implementation of the deal, and stressed that it is a strong example of the two country's partnership, Cheong Wa Dae said.

The deal, which went into effect at midnight Wednesday, was ratified by the South Korean parliament in November last year despite vehement protests from opposition lawmakers. It was initially signed in 2007 and was renegotiated in 2010.

The two leaders also agreed to work closely for the upcoming Nuclear Security Summit in Seoul on 26 to 27 March.

Xinhua

***US President Barack Obama, left, and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, right, exchange smiles during their joint Press conference at the Blue House in Seoul, South Korea on 19 Nov, 2009.—*INTERNET**

Afghan who crashed truck where Panetta landed dies

KABUL, 15 March—An Afghan man who crashed a stolen truck at an airfield as US Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta's plane was landing there died Thursday of extensive burns, a top US general in Afghanistan said.

US Lt Gen Curtis Scaparotti, the deputy commander of American forces in Afghanistan, told reporters traveling with Panetta in Kabul that the driver was an interpreter working for the foreign forces.

The man apparently had a container of fuel in the car, which ignited during the crash Wednesday at the British airfield in Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan.

"There was a puff of smoke and he came out engulfed in flames," Scaparotti said. He said the truck was headed toward a group of US Marines assembled at the ramp.

"My personal opinion, yes, he had an intent to do harm," Scaparotti said.

But he said he did not think the incident was related to Panetta's arrival because it would have been difficult to know which plane the defence secretary was aboard.

***Defence Secretary Leon Panetta is greeted by Col John Shafer after arriving to greet troops at Forward Operating Base Shukvani, Afghanistan, on 14 March, 2012.—*INTERNET**

No one in Panetta's party was hurt. The defence secretary was told about the incident after he got off the aircraft.

Authorities were not able to talk to or get any information from the driver before he died. A US military official said a British soldier was injured when he tried to stop the driver from stealing the truck on the base. The Afghan man hit the British soldier with the truck as he was driving away. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the incident is still being investigated.—*Internet*

India police name Iranian suspects in Delhi attack

NEW DELHI, 15 March—Three Iranians have been named by Indian police as suspects in an attack on an Israeli diplomat in New Delhi, the first time Iran has been firmly linked to the bombing, reports said on Thursday.

The men entered the country on tourist visas and left after the assassination attempt in the centre of the Indian capital on 13 February that badly wounded a female embassy worker, The Times of India and *The Indian Express* reported.

"They had entered the country during different times and did not leave together," an unnamed security source told *The Indian Express.* "We have their travel details."

The reports, based on anonymous police and intelligence agency sources, said police had asked a local court for warrants for the men and their names would be given to the Iranian government.

Last week, a veteran Indian freelance journalist called Syed Mohammed Kazmi who worked part-time for Iran's news agency *IRNA* became the first person arrested in connection with the attack.

He is accused of providing logistical support for the plotters and a bike used for reconnaissance of the embassy was allegedly found at his house in an upmarket area of the Indian Capital.

In the attack, a hitman on a rented motorbike attached a magnetic bomb to the back of an Israeli embassy car carrying the 42-year-old diplomat as she went to pick up her children from school.

The woman, also the wife of the defence attache at the embassy, was left in a critical condition with spinal injuries and has since been flown to Israel for further treatment.

Internet

***Indian and foreign investigators are seen working at the scene of an explosion near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi, on 13 February. Three Iranians have been named by Indian police as the main suspects in an attack on an Israeli diplomat, according to reports.—*INTERNET**

Afghan demonstrators are seen burning an effigy of US President Barack Obama during a demonstration in Jalalabad, Capital of Nangarhar Province, on 13 March. Hundreds of university students took to the streets in Jalalabad to protest a rampage by a US soldier who killed 16 villagers, witnesses said.
INTERNET

Afghans protest US soldier's deadly rampage

KABUL, 15 March—About 1,000 Afghans took to the streets in a southern town on Thursday to protest the killing of 16 civilians in a murderous rampage by a US soldier, police said.

Shouting anti-American slogans the demonstrators poured into the main town of Qalat in Zabul Province neighbouring Kandahar, where the shooting spree took place on Sunday, regional police spokesman Hekmatullah Kochai told *AFP*.

The protest came with US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta due to hold talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai in Kabul aimed at calming troubled ties.

The protesters, carrying white flags, demanded a public trial for the shooter, identified as a 38-year-old US army sergeant.

The protest is the second in Afghanistan since the killings in three war-scarred villages in Kandahar Province's Panjwayi District last Sunday.

The suspect was flown out of Afghanistan, likely to face trial, according to the Pentagon officials.

Internet

Venus and Jupiter cuddling up in night sky

In this 1 Dec, 2008 file photo, the moon is illuminated in close proximity to Venus and Jupiter, on the top, during a spectacular display of celestial rare phenomenon called a planetary occultation, in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.—INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 15 March——It's not too late to catch the spectacular Venus and Jupiter show. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, the planets will appear just 3 degrees apart in the western sky. The gap has been narrowing since last month.

The two planets are visible every night at twilight. Venus is brighter because of its relative closeness, compared with super-far-away Jupiter.

Even though the gap will widen, the planets will appear remarkably close all week and be easily visible the rest of this month. So says astronomer Tony Phillips, author of the spaceweather.com website. Grab a small telescope, and you can also catch Jupiter's four largest moons.

Astronomers consider it the best evening tag-up of Venus and Jupiter in years. In July, early-risers will be treated to a similar spectacle, in the eastern sky at daybreak. Phillips says throw in the crescent moon, and it "will be worth waking up for."

Internet

Encounters of another kind: meteorite chunk falls on Oslo

OSLO, 15 March—A Norwegian family was flabbergasted to find that what appeared to be a piece of a meteorite had crashed through the roof of their allotment garden hut in the middle of Oslo, media reported on Monday.

The rock weighing 585 grammes (one pound, four ounces), which split in two, probably detached from a meteorite observed over Norway on 1 March, experts said, and had landed on the empty hut in the Thomassen family's allotment in a working-class neighbourhood of the Norwegian Capital. Astrophysicist Knut Joergen Roed Oedegaard and his wife Anne Mette Sannes, a meteorite enthusiast, identified the object as a breccia, or a rock composed of broken fragments of minerals or rock.

An apparent meteorite that split in two after hitting the roof of a cottage in central Oslo. A Norwegian family was flabbergasted to find that what appeared to be a piece of a meteorite had crashed through the roof of their allotment garden hut in the middle of Oslo, media reports said Monday.—INTERNET

"It is a sensation in more than one way. On one hand because it is rare that a piece of meteorite goes through a roof and on the other hand because it is a breccia, which is even harder to find," Sannes told *AFP*.

She said the owners of the meteorite pieces wanted to keep them in Norway, maybe in a museum.

Meteorites speed through space and generally break up as they enter our atmosphere, but it is extremely rare for the debris to fall on inhabited areas, according to Serge Koutchmy, a researcher at the Paris Astrophysical Institute. "This family is very lucky," Koutchmy told *AFP*.

"First off because the piece of meteorite did not cause much damage, but also because it is worth a small fortune," he said.

Internet

Cassini spacecraft glimpses new views of moon Rhea

PASADENA, 15 March—The pockmarked surface of Saturn's second-largest moon has come into sharper focus in new images released by NASA.

The space agency on Monday released the new views of the moon Rhea, which were captured by the international Cassini spacecraft during a recent flyby. One of its cameras spied two huge impact basins and other geologic features on Rhea's icy surface from 26,000 miles away last week.

Cassini, funded by NASA and the European and Italian space agencies, was launched in 1997. It reached Saturn in 2004 and has been studying the ringed planet and its numerous moons.

Internet

This photo made 10 March, 2012, by NASA's Cassini spacecraft shows a raw, unprocessed image of Saturn's moon Rhea. The camera was pointing toward Rhea from a distance of approximately 42,096 kilometres (26,157 miles). INTERNET

science

Twitter buys mobile blogging startup Posterous

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 March—Twitter on Monday announced that it has bought mobile blogging startup Posterous and will put engineers behind the popular "lifestreaming" service to work on special projects.

Posterous has been acquired by Twitter.—INTERNET

"This team has built an innovative product that makes sharing across the Web and mobile devices simple — a goal we share," San Francisco-based Twitter said in a blog post.

"Posterous engineers, product managers and others will join our teams working on several key initiatives that will make Twitter even better."

Posterous launched in 2008 as a platform for blogging with an emphasis on letting people use smartphones to post pictures, videos, audio or other digital snippets and share them with groups in virtual "Spaces."

The legions of Posterous fans have grown along with a "lifestreaming" trend in which moments are captured throughout the day and shared in online journals.

"The opportunities in front of Twitter are exciting," Posterous founder and chief executive Sachin Agarwal said in a message at the freshly-acquired San Francisco startup's website.

"We couldn't be happier about bringing our team's expertise to a product that reaches hundreds of millions of users around the globe." Posterous Spaces will continue to operate with users of the firm's free application promised they would get plenty of notice of any changes to the service, according to Twitter.—*Internet*

TECHNOLOGY

Yahoo sues Facebook for infringing 10 patents

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 March—Yahoo Inc sued Facebook Inc over 10 patents that include methods and systems for advertising on the Web, opening the first major legal battle among big technology companies in social media.

The lawsuit, filed in a San Jose, California federal court on Monday, marks a major escalation of patent litigation that has already swept up the smartphone and tablet sectors and high-tech stalwarts such as Apple Inc, Microsoft Corp and Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc.

Yahoo's patent lawsuit follows Facebook's announcement of plans for an initial public offering that could value the company at about $100 billion. Facebook spokesman Jonathan Thaw said Facebook learned of the lawsuit through the media.

"We're disappointed that Yahoo, a longtime business partner of Facebook and a company that has substantially benefited from its association with Facebook, has decided to resort to litigation," he said.

In an emailed statement, Yahoo said it is confident it will prevail. "Unfortunately, the matter with Facebook remains unresolved and we are compelled to seek redress in federal court," the company said in a statement.

The Yahoo! Connected TV booth is shown during the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada in this file photo taken on 7 January, 2011.—INTERNET

Yahoo, one of the Web's pioneering companies, has seen its revenues decline in recent years at a time when rivals such as Facebook and Google have thrived. In January, Yahoo appointed former PayPal President Scott Thompson as its new chief executive, replacing Carol Bartz, who was fired in September.—*Reuters*

Intel eyes Internet-based TV service: WSJ

Intel Corporation headquarters in Santa Clara, California. —INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 March—Chipmaker Intel Corp is developing an Internet-based TV service for consumers and has been promoting it with media companies, the *Wall Street Journal* said, citing people familiar with the effort.

The world's top chipmaker plans to create a "virtual cable operator" that would offer media companies' TV channels in a bundle over the Internet, the WSJ said. An Intel spokeswoman declined to comment on the story.

The product could use an Intel set-top box and Intel's name, and the chipmaker has told its potential partners it wants to start the service before the end of the year, the WSJ said. In October, Intel wound down its efforts to make chips for digital "smart" TVs, although it continues to make chips for set-top boxes. At the same time, it formed the Intel Media business group, headed by former BBC executive Erik Huggers, aimed at promoting digital content on Intel-based platforms.—*Reuters*

Health Tip: Calm a canker sore

Canker sores are ulcers that form inside the mouth that can make eating and drinking painful.

The American Dental Association suggests how to help heal a canker sore:

* Apply an over-the-counter topical anesthetic to numb the sore.
* Use an antimicrobial mouth rinse.
* Avoid foods that may irritate the sore, especially anything spicy, hot or acidic.
* See your dentist if the sore doesn't heal without treatment after two weeks.
* Use an antibiotic and/or bandage as recommended by your dentist, to help reduce the risk of infection.

Internet

Higher taxes on cigarettes, limits on selling to kids and campaigns to educate people have saved nearly 800,000 lives.
INTERNET

Anti-smoking efforts save 800,000 US lives

WASHINGTON, 15 March— Higher taxes on cigarettes, limits on selling to kids and campaigns to educate people on the dangers of smoking have saved nearly 800,000 lives, according to a US study released on Wednesday.

The research is based on scientific models that counted how many people smoked up until 1970 and projected how many would have died of lung cancer between 1975 and 2000 if not for a concerted US effort to cut back. "This is the first attempt to quantify the impact of changes in smoking behaviors on lung cancer mortality based on detailed reconstruction of cigarette smoking histories," said lead author Suresh Moolgavkar of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle.

"The methods that were developed as a part of this research should prove to be invaluable to other researchers investigating the adverse health impacts of cigarette smoking." If everyone had quit smoking after the Surgeon General's 1964 report that first warned of the hazards of cigarettes, 2.5 million lung cancer deaths could have been avoided, said the study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

But since that did not happen, of course, there were more than two million deaths among men from lung cancer and more than a million among women from 1975 to 2000. Tobacco control efforts averted 550,000 lung cancer deaths among men and 240,000 among women during that span, said the study, funded by the National Cancer Institute. The study only extended to 2000 because the researchers lacked detailed data for subsequent years at the time when the study first began, the study authors said.—*Internet*

Drug may reduce subconscious racism

***File photo of an 80mg capsule of Propranolol, a medication used to treat heart disease, which according to British scientists may affect a person's subconscious attitudes towards race.—*INTERNET**

OXFORD, (England), 15 March—A beta-blocker, a medication used to treat heart disease, may reduce a person's subconscious racial bias, researchers in Britain suggest. Lead author Sylvia Terbeck, an experimental psychologist at Oxford University in England, and colleagues gave 18 people the drug propranolol and 18 people a placebo.

The study published in Psychopharmacology found the propranolol group scored significantly lower on the Implicit Attitude Test into subconscious racial bias — a standard test for testing subconscious racial attitudes.

Propranolol blocks activation in the peripheral "autonomic" nervous system and in the area of the brain implicated in fear or emotional responses, Terbeck said.

The researchers said they think propranolol reduced implicit racial basis because such bias is based on automatic, non-conscious fear responses, which propranolol blocks, Terbeck explained. Study co-author Julian Savulescu said this research raises the tantalizing possibility that unconscious racial attitudes could be modulated using drugs, a possibility that requires careful ethical analysis. "Biological research aiming to make people morally better has a dark history," Savulescu said in a statement.

"And propranolol is not a pill to cure racism. But given that many people are already using drugs like propranolol which have 'moral' side effects, we at least need to better understand what these effects are."—*Internet*

China Mobile Q4 growth mild; hopes pinned on iPhone tie-up

***A China Mobile logo is pictured at the ITU Telecom World in Geneva on 24 Oct, 2011.—*REUTERS**

HONG KONG, 15 March—China Mobile <0941.HK>, the world's biggest wireless carrier by number of subscribers, met expectations by posting a 4.6 percent rise in fourth-quarter net profit on Thursday as higher mobile data usage offset some of the impact of hefty handset subsidies.

The carrier, which has a market value of about $218 billion and competes with smaller rivals China Unicom <0762.HK> and China Telecom Corp <0728.HK>, could see growth accelerate later this year if it succeeds in sealing a deal with Apple Inc to offer the iPhone. China Mobile has been trying to boost the average rates users pay in the world's largest mobile phone market, where barely 15 percent of the 988 million subscribers - and soon to hit 1 billion - are 3G users.

But its adoption of a homegrown mobile phone technology, the TD-SCDMA standard, viewed by analysts as inferior to the internationally accepted technologies used by its main competitors, is a stumbling block in its efforts to secure the Apple tie-up and attract higher-end phone users. China Mobile, which was born out of several rounds of government restructuring of the domestic telecoms industry, is now running trials on a superior 4G technology - TD-LTE - which it expects to use on a wider scale next year.—*Reuters*

Asia stocks mixed amid doubts about China growth

BANGKOK, 15 March— Asian stock markets were mixed Thursday, hindered by falling commodity prices and worries about the extent of China's economic slowdown.

Benchmark oil remained below $106 per barrel while the dollar rose against the yen but slipped against the euro. Japan's Nikkei 225 index rose for a third straight day, basking in the ongoing retreat of the yen from record highs against the US dollar. The Nikkei was 0.9 percent higher to 10,144.48.

But Hong Kong and mainland Chinese shares fell, a day after Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said curbs that have started to cool surging housing prices will remain in place despite complaints they might worsen an economic slowdown. Construction and real estate sales are key drivers of China's growth.

South Korea's Kospi rose less than 0.1 percent to 2,046.28, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was down 0.3 percent at 4,276.30.

In currencies, the euro rose to $1.3028 from $1.3024 late Wednesday in New York. The dollar rose to 84.05 from 83.72 yen. The Japanese currency has been weakening against the dollar ever since the Bank of Japan increased its economic stimulus programme in February.

Internet

***Pedestrians are reflected on the electric signboard of a securities firm in Tokyo, updating exchange rate of the US dollar to Japanese yen, top, and that of the Euro to yen, bottom, on 15 March, 2012.—*INTERNET**

***US Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner is met with protesters with signs as he arrives to testify before the Congressional Oversight Panel on TARP on Capitol Hill in Washington, on 10 Sept, 2009.—*REUTERS**

Treasury to sell stock in six bailed-out banks

WASHINGTON, 15 March—The US Treasury said on Wednesday that it plans to sell its preferred stock position in six community banks as part of the Obama administration's effort to unwind bailout programmes from the financial crisis. Treasury said it plans to conduct public auctions to sell its stock in Banner Corp, First Financial Holdings Inc, MainSource Financial Group, Seacoast Banking Corp, Wilshire Bancorp and WSFS Financial Corp.

It has so far recovered $259 billion from the Troubled Asset Relief Programme bank programmes, which were set up to help stabilize the financial system during the 2007-09 crisis. The Treasury said it expects to start unwinding its positions in the six small banks around 26 March using a modified Dutch auction that establishes a market price by allowing investors to submit bids at specified increments.

Treasury still has stakes in 361 banks. Last week the administration announced plans to cut its position in insurer American International Group to 70 percent from 77 percent.—*Reuters*

Business

Universities in Maubin of Ayeyawady Region offering local youths with quality higher education

University of Computer Studies (Maubin) provides Ayeyawady Region with advanced computer technologies.

Main campus of Technological University (Maubin) in Ayeyawady Region.(Right)

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Maubin University with full facilities of a high-profile university.

* **Pathein and Maubin in Ayeyawady Region include in 24 special development regions for higher education nation-wide.**

* **Like other regions and states, Maubin of Ayeyawady Region has one arts and science university, one university of computer studies and one technological university which offer local youths with quality higher education.**

Two freight trains collide in Russia's Far East, two injured

VLADIVOSTOK, 15 March —Two freight trains collided Sunday morning in Russia's far eastern Jewish Autonomous Region, causing one of them to derail and injuring two people, *RIA Novosti* news agency reported.

The collision threw three locomotives and 23 cars of the freight train carrying coal off the tracks, local media reports said. Two train workers were injured.

Rescuers and firefighters were working at the scene, the reports said. Rail traffic on a section of Trans-Siberian Railway was suspended.

Xinhua

One killed, three injured in BC avalanche

SPARWOOD, 15 March— An avalanche in southeastern British Columbia killed one person and injured three others, Canadian authorities said.

The three survivours of the Friday afternoon avalanche in Elk Valley near Sparwood were taken to Sparwood Hospital in stable condition, *Postmedia News* reported.

It was unknown if there are any other survivors or what the victims had been doing when the avalanche struck. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have taken over the investigation.

A "special public avalanche warning" was issued Friday for recreational back-country users by the Canadian Avalanche Centre and is in effect during the weekend. The warning includes the mountains of the South Coast Inland, the Columbia Mountains from near Prince George in the north to the US border in the south and British Columbia's South Rockies, the Avalanche Centre said.

Ilya Storm, the centre's avalanche warning services coordinator, said in a news release avalanches were likely to be much bigger than expected and could be triggered from a distance or at the bottom of a slope. Storm also said slopes typically considered safer — those with lower angles and below treeline — were "primed" for being triggered by humans.

Storm said local knowledge and extensive training and experience are needed to travel safely in avalanche terrain.

The centre urges all recreational back-country users to monitor bulletins and be equipped with a shovel, probe and transceiver. The centre also advises back-country users to take an avalanche awareness course.

Internet

Myanmar National Congress Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—*Chairman of Myanmar National Congress Party U Kaung Myint Htut presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 15 March evening.*

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-

Esteemed Myanmar people,

First and foremost, I would like to say that it is a great pleasure for me to give talks to all Myanmar people when Myanmar political lanscape is achieving progress openly.

We are of Myanmar National Congress Party.

We steadfastly joined the politics together with the people through thick and thin during the period of Myanmar political crisis.

We firmly believe that politicians and political parties will properly lead the nation through the way of election across the world.

Our Myanmar National Congress Party opposes taking the State power through various ways and means but not applying the election on a basis of public desire.

It was not easy to turn out the politicians desired by the nation through the way of election.

The people knew that the way of election was attacked and criticized for several times.

The people who hoped for a change of paradigm were indecisive whose guidelines were correct or incorrect.

Many criticism and blames were put on the Tatmadaw for its rights to participate in various Hluttaws in line with the constitution.

Our party has been making vigorous efforts for emergence of a stable political situation in Myanmar we love for many years before getting the permission for establishment of our party.

Why do we prefer all the Myanmar people to deeply abide by the constitution?

I would like to explain a little how we would like to achieve success in way of election.

Our point of view on present political situation is as follows:-

(1) Only upholding national interest is appropriate for Myanmar people.

(2) All the persons residing in Myanmar are Myanmar citizens. So, disputes and hostilities among the Myanmar people based on any organization, politics and religions will not come out any good result.

(3) The Myanmar Tatmadaw is a part of strong national cause in the nation. The Tatmadaw has really cultured the spirit to safeguard the country. Therefore, it needs to place the role of the Tatmadaw in the constitution of Myanmar which is now on the threshold of democratization process.

(4) Myanmar people have least experience in the election through democratic process. Thus, the people need to take care of avoiding some politicians who would show off their heroic activities with bad manner in coming by-election without any sacrifice for the people. You all should beware of their heroic activities for political exploitation without any sacrifice for the people.

(5) At last, I would like to say that Myanmar democracy issue is national concern. Any person should not tarnish the future political situation of Myanmar with personal grudges. It is important that every Myanmar people needs to adore the land of Myanmar in which they reside. So, the people are to turn out the politicians who can really serve the State interest so as to enable the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to stand tall among the global countries prestigiously.

To do so, the people need to carefully elect the politicians who dare sacrifice their self-interest in making management for the sovereignty of the nation whenever they talk about righteous matters and do righteous issues for the sake of the people.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

We, the Myanmar National Congress Party, are steadfastly talking about that only when will the way of election will be the single solution for Myanmar political situation to be able to elect them.

I would like to show off my heartfelt expression for the opportunity on presentation of Myanmar National Congress Party to the people through State-owned radio and TV.

Our party would not apply such opportunity in canvassing for the by-election.

Only when all the citizens have capabilities to build the nation with awareness of national cause, will the nation develop.

In coming by-election, the people will have the opportunity to select the organizations and persons of their choice.

We will satisfy if the people recognize us for our years-long sacrifices to receive the right of selection.

It is democracy the people long for.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

Myanmar National Congress Party has striven for taking part in vacant constituencies in Mingala Taungnyunt, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Mayangon townships in coming by-election.

We would like to urge you if you do not like Myanmar National Congress Party, you should not vote for us. Indeed, Myanmar National Congress Party is not a grander political party. Policies and presentation of us are written in similar to that of other political parties. Myanmar National Congress Party has not possessed the strong financial situation. Myanmar National Congress Party is not famous among the people. Therefore, if those who prefer these things, they should not vote for Myanmar National Congress Party.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

Myanmar National Congress Party like the majority of Myanmar people aspires to ensuring peace and stability of the nation whoever candidate becomes Hluttaw representative. We wish convenience and security of the people in basic needs whoever candidate becomes Hluttaw representatives. Moreover, we all will steadfastly involve in politics whoever candidate becomes Hluttaw representative.

Members of Myanmar National Congress Party admire the good political leaders for their best qualifications such as honesty, courage, sacrifice and accountability. We believe that the majority of the people will accept the similar concept.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

Myanmar National Congress Party is only tree grower. We all take pleasure to see you plucking fruit and flowers as you like.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

I would like to present the most important and final point to the esteemed people throughout the nation including Mingala Taungnyunt, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Mayangon townships. You all should not blindly believe our presentation. You safeguards democracy of Myanmar in its infancy. We would like to urge you to take out the responsibility of the people in the coming by-election after considering all things, assessing the issues based on your own experiences and reviewing your real situations. Our Myanmar National Congress Party will try our best to be oneness with the people in realizing the present political situation with full essence so as to totally cease the internal strife, to achieve success in national interest without putting reliance on other countries and securing greater progress in political, economic, education and health infrastructures of the Myanmar and its people in the world political arena.

Esteemed Myanmar people,

In conclusion I would like to say that whoever wins the elections, only the all-inclusiveness of Myanmar national forces can be said the true victory of democracy.

May the entire Myanmar people including those of Mingala Taungnyunt, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Mayangon townships always have good fortunes.

May they be physical and mental well-being for the future of Myanmar.

Loans disbursed to Kengtung District GEC

KENGTUNG, 14 March—A ceremony to disburse loans to Kengtung District Government Employees Cooperative was held at the hall of Kengtung Township General Administration Department on 16 February morning.

Township Administrator U Thein Oo presented K 3 million to Kengtung District GEC through Chairman U Kyaw Moe Aung and Kengtung Township Micro-Credit Cooperative Society to Chairman U Saw Naing.—*District IPRD*

Untimely strong winds hit Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 14 March—Untimely strong winds hit Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region from 7.30 pm to 8 pm on 12 March.

Moreover, heavy rain fell there up to 9.30 pm.

The strong winds destroyed some houses and blew off roofs of some buildings. In the strong winds, some lamp-posts fell down and trees broken down.—*Myanma Alin*

FIRE DRILL PRACTISED: ***A demonstration on use of fire extinguishers at fuel stations was held at Thazin Nyunt fuel station beside Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Tayoksu Ward in Singaing Township on 26 February. Head of District Fire Services Department U Htet Aung explains use of fire extinguishers.—*** **MYANMA ALIN**

20th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw...

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Ministry, to reduce the works of the minister's office, Hydropower Administration Department, Hydropower Implementation Department, Hydropower Generation Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) by 10.45 per cent, to reduce the work volume of the minister's office, Department of Electric Power, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Electric Power Supply Enterprise and Yangon City Electricity Supply Board under the Ministry of Electric Power No (2) by 9.93 per cent, to reduce the work volume of Public Works, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, and Road and Bridge Enterprise by 30.19 per cent, and to reduce the work volume of Myanma Railways under Ministry of rail Transportation by 7.9 per cent.

Today's session came to an end at 5.05 pm and the 21st day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

MNA

Union I&P Minister meets staff in Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi on 10 March met staff of state, district and township Immigration and National Registration Departments at the hall of Shan State (East) INRD in Kengtung.

In his instructions, the Union Minister stressed the need to take out their tasks dutifully based on patriotic spirit.—*MNA*

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Thai Upper House

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—A delegation led by Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Thai Upper House Miss Pikulkeaw Krairiksh paid a call on Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall No.1 in Hluttaw Building, here, at 9.25 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Deputy Speaker were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee.

They cordially discussed all sectors for promoting current amity.—*MNA*

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Upper House of Thailand and party. **MNA**

Human rights workshop kicks off

YANGON, 15 March— Workshop on Human Rights Subject for Government Staff and Commission Officials was held in Inya Lake Hotel today, with the sponsorship of Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) in cooperation with of Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) of University of Lund of Sweden.

The workshop was attended by members of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, resource personnel, the SIDA aid coordinator for Myanmar, UNICEF Resident Representative in Yangon Mr Ramesh Shrestha, Ms Rosalie Fournier of Office of UN Commissioner for Refugees and officials.

MNHRC Chairman U Win Mra, SIDA Aid Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Bengt Ekman and visiting Professor of RWI Brian Burdekin AO extended greetings.

The workshop winds up on 17 March.

MNA

***Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mra speaking at human rights workshop for government and commission officials.*—MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman receives Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Thai Upper House

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo met a delegation led by Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of Thai Upper House Miss Pikulkeaw Krairiksh and party, at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall No. 1 in Hluttaw Building, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call with U Hla Myint Oo were Secretary U Ko Ko Tun, members U Kyaw Myint, U Aung Hsan, U Tun Aung Kyaw, Dr Roh Ouk, U Win Swe and U Sai Kyauk. They had a discussion on emergence of Hluttaws and their background history, Myanmar's current foreign policies and international relations.—*MNA*

Fifth day regular session of First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—The fifth day third regular session of the First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw continued yesterday, attended by Region Hluttaw Speaker U Hsan Hsint and representatives.

16 questions were asked and answered, supplementary budgetary allocation bill for 2012 discussed, and approved, report on investigation on complaints submitted and two new proposals submitted at today's session.—*MNA*

Medicines donated to rural health divisions, sub-divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March— At Myaing Township People's Hospital, medical supplies were on 11 March morning donated to a total of 8 rural health divisions and 35 rural health sub-divisions under Myaing Township Health Department, with an address of Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun.

Together with wellwishers and officials concerned, the Union Minister and wife made the donations.

There, the Union Minister comforted the eye patients who were waiting for their remaining treatments.

On 13 March, the Union Minister and wife presented honouring certificates to Dr. Therese Worstmann, Dr Win Kyaw and others of Myanmar Eye Center, and so did the officials concerned to the respective departments.—*MNA*

2012 summer invitational 3 on 3 open and U-16 men/women basketball tournament on 5-7 May

YANGON, 15 March— Ministry of Sports and Myanma Basketball federation will jointly organize summer invitational 3 on 3 open and U-16 men/women basketball tournament at Aung San Stadium here from 5 to 7 May.

Participants can make up a team with four members. The MBF will provide the participating teams from regions and states with K 40,000 as travel expenses except teams from Yangon Region and provide board and lodging expenses to the all teams.

Participating teams may enroll at the MBF by 2 May, further information available at 556952.

MNA

All this needs to be known

- **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
- **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
- **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

Union A&I Minister inspects progress of Palethwe hybrid paddy fields

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March— On tour of 25-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy field near Ngansat Village of Ottarathiri Township, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing looked into nurseries and left the necessary instructions.

Palethwe hybrid quality paddy strains could get more profitable price in the international market, and that's why farmers can earn double fruitful results by planting Palethwe hybrid quality paddy strains with the use of modern technologies, the union minister said at 35-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy field in Yayaye Village of Yabain Villag-tract in Lewe Township. He then presented foodstuff to the farmers and agricultural staff.

He proceeded to 369-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy field in Alyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township and met with the farmers sharing knowledge on rice cultivation each other.

When the union minister was at the farmer's educative 500-acre field in Pobbathiri Township, he observed Vietnam Palethwe hybrid paddy strain and China Palethwe hybrid paddy strain plus vegetable farms near the field. He inspected sorting out Palethwe hybrid quality paddy strain and packaging to distribute in time.

MNA

***Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views farmers educative farm 500 acres in Pobbathiri Township.*—MNA**

Child mortality rate, still an issue to address

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March— Despite effective solutions within reach, there are still challenges to tackle in bringing down child mortality rate, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said in his address to Workshop on Child Survival from Dissemination Workshop on Evaluation of Community Case Management of Pneumonia and Diarrhoea by Health Volunteers in the ministry yesterday morning.

On behalf of the UNICEF Resident Representative, Chief of Young Child Survival and Development Section Dr Marinus Gotink also delivered an address at the workshop.

Deputy Director-General (Public Health) of Health Department Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay presided over Child Survival Forum and explained conditions of pneumonia and diarrhoea in Southeast Asia.

Stakeholders in the field shared experiences at the forum.

MNA

Upgraded road benefits people in Minbu, Pwintbyu Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March —A gravel road was commission into service in Minbu Township yesterday as a gesture of hailing the 67th Armed Forces Day.

The road is one mile and seven furlongs long and it was constructed by Minbu Township Development Affairs Committee. The opening of the new road would shorten the travel time from villages in Minbu and Pwintbyu townships to Minbu.

A signboard of the road was unveiled by Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and the road was formally opened by Magway Region Development Affairs Committee U Nay Shin, Director of the department U Maung Maung Aung and Head of Minbu District Administration Department U Khin Maung Myint.

MNA

CBM Governor meets IMF Legal Dept delegation, WB Country Director

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein met technical assistance delegation of IMF Legal Department at his office this morning. They discussed legislation of foreign exchange management and technical assistances.

The governor received Country Director Ms Annette Dixon of World Bank and party yesterday afternoon. The meeting focused on developments in monetary sector of Myanmar.

Also present at the calls were the deputy governor and division heads.

MNA

Committee for Smooth Entrance of Tourists meets

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March— Committee for Smooth Entrance of Tourists met at Nilar Hall of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism here this morning for switching to e-visa system.

Vice-Chairman of the Committee Deputy Minister U Htay Aung addressed the meeting and Managing Director U Kyaw Moe Naing of Myanmar East Net Co Ltd and committee members reported and discussed on the work carried out by the committee.

MNA

***Deputy Minister for Transportation U Win Shein gave responsible persons and staff from Myanma Airways guidelines for preserving reputation of the airline for good services on 10 March.*—MNA**

Roads, bridges commissioned into service

PATHEIN, 15 March—The earthen motor road, the over 3000-foot concrete road and bridges on Pathein-Mawtinsoon Road were put into service in Pathein Township on 4 March.

On behalf of Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw consecration of 27 feet long Datpaungsu Thabbaynyu reclining Buddha image on the mountain range in Thebyu Village and enshrining of 70 feet long and 40 feet wide Dhamma Thiri Beikman and shared merit gained.—*Myanma Alin*

Technique of hutching fingerlings shared

KYONPYAW, 15 March—For ensuring rural development, fingerling hutching was carried out in Inye Village of Kyonpyaw Township on 9 March morning.

Under the supervision of Ayeyawady Region Fisheries Department, Head of Pathein District Fisheries Department U Tun Lwin, Township Administrator U Than Sein of Kyonpyaw Township, In-charge of Pathein District Fisheries Camp Daw Aye Aye Maw, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Aung Hsan Win and staff together with departmental officials presented fingerlings of golden Hamilton's Carps to fish breeder U Khin Maung Win of Inye Village.

They also shared technique of hutching fingerlings.—*Township IPRD*

Hospital equipment donated to Tagaung Sub-Township People's Hospital

TAGAUNG, 15 March—A ceremony to donate cash and hospital equipment to Tagaung Sub-Township People's Hospital in Thabeikkyin Township of Mandalay Region was held at the hall of the hospital on 3 March afternoon.

Next, cash and hospital equipment donation followed. Medical Superintendent Dr Htay Nyunt and officials accepted U Tin Win-Daw San Pwint of Golden Sun Sugar Trading of Chanthagyi West Block 211 of Thiri Marlar West Ward in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay donated K 600,000 to the medical fund of the hospital, wellwisher family of Tagaung one air-conditioner, Modern Trading one sterilizer and two wellwishers six hospital beds.—*Myanma Alin*

ABC National Women's Pool 8-Ball Championship commences

YANGON, 15 March—Jointly organized by Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation of the Ministry of Sports and Ambur Electronic Co Ltd, with the sponsorship of the Myanmar Brewery Ltd, the First ABC National Women's Pool 8-Ball Championship was opened at Kokkine Swimming Club in Bahan Township, at 12 noon on 10 March.

Patron of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation Col Kyaw Zan Hla (Rtd), President U Tin Maung Win and Managing Director Mr Lim Yew Hoe of Myanmar Brewery Ltd formally opened the championship.

After delivering an address, Patron Col Kyaw Zan Hla launched the championship.

Altogether 36 players from Yangon Region, four from Mandalay Region, two from Bago Region and on each from Ayeyawady Region and Kachin State, totalling 44 are taking part in the championship.

Myanma Alin

Documentary video on anti-human trafficking to be broadcast by March

YANGON, 15 March—A short documentary video on prevention against trafficking in person will be presented in the TV programmes by March.

MTV EXIST will show a documentary video entitled Enslaved with participation of vocalist R Zarni soon to broaden horizon of the people on anti-human trafficking tasks.

The documentary video was created by Central Committee for Prevention against Trafficking in Person, USAID, AusAID and ASEAN. The work will be presented in the last week of March through MRTV and MRTV-4 with the aim of disseminating knowledge about prevention against trafficking in person and raising preventive measures.

The backbone of the story was based on actual experiences of victims. It is a true story of three persons in human trafficking case. In fact, the documentary video is a series of Traffic documentary film presented in 2009. At that time, vocalist Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein narrated the documentary film for the first time of MTV EXIT through MRTV-4.

The new video was telecast so as to effectively contribute towards the educative works of anti-human trafficking in person in Myanmar.

Kyemon

SUPERVISORS MEET: ***Township Administrator U Thet Naing gave necessary instructions to supervisor and teachers who will supervise matriculation examinations for 2011-2012 academic year, at Aung San Hall of Basic Education High School in Ngazun Township of Myingyan District in Mandalay Region on 10 March.*** **MYANMA ALIN**

Tax management computerization course opens in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region

PATHEIN, 15 March—The tax management computerization course was opened with a caremony at the hall of the Ayeyawady Region Internal Revenue Department in Pathein on 5 March morning.

Altogether 35 trainees from Pathein, Myaungmya, Labutta, Hinthada and Pyapon Districts in Ayeyawady Region are attending the course that lasts two weeks.

District IPRD

Environmental conservation talked in MraukU

MRAUKU, 15 March—An educative talk on eradication of illegal timber extraction and conservation of environment was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Htamariz Ward of MraukU on 1 March afternoon.

First, Township Administrator U Ye Win gave an opening address.

Head of Township Forest Department U Aung Kyaw Win explained facts about conservation of environment and the law on forestry affairs. Later, officials demonstrated use of high-capability stove.

Township IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS

Public-based TB care course commences

TAMU, 15 March—The public-based TB care course was opened in Tamu of Tamu District in Sagaing Region on 6 March morning.

At the hall of the People's Hospital, Head of District Health Department Dr Ye Myint Aung made a speech. TB specialist Dr Aye Thein of Sagaing Region explained facts about TB disease.

Altogether 30 trainees from Red Cross Society, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization attended the course.

Myanma Alin

PRIZES AWARDED IN FOOTBALL SPORTS: ***Final match of the Minhla Township Administrator's Cup Inter-Village Football Tournament of Bago Region was held at Aungdagun Sports Ground on 5 March. Chairman of Township Sports and Physical Education Committee Township Administrator U Tin Yi presents first prize to Hlegu Village team.*** **TOWNSHIP IPRD**

Crime reduction talked in Pyinsalu

PYINSALU, 15 March—The talks on crime reduction was held at Basic Education Primary School in Kanyinkaing Village of Hlwaza Village-tract in Pyinsalu Sub-Township of Labutta Township, Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region on 28 February morning.

Police Captain Win Kyi of Labutta District gave talks on reduction of criminal cases. The talk was attended by Village Administrator U Soe Naing, village authorities, local people from six villages, teachers, members of auxiliary fire brigade and village elders.

District IPRD

Lectures on role of forests and prevention against forest fire given

KENGTUNG, 15 March—The natural disaster management course No. 2/2012 was opened in Kengtung of Shan State (East) on 23 December.

Secretary of Shan State (East) Environmental Conservation Committee Deputy Director U Tun Myint of Forest Department gave talks role of forests in conformity with climate change and preventive measures against forest fire.—*District IPRD*

Loans disbursed to vendors in Ottwin Township

OTTWIN, 15 March—Sibin Thayar Yay Bank Ltd of Ottwin Township Development Affairs Committee of Bago Region disbursed loans to vendors on 23 February.

Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Khaing Tun presented K 1.5 million to the vendors.—*Township IPRD*

MLF invites wellwishers to donate cash, books

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

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

CSC ISSUANCE EXPLAINED: ***In line with Moe Pwint-2 Plan, the issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was issued in Taungni Village in Mogaung Township on 8 March. Head of Kachin State Immigration and National Registration Department U Kyi Lin explained process of the plan to the local people.—*** **STATE INRD**

Strong winds hit Nabu Village

KAWKAREIK, 15 March—The strong winds hit Nabu Village of Kawkareik Township in Kayin State at 3.30 pm on 11 March.

The strong winds blew off roofs of hall-1, hall-3, hall-5 and hall-6 of Nabu Basic Education High School and destroyed ceilings. Moreover, the 140 feet long walls of the school collapsed in the strong winds.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Group-wise vaccination of measles discussed

YANGON, 15 March—Organized by Hmawby Township Health Department of Yangon Region, an educative talk on group-wise vaccination of measles to children was held at the meeting hall of Township General Administration Department in Hmawby of Yangon Region on 9 March morning.

At first, Head of Township Health Department Dr Kyaw Nyein explained the procedure for vaccination of measles. Health Assistant-I U Myint Soe reported on programmes to carry out vaccination.

It was attended by departmental personnel, village administrators and members of social organizations.

Township IPRD

Short documentary film, Japanese Film Festival 29-30 March

YANGON, 15 March—A short documentary film to mark the anniversary of Japanese eastern earthquake incident that caused in northeast region of Japan on 11 March 2011 and Japanese Film Festival will be held at Japanese Embassy at No. 100 on Natmauk Street in Bahan Township soon.

The film festival will comprise the 30 minutes long Setting Sail From the Ruins, and 123 minutes long Wanko-The Story of Me, My Family and My Dog at the embassy hall starting 2 pm on 29 and 30 March.

Those wishing to enjoy the films may fill up the necessary points bringing together with citizenship scrutiny cards to enjoy the films.

Ko Gyi Tha

Pedigrees of golden Hamilton's Carps provided

YANGON, 15 March—A ceremony to provide pedigrees of golden Hamilton's Carps to local fish breeders was held in Sangyounglay Village of Shwepyitha Township on 3 March with the aim of flourishing fingerling hutching technology for rural people.

Head of Yangon Region Fisheries Department U Myo Aung, Head of Yangon North District Fisheries Department U Thant Zin and officials of Myanmar Fisheries Department demonstrated hutching of fingerlings at the pond of fish breeder U Soe Win.

Likewise, the official team presented pedigrees of golden Hamilton's Carps to local fish breeders in Sinmakaw Village of Kyauktan Township and Tagundaing Village of Twantay Township. They demonstrated hutching of fingerlings.—*District IPRD*

MULTIPLIER COURSE OPENED: ***Dawei District Map Drawing Multiplier Course 1/2012, organized by Taninthayi Region Immigration and National Registration Department, was opened at the region government office on 27 February. Head of Region INRD U Than Htay speaks on the occasion.***

MYANMA ALIN

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Moreover, heavy rain fell there up to 9.30 pm.

The strong winds destroyed some houses and blew off roofs of some buildings.

In the strong winds, some lamp-posts fell down and trees broken down.—*Myanma Alin*

Fire destroys two poultry farms in Ketumati Myothit

YEDASHE, 15 March—A forest fire destroyed one hut and two poultry farms on Athinkhaya Road of Ketumati Myothit in Toungoo Township.

At 12.05 pm on 14 March, the forest fire burnt a hut on southern side of the road and then destroyed two poultry farms of U Aye Kyaw in Ward 2 of Toungoo, 50 yards to the burnt hut. In the fire, over 1000 chickens were blazed.

Fire brigade members put out the fire with the use of one fire engine from Ketumati Myothit, two from Yedashe Township and one from Toungoo Township. As a result, the fire did not burn other residences and it was extinguished at 12.25 pm.—*Kyemon*

Fire breaks out near Chaukhtetgyi Pagoda

YANGON, 15 March—A fire broke out at Zeyathukhakayi Monastery near Chaukhtetgyi Pagoda in Shwegondaing Ward of Bahan Township at 10.50 am on 14 March.

It started from overheat of regulator being kept upstairs of the monastery.

Fire brigade members put out fire with the use of 36 fire engines of Myanmar Fire Brigade, seven management vehicles and two supporting vehicles and the fire died out at 11.25 am.—*Thurein*

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Govt will do more to continue to invest in parks, says Khaw

SINGAPORE, 15 March—Singapore National Development Minister Khaw Boon Wan has said that his ministry will do more to continue to invest in parks.

In his latest blog post, he wrote that parks add to the quality of life, promotes healthy living and community bonding.

Mr Khaw pointed to two big projects - the Rail Corridor and the 150 kilometre-long Round Island Route which will link up the country's major natural, cultural and historical attractions.

But with such investments, Mr Khaw urged the community to play its part in taking ownership of public spaces.

He cited parks in Australia, Japan and Korea, which Mr Khaw described as being "wonderfully clean" and not because they have "foreign cleaners to pick up litter".

"The users do not litter in the first place. Park users take their rubbish with them as they leave. Pets are leashed and the owners (clean up after their pets). Many Singaporeans are picking up such good habits. But I think we are still not yet at the level of the Aussies, Koreans or Japanese," he said.

Internet

An aerial handout photo received from the New South Wales Premier Barry O'Farrell shows floodwaters at North Wagga Wagga.

INTERNET

Australia floods inundate almost 2,000 homes

SYDNEY, 15 March—Australian floods have inundated close to 2,000 homes in New South Wales, an official said Saturday, as the surging waters appeared to claim the life of a man in the state's north.

Eastern Australia has been hit by heavy downpours in recent days, causing swollen river systems to pour through towns and villages in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, damaging crops, roads and bridges.

In badly-hit southern New South Wales, more homes were evacuated Saturday as the State Emergency Service said some 1,963 homes had been inundated, mostly around the major inland town of Wagga Wagga and the surrounding regions.

"There's further assessments being done at present to see whether they will crack the 2,000 mark which sadly I think it will do," State Emergency Service (SES) spokesman Phil Campbell told *AFP*.

"This is all over-floorboard flooding. It is the significant stuff that causes so much damage and it does range from water up to the ceiling to down to just creeping into the house."

Internet

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Two earthquakes rattle Japan

TOKYO, 15 March—A tsunami advisory, warning of a half-metre wave following a 6.8-magnitude earthquake Wednesday off the Japanese coast, has been canceled, officials said.

Two earthquakes with magnitudes greater than 6 struck off the east coast of Honsu, Japan, the US Geological Survey said.

The first quake, at a depth of 16 miles, was a magnitude of 6.8, USGS said. It was about 145 miles south of Kushiro, and 457 miles northeast of Tokyo. The second quake was a 6.1-magnitude event at a depth of about 5 miles, USGS said. Its epicenter was about 151 miles south of Kushiro and 447 miles northeast of Tokyo.

The Japanese Japan Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami warning following the first quake but not the second, *Kyodo News* reported. Reports of damage or injuries for both quakes were not available.—*Internet*

Terror attack foiled in Russia

MOSCOW, 15 March—Russian security forces Wednesday prevented a terror attack by defusing nine bombs at an illegal laboratory in Nalchik City.

According to the National Anti-Terrorism Committee, the laboratory where the bombs were produced was located in a garage in Nalchik, capital of Kabardino-Balkaria republic in the North Caucasus Region.

The total mass of the explosive devices was the equivalent of over 100 kg of TNT. According to bomb experts, an explosion of that magnitude would have destroyed a whole city block, the committee said.

All the bombs were taken to a secure area and destroyed.

Terror attacks are common in the mainly Muslim North Caucasus republics. Nalchik witnessed a clash in 2005 between 150 local militants and police. The attackers killed 35 policemen and 14 civilians but lost 92 of their own men.

Internet

World's tallest man finally stops growing

LONDON, 15 March—Sultan Kosen, the world's tallest man, has finally stopped growing, after he was treated at a US hospital to control the production of growth hormone.

The 29-year-old at 8ft 3inches measures in Guinness World Records as the tallest living man.

Kosen from Turkey received treatment at the University of Virginia Medical Centre in May 2010 for treatment for a disorder called acromegaly, which is usually caused by a tumour in the pituitary gland.

Special equipment was flown in from Sweden to fit Kosen's larger skull, according to doctors.

According to the Richmond Times-Dispatch, he was placed on a new medication that could potentially help control the production of growth hormone and stop his continued growth.

University officials now claim that Kosen has stopped growing.

The treatment will be noted in Guinness World Records.

"He's done very, very well, fortunately," *the Telegraph* quoted Dr Jason Sheehan, a University of Virginia Brain surgeon, as saying.—*Internet*

Tourists pose for photos at the Avenue of Stars in Hong Kong, south China, on 14 March, 2012. Hong Kong's visitor arrivals in package tours in February soared by 37.7 percent year on year to 9,204, and the total visitor arrivals in package tours in January and February add up to 17,761, according to figures released by the Travel Industry of Hong Kong on Wednesday.
XINHUA

Somali palace scene of suicide blast

MOGADISHU, 15 March—A suicide car bombing near Somalia's presidential palace killed at least three people, including the bomber, and injured four others, witnesses said Wednesday.

Witnesses said the bomber detonated his explosive at the entrance of Villa Somalia, located in a heavily fortified zone in the country's capital city of Mogadishu, Shabelle Media Network reported.

Senior Somali government officials, including President Sharif Ahmed, Parliament Speaker Sharif Hassan and Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohammed Ali, live and have offices in the zone, officials said.

Internet

Recovery workers attempt to lift the wreckage of a ferry that capsized in the Meghna River in Munshiganj District, about 20 miles (32 kilometres) south of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 14 March, 2012.
INTERNET

117 dead, more missing in Bangladesh ferry sinking

DHAKA, 15 March—Villagers along a Bangladesh river where a packed ferry capsized earlier this week found five more bodies floating in the water Thursday, bringing the death toll from the disaster to 117.

The decomposing bodies surfaced near the scene of the accident hours after the double-deck ferry was salvaged and the rescue operation was called off, local police chief Mohammad Shahabuddin Khan said. Rescuers recovered 112 bodies from inside the sunken boat Tuesday and Wednesday.

At least another 12 people were still listed missing, the area's government administrator Azizul Alam said. Local media, quoting relatives, put the number of missing higher.

The ferry carrying about 200 people collided with a cargo boat and sank early Tuesday, sending scores of people into the Meghna River, just south of Dhaka. Khan said about 35 survivors were plucked from the water, while local media reported that another 40 managed to swim to shore.

Hundreds of anxious people, many of them weeping, gathered near the scene of the accident to look for their loved ones. Some were angry, saying they blamed local authorities for the slow pace of the rescue operation.

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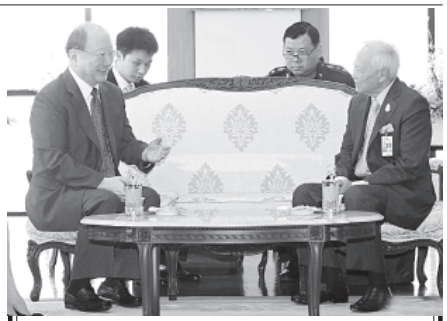

Xu Kuangdi (L front), honorary chairman of China Association for International Friendly Contacts (CAIFC) talks with Prem Tinsulanonda (R Front), president of the Thai Privy Council, in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 13 March, 2012. The 10-member CAIFC delegation arrived in Bangkok on Monday to start a 6-day visit to promote friendly ties between China and Thailand.
XINHUA

Real Madrid book place in last 8 of Champions League

MADRID, 15 March — Real Madrid had few problems in qualifying for the last eight of the Champions League as they defeated CSKA Moscow 4-1 in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Wednesday night. The win, which came thanks to goals from Gonzalo Higuain, Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema takes Madrid into the quarterfinals of the competition and keeps alive the club's hopes of winning a tenth European Cup.

Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho had said in the run up to the game, that he would start with three strikers, but in the end he only started with two as Cristiano Ronaldo partnered Higuain in attack, while fit-again Karim Benzema was kept on the subs' bench.

Madrid did have two attacking midfielders in Kaka and Mesut Ozil on the pitch but it was a more defensive player, Sami Khedira who was to prove vital with a magnificent pass for Higuain to open the score after 25 minutes. Higuain once again proved that he deserves a place in the Real Madrid starting line up with his fourth goal in three matches. Ahmed Musa came close to levelling the score before the break, but Iker Casillas showed he was alert to the danger with a good save.

Ronaldo doubled Madrid's lead 10 minutes into the second half as he shot from 30 metres and CSKA goalkeeper Sergie Chepchugov made a horrible mess of it, allowing it to bounce into the back of the net when he really should have made a save.

Karim Benzema replaced Higuain with 21 minutes remaining and wasted no time in staking his claim to a first team place by scoring the third goal a minute later. Zoran Tosic gave his side a slim lifeline when he scored for CSKA with a fine individual goal with 13 minutes remaining, but Ronaldo rounded up the scoring in the last minute of injury time as he finished from a Benzema cross.—*Xinhua*

Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring his team's second goal during the UEFA Champions League football match between Real Madrid and CSKA Moscow at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.—XINHUA

Chelsea victory inspires hope for rest of season

Chelsea's Ivorian striker Didier Drogba scores the opening goal during their UEFA Champions Leaguematch against Napoli at Stamford Bridge, London. INTERNET

LONDON, 15 March— Chelsea interim manager Roberto Di Matteo believes his team's nail-biting Champions League victory over Napoli can inspire the club to a successful season finale.

The Premier League giants confounded the bookmakers as well as the weight of history on Wednesday as they overturned a 3-1 first leg deficit with a pulsating 4-1 win over the Italians at Stamford Bridge.

Branislav Ivanovic's dramatic extra-time winner sealed a 5-4 aggregate victory for Chelsea, who are facing an uphill battle to qualify for next season's Champions League after a patchy league campaign.

It was only the fourth time in Champions League history that a club has successfully come back from a two-goal first leg deficit.

Di Matteo — who has now won three games out of three since taking over following the sacking of Andre Villas-Boas — believes Chelsea's win over Napoli can lift his side over the vital final few weeks of the season. "It meant a lot to the club that we're still able to play in the Champions League and also you could see how much it meant to the players tonight," said Di Matteo, who celebrated with the squad at the final whistle.

Internet

Nadal humbles Dolgopolov to enter BNP Paribas Open Quarterfinals

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—World No 2 Rafael Nadal made quick work of Ukrainian Alexandr Dolgopolov to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open, joining Novak Djokovic and David Nalbandian into the last eight of the event.

Two time former champion Rafael Nadal breezed past World No 21 Alexandr Dolgopolov in straight sets to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open, season's first masters series event being played here in Indian Wells, California, USA.

Nadal made a superb start to the match and broke Dolgopolov's serve in the second game to race to a quick 3-0 and 4-1 lead, after which he sealed the 43 minute first set with a 6-3 scoreline.

The second set did not change the story much as Nadal made quick in-roads and broke Dolgopolov twice with the help of his penetrating ground strokes to seal the 6-3, 6-2 victory in just 76 minutes of play.

Nadal joined top seed and defending champion Novak Djokovic into the last eight after the Serb was stretched to limits by another Spaniard Pablo Andujar in a two hour plus battle ending with a 6-0, 6-7(5), 6-2 scoreline in the former's favour.—*Internet*

World No 2 Rafael Nadal

Roger Federer beats Bellucci to reach the quarter-final at Indian Wells

Third-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—Third-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland earned a came from behind victory to beat the Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci with a 3-6 6-3 6-4 scoreline on Wednesday and secured his berth in the quarterfinal of the 2012 Indian Wells Open.

Chasing his fourth title at Indian Wells, World No 3 Roger Federer of Switzerland made a fine recovery from a set deficit to beat the Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci with a 3-6 6-3 6-4 scoreline on Wednesday and secured his berth in the quarterfinal of the 2012 Indian Wells Open.

Federer took 1 hour and 40 minutes to win this duel, as he fired 8 aces and mustered 82% points on his first serve. The Swiss also hammered 27 winners and converted 3 out of 7 break-points. On the other hand, Bellucci did well to push Federer to a great extent, but he could not get his act together – during the crucial moments of the match.

It was the top Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci, who took only 27 minutes to clinch the first set against the third-seed Roger Federer. The Brazilian served beautifully, as he fired 5 aces and mustered 86% points on his first serve. Interestingly, he committed only 5 unforced errors as compared to Federer's 13. Bellucci converted 2 out of 3 break-points, while Federer did not have a break-point in the first set. Federer gave a fitting reply to World No 50 Bellucci, as he claimed the second-set convincingly in 36 minutes and took this battle into the final set. Federer mustered 100% points on his first serve, hammered 8 winners and got benefited from Bellucci's 13 unforced errors.—*Internet*

Kerber tops Li to reach semis at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—World No 19 Angelique Kerber of German upset eighth seeded Na Li of China in straight sets with a 6-4 6-2 scoreline on Wednesday night and secured her berth in the semi-final of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open. German Angelique Kerber continued her good form in the new season on Wednesday, as she beat eighth seeded Na Li of China in straight sets with a 6-4 6-2 scoreline and secured her berth in the semi-final of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open.

Kerber took 1 hour and 23 minutes to win this duel, as she mustered 75% points on her first serve and got benefitted from Li's 43 unforced errors. Kerber also smacked 13 winners to keep the proceedings in control.

After 46 minutes of fine tennis action, German Kerber clinched the first set. The German served really well, as she mustered 75% points on her first serve - with the help of 8 winners and got benefited from Li's 21 unforced errors. In the end, Kerber converted 2 out of 4 break-points to surge through. On the other hand, Li could convert only 1 out of 3 break-points – in the first set.

Both contenders exchanged breaks early on in the second-set. Then, Kerber got back-to-back breaks in the fifth and seventh games to surge through – with the match. In the semi-final, Kerber will take on the top-seeded Victoria Azarenka who eased past Agnieszka Radwanska 6-0 6-2 earlier in the day.

Internet

World No 19 Angelique Kerber of German

Victoria Azarenka

Victoria Azarenka wrecks Radwanska to enter semis in Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—Victoria Azarenka made quick work of Agnieszka Radwanska as she beat her 6-0, 6-2 to register a place in the quarterfinals of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open.

Victoria Azarenka came in with all guns blazing as Agnieszka Radwanska was a mere spectator to the brilliance of the world number one's straight set victory. Radwanska was on the defensive for the whole set as Azarenka asserted aggression with her massive serves and angled backhands.

Radwanska lacked depth in her strokes as Azarenka broke all her serves and consolidated comfortably with easy holds of her own service games to win the first set 6-0.

Internet

International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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* News
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* News
* Myanmar Movies Impact "Problem Entanglement"
* News
* Responsible Tourism Workshop & Conference (Part-1)
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* Responsible Tourism Workshop & Conference (Part-2)
* News
* A Day in Bagan
* News
* How to cast vote?
* Myanmar Movie "Twin Brothers In Different Lives"

MYANMAR TV

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

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2. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
3. Health Programme

8:30 am
4. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day

8:40 am
5. International News

4:00 pm
6. Martial Song

4:55 pm
7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm
8. Myanmar Language

5:20 pm
9. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day

5:45 pm
10. Sports Highlight

6:20 pm
11. Internet Garden

7:00 pm
12. Documentary

8:00 pm
13. News
14. Talk Of the Political Parties
15. Just for Laughs (Gags Asia)
16. TV Drama Series

Ronaldinho in Brazil's preliminary Olympic squad

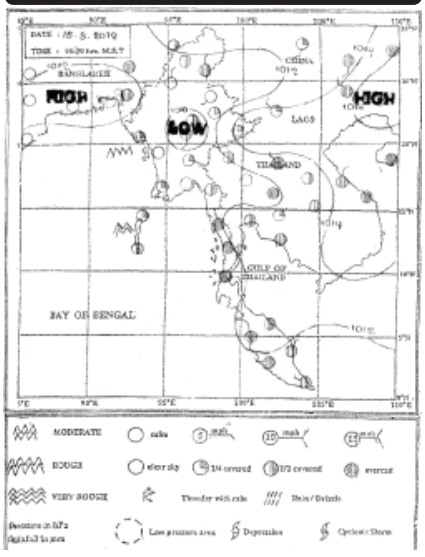
LONDON, 15 March—Ronaldinho was on Wednesday named in Brazil coach Mano Menezes' preliminary 52-man squad for the football tournament at this year's London Olympics.

Menezes must whittle the squad down to 35 players by 8 June before announcing a final 18-man squad by 6July. Each squad is only allowed to include three players aged over 23 and Menezes' squad included young stars such as Santos forward Neymar, his club-mate Paulo Henrique Ganso, and AC Milan forward Alexandre Pato.

Brazil's forwards Neymar (L) and Ronaldinho smile prior to a friendly football match between Bosnia-Herzegovina and Brazil in February 2012. Ronaldinho was on Wednesday named in Brazil coach Mano Menezes' preliminary 52-man squad for the football tournament at this year's London Olympics.—INTERNET

There is strong competition for the three over-age slots, with Flamengo playmaker Ronaldinho joined in Menezes' list by Barcelona right-back Dani Alves, Chelsea defender David Luiz and Milan centre-back Thiago Silva. There was no place, however, for either Milan attacker Robinho or Real Madrid playmaker Kaka. In total, 24 of the players pre-selected currently play their domestic football in Brazil. The London Olympics run from 27 July to 12 August.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 16th March, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	16/61	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
2	Kayah	35/95	17/63	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	39/102	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
4	Chin	25/77	13/55	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	18/64	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	41/106	24/75	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	38/100	22/72	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	38/100	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
12	Yangon	38/100	23/73	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	35/95	20/68	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	30/86	14/57	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	32/90	10/50	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	34/93	15/59	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	39/102	25/77	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	40/104	19/66	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	38/100	23/73	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	38/100	22/72	Partly cloudy	
Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today		During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Tanintharyi Region and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above March average temperatures in Chin and Rakhine States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.The significant day temperature were Chauk and Minbu (41°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.83) inch.			
Bay Inference		Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.			
State of the Sea		Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.			
Outlook for sub-sequent two days		Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.			

Age of warning satellite causes concern

WASHINGTON, 15 March—A US satellite giving the only advance warning of incoming high-energy solar particles is getting old and is possibly on its last legs, researchers say.

But a replacement for NASA's Advanced Composition Explorer, or ACE, satellite is at least two years away, they said.

ACE provides the only advance notice of incoming high-energy particles from the sun which can wreak havoc on indispensable radio, GPS and satellite communications, researchers said.

Launched in 1997, ACE gives the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's space weather forecasting arm advance notice if a storm is headed toward Earth, as it did with the solar storm that left the sun Tuesday.

How much longer the satellite can keep working is a concern, scientists said.

"It would be a very bad day for us if that spacecraft was not working," William Murtagh, programme coordinator for NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, Colo, told *Discovery News*.

"When an eruption occurs on the sun, there are still quite a few question marks as to if it's going to hit the Earth and when it's going to hit the Earth," he said.

From about 1 million miles away, ACE provides the only early warning of what's headed toward Earth and utility operators, airlines, satellite owners, GPS users and others depend on space weather alerts from NOAA.

"ACE is a single point of failure and it's old," Murtagh said. "Every time I have a space weather storm I cringe a little bit that our very own space weather satellite doesn't succumb to the storms I'm relying on it to help forecast."

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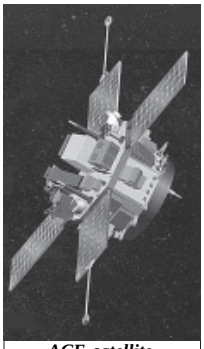


ACE satellite. ACE provides the only advance notice of incoming high-energy particles from the sun which can wreak havoc on indispensable radio, GPS and satellite communications.

Novak Djokovic survives Andujar to enter quarters in Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, 15 March—Novak Djokovic had to lose a set against Spaniard Pablo Andujar, but then made the most of the third set to win 6-0, 6-7, 6-2 and marched into the quarterfinals of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open.

Novak Djokovic started with confidence but then lost the second set to a charging Pablo Andujar.

The World number one later regrouped and took care of the Spaniard in three sets.

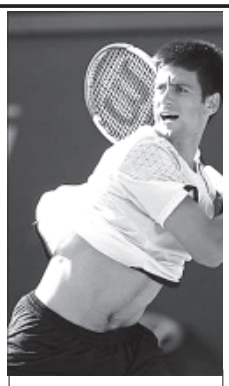
It was blistering performance from Djokovic as he struck his forehands to perfection and moved Andujar from side to side with his backhands efficiently.

Andujar tried his to keep pace with the world number one but was unable to fish out a single game.

Djokovic broke thrice and consolidated with ease to take the first set 6-0.

Andujar played with confidence in the second set as he combined cannon first serves with massive forehands.

He held all his service games with ease and put Djokovic under immense pressure on his service games.



World No 1 Novak Djokovic

He dragged the set to a well deserved tie-breaker and continued his aggression.

He cracked an ace and shot 10 winners to win the set 7-6(5) and leveled scores at one set all.

Djokovic was quick to forget about the past and pounced on the first look of a break point in the first game of the third set.

He took the early break and managed to hold serves consolidating the break.

He then snatched another break of serve in the seventh game and consolidated comfortably.

The Serbian served 4 aces, got 69% first serves and knocked 28 winners to win 6-0, 6-7(5), 6-2.

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20th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues

Amendments made to National Planning Bill

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March—The 20th day session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 526 MPs.

At today's session, MPs submitted proposals to amend 2012-2013 fiscal year National Planning Bill, Union ministers discussed and approval was sought from the parliament to approve the amendment.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and U Soe Tha from Twantay Constituency made proposals to amend the bill and Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein discussed the proposals.

U Soe Tha from Twantay Constituency, U Aye Mauk from Mahlaing Constituency, Dr Aye Maung from Rakhine State Constituency No (1), Daw Nan Wa Nu from Kunhein Constituency, U Min Swe from DaikU Constituency, U Tin Maung Oo from Shwepyitha Constituency, U Maung Toe from Minhla Constituency, U Kyi Tha from Gwa Constituency, U Win Than from Thabaung Constituency, U Myo Myint from Mandalay Region Constituency No (6) and U Mya Thein from Mudon Constituency submitted proposal to amend Appendix-2 of the National Planning Bill and Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Secretary U Sit Myaing of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister for Myanma Industrial Development U Han Sein, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein replied to the proposal.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint at 20th day session Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives at 20th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

The parliament approved the amendment proposals concerning planned investment in the Chapter "State-owned" of the Appendix-2 of the bill as part of the bill, i.e to reduce the volume of special development projects of the President Office by 31.365 per cent, to reduce the work volume of the Information and Public Relations Department and News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Information Ministry by 1.77 per cent, to reduce the quantity of traffic island construction and landscaping works of the Sports Ministry by 20.26 per cent, to reduce the work volume of Zabuthiri Sports Complex construction by 20.93 per cent, to reduce the works of the Irrigation Department under the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry by 28.74 per cent, to reduce the works of the Mechanized Farming Department by 65.89 per cent, to reduce the work volume of the Myanma Pharmaceuticals and Foodstuff Industries, Myanma Ceramics Industries and No. 2 General Heavy Industries under the Industry Ministry by five per cent, to totally suspend the works of Industrial Planning Department of Myanma Industrial Development

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Civil servants working in far-flung areas with difficult access to social affairs granted regional allowances

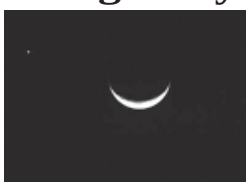
NAY PYI TAW, 15 March —The Ministry of Finance and Revenue has granted a monthly extra allowance of K 30,000 plus a regional allowance equivalent to their monthly salary rate to service personnel serving in 87 far-away townships and sub-townships with difficult access to social affairs as of 1 April 2012 with Notification No.101/2012 dated 8th Waning of Taboung 1373 ME (15-3-2012), it is learnt.—*MNA*

Pre-monsoon rain/squalls warning

NAY PYI TAW, 15 March — During the pre-monsoon period of March to Mid-May, isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in the afternoon or evening accompanied with 35 mph to 40 mph surface wind, hails and lightning due to the rising day temperature in the whole country.

Public are advised to take necessary awareness with the weather news and warning.— *MNA*

Venus and Jupiter cuddling up in night sky



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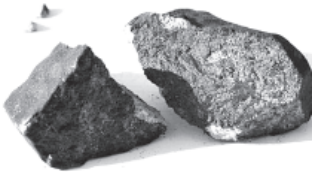

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