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## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Sound foundations laid down

The Tatmadaw with a strong sense of duty and loyalty saved the country several times whenever the country was close to collapse and loss of independence and sovereignty. Also in 1988, the Tatmadaw government saved the country from deteriorating conditions in various sectors and reconstructed the country. Now, it has laid sound foundations to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In order to accomplish the demanding duties, our new government will lay down new policies and programmes according to the objective conditions of the nation.

President U Thein Sein

(The excerpt from address delivered at regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30-3-2011)

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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 25<sup>th</sup> day One question replied, one bill approved, one bill discussed



**Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends 25<sup>th</sup> day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for the 25<sup>th</sup> day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 508 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

The Hluttaw session replied to one question, approved one bill and discussed one bill.

With regard to the question that as **International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea delivered the final verdicts on territorial waters of Myanmar and Bangladesh on 14 March 2012 after hearing arguments of both sides, the situation whether the A1/A3 natural gas deposits found by Myanmar are clear from the territorial sea boundary or not and conditions of verdicts on the sea area to the Myanmar people** are to clarify through this

Hluttaw raised by U Lun Thi of Kungyangon Constituency, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin replied that the case of territorial sea boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar will be presented by dividing into three parts—(1) discussions (2) judgment at ITLOS and (3) generals.

With respect to the discussions, Myanmar territorial waters are sharing border with Bangladesh. Both countries had talks on designating sea boundary, continental shelf and exclusive economic zones from 1974 to 1986. Both sides did not reach agreement on common ground. The talks were ended for 21 years since 1986 as there was no any progress. In October 2008, Bangladesh called for stopping exploratory drilling works at AD-7 block as drilling ship was in Bangladesh's waters.

In order to avoid the tensions between two countries, for designation of sea boundary, expert-level discussions were held for six times during the period from 29-3-2008 to 18-3-2010. During the talks, Bangladesh informed Myanmar that dispute was to be resolved by forming nonentity the panel of judges. In so doing, choosing of judges from both sides did not reach agreement, but both agreed to settle the dispute in ITLOS. Even during the talks, Bangladesh asked for 195° line again, and so both sides failed to agree. Finally, Myanmar has chosen the way to resolve the dispute by legal means. Choosing that way is because of being a member country of convention and resolving the dispute in line with the

charter.

Myanmar formed Special work leading committee in which Union Minister for Foreign Affairs as Chairman to protect Myanmar's interest in a legal bound to the full, to own territorial waters which Myanmar deserved and not to lose Myanmar's waters.

Under the supervision of it, legal experts group and technical experts group were formed and assigned duties. These groups had made preparation in all aspects.

To resolve the dispute at ITLOS, Myanmar sent Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin and Deputy representative Deputy Director-General Daw Hla Myo Nwe of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Hsan of Union Attorney-General Office as its representatives.

Myanmar hired following experts to resolve the dispute.

- Lead counsel Mr Alain Pellet, Professor, University of Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense, France, Member and former Chairman of the International Law Commission, Associate Member of the Institut de droit international,
- Sir Michael Wood, K.C.M.G., Member of the English Bar, United Kingdom, Member of the International Law Commission,
- Mr Mathias Forteau, Professor, University of Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense, France,

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## PERSPECTIVES

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## Towards higher rice production

A projected rise in temperatures because of climate change can thwart rice production. A decline in rice production means that more people will slip into poverty and hunger.

It is learnt that around three billion people eat rice every day, and more than 60 per cent of the world's one billion people who live in Asia depend on rice as their staple.

If we cannot change our rice production methods or develop new rice strains that can withstand higher temperatures, there will be a loss in rice production over the next few decades as days and nights get hotter. And this will get increasingly worse as temperatures rise further towards the middle of the century.

Taking such adverse effects into account, the country has embarked on a series of reforms in agricultural sector in order to ensure food security for its growing population and to keep pace with other rice-growing countries in terms of rice production.

President U Thein Sein himself made a field trip to Ahlyinlo Village, Pynmana Township and Aungchantha Village, Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area the other day and assisted in boosting the production of Palethwe special high-yield hybrid paddy, calling on farmers to switch from the attitude of managing farm in conventional ways to that of taking examples of successful stories from countries with advanced techniques.

Being an agro-based country, Myanmar is pressing ahead with its strategy for boosting the rice production. At such a time it has become apparent that using quality rice strains is good and applying advanced agricultural methods will be even better.

## Union Minister, Region Chief Minister inspect water supply works in Sittway

YANGON, 22 March—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin inspected man-made Kandawgyi Lake which is supplying water to 26 urban wards in Sittway of Rakhine State on 20 March. Kandawgyi Lake is 136.47 acres wide and is the main water supplier to Sittway residents.

They also inspected man-made Satyokya Lake which will be extended to supply 4 million gallons water more for urban Sittway wards.

They then visited the construction site of Satyokya

## FM felicitates Pakistani counterpart

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creek-crossing bridge which will link Sathmu Ward and Satyonesu Ward. They also inspected Youth Training School of Border Affairs Ministry in Makyimyaing Ward and donated K 1.5 million for the school.

The Union Minister, the state chief minister and party met staff of Border Affairs Ministry at U Ottama Hall in Sittway.

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## Region level measles vaccination campaign launched

YANGON, 22 March—Opening of Region level measles vaccination campaign took place at University of Nursing in Lanmadaw Township, here, this morning. It was also attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Patron of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay, Region Ministers and their wives, departmental officials and social organizations.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe delivered an opening address. Head of Region Health Department Dr U Aye Ko Ko explained undertakings.

Afterwards, the Region Chief Minister enjoyed scale-model boat and vaccination and presented gifts to children. He also attended a launching ceremony of water purifiers by WAI International Co., Ltd, at IBC Hall on Pyay Road in Hlaing Township.—MNA

## Kayah State Hluttaw holds its third-day third regular session

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—The third regular session of the first Kayah State Hluttaw continued for the third day

today, attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, Kayah Hluttaw Speaker U Kyaw Swe and 20

representatives.

At the session, four questions were raised and discussed, three proposals

submitted and discussed whether they should be accepted to discuss, the proposal on regional plan bill discussed by a representative and approved and the Kayah State budget bill for 2012 submitted.—MNA

## World Water Day marked

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—World Water Day was marked jointly by the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry, UNDP, UNICEF and FAO at the A & I Ministry, here, with an opening address by Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw on behalf of the Union Minister U Myint Hlaing.

UNDP Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam read the message sent by the UN Secretary-General and FAO Resident Representative Ms. Bui Thi

lan the message sent by the FAO Director-General.

A video clip on world water resources was screened to the attendees. The deputy minister and guests viewed round the booths on water resources.

Then, a paper-reading session was held under the motto of this year's World Water Day—Water and Food Security, chaired by Rector

Dr Tin Htut of University of Agriculture. Officials of the A & I Ministry, UNICEF, FAO and Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries read papers and replied to the queries of the participants.

The celebration was participated by departmental heads of A & I Ministry, Environmental Conservation and Forestry

Ministry, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Ministry, Ministry of Transport, and Ministry of Health, reps of the UNDP, UNICEF, FAO and UN agencies, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Korean International Cooperation Agency, water resources-related NGOs, resource persons and scholars.

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## Dy H&amp;T Minister meets Australian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung received Immigration Counsellor Mr. Greg Wallis of Thailand-based Australian Embassy and Deputy Head Mission Ms. Ruth Stewart of Yangon-Based Australian Embassy at his office yesterday evening. Both sides discussed matters related to progress of Myanmar tourism industry and planning of Australians to visit Myanmar due to their great interest, assigning experts to fulfill the needs for human development resources in Myanmar education sector, and now-facing conditions of using e-Visa in Australia.

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*Fire Prevention Supervisory Committee of Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay Region gave educative talks on fire prevention continuously. The committee has been accelerating to take actions against careless fire users. On 28 February, Fire Prevention Supervisory Committee of Thiri Haymar Ward inspected robe and accessories shops in the compound of Eintawyar pagoda in 246<sup>th</sup> Ward. The committee urged the owners of the shops to be careful use of fire so as not to be frightened for those who paid visit to the pagoda. The committee demonstrated the fire drills using fire extinguishers and left necessary instructions.—NLM*



## French gunman Mohammed Merah shot dead in police raid

TOULOUSE, 22 March—Mohammed Merah, the 23-year-old French gunman who confessed to killing seven people in the city of Toulouse in southwest France, is dead after being shot in the head by a police sniper during a final dramatic shootout with French police. It was the culmination of a 31-hour standoff with hundreds of French anti-terror police who had surrounded the building where Merah had barricaded himself.

French Interior Minister Claude Gueant told reporters Thursday that Merah had ceased communicating with negotiators around midnight, after discussing a possible surrender, giving rise to speculation he might have committed suicide. "But when heavily armed paramilitary police entered the apartment through the door and several windows about 10:30 a.m., Gueant said, Merah burst out of the bathroom, blasting away with several weapons," the Washington Post's Edward Cody reported. Gueant said Merah had fired at police before jumping out of the window where "he was found dead on the ground below."

The Interior Minister wouldn't answer whether Merah had died in the fall or was shot by police, though France 24 commentators noted that the jump from the first-floor window was unlikely to have killed him. French prosecutors later clarified in a news conference Thursday that Merah was shot



**An undated and non-dated video frame grab broadcast on 21 March, 2012 by French national television station France 2 who they claim to show Mohamed Merah, the suspect in the killing of 3 paratroopers, 3 children and a rabbi in recent days in France. About 300 police, some in body armour, have cordoned off a five-storey building in Toulouse where the 24-year-old Muslim shooter, identified as Mohamed Merah, is holed up.—INTERNET**

in the head by a police sniper after he tried to flee.

French prosecutor Francois Molins also confirmed Thursday that they had found video in Merah's apartment, apparently of his perpetrating the killings. A France 24 news editor, Ebba Kalondo, said Merah had claimed in a phone call this week with her that he had filmed all of the shootings.

Internet

## Militants take responsibility for Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 22 March—An al-Qaeda militant group claimed responsibility Wednesday for a rash of deadly attacks across Iraq the day before in which as many as 45 people were killed.

The Islamic State of Iraq said in a statement posted on

an Islamic Web site the attacks were meant to strike at Iraq's security plan ahead of the Arab League summit on 29 March in Baghdad, China's state-run news agency Xinhua reported.

"In a new coordinated wave, the lions of Sunnis in Baghdad and other [Islamic State of Iraq] states simultaneously carried out strikes against the security plan announced by the government of the fools in the Green Zone in preparation for the meeting of the Arab tyrants in Baghdad," the statement said.

Xinhua said the statement's authenticity could not be verified.

As many as 45 people were killed and at least 212 were wounded Tuesday in a string of bombings and other attacks throughout the country that primarily targeted Iraqi security forces.

Iraqi officials previously said unprecedented security measures would be taken in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities during the summit. However, observers said Tuesday's attacks demonstrated how quickly security measures could be breached, Xinhua said.

The string of attacks occurred on the ninth anniversary of the US-led invasion of Iraq that toppled former leader Saddam Hussein.—Internet

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**Atris Hussein (C) a Swedish-Lebanese man suspected of planning an attack in Bangkok is escorted by prison officers as appear at Criminal court in Bangkok on 21 March, 2012.**

INTERNET



## British intelligence agency MI5 warns of attacks outside London during Olympics

LONDON, 22 March—British intelligence agency MI5 has warned the cabinet in a brief meeting that terrorists could target Olympic venues outside London in a plan to attack spectators and athletes at this summer's London Olympic games.

The head of MI5 took the rare step of briefing the whole Cabinet on the terrorism threat to the United

Kingdom in the run up to the Olympics.

Theresa May, Home Secretary also updated colleagues on legislative efforts to address the threat from terrorism.

Senior security officials in the country are worried that other sites around the country could also become targets of the terrorists during the games.

Olympic and Paralympic

rowing events will take place at Eton Dorney, near Windsor Castle, 25 miles west of the capital, road cycling will be held at Brands Hatch racing circuit in Kent, while sailing events will be based in Weymouth.

Other venues include stadiums in Newcastle, Coventry, Cardiff, and Manchester, The Telegraph reports.

During a 40-minute

meeting in Parliament yesterday, the MI5 director-general, Jonathan Evans, briefed Cabinet ministers on the threats facing the country in the period leading up to the Games.

It is thought to be the first time that Evans has addressed a full meeting of the Prime Minister senior team.

However, Downing Street played down the meeting, describing Evans's briefing as a 'routine' update.

Internet

## Russia to let NATO use airport as hub

MOSCOW, 22 March—Russia plans to allow NATO to use a Volga region airport for transporting soldiers and military cargo to and from Afghanistan, officials say.

The plan to base the hub at the airport in Ulyanovsk, the birthplace of Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin, has drawn criticism from opponents, who say it would threaten Russia's national security, the RIA Novosti news agency reported.

The plan to use the base comes as NATO prepares to pull out of Afghanistan. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told lawmakers last week, "We are helping the coalition primarily out of our own national interest." He called the plan "a means to assist those who are eradicating the threats of terrorism and drug trafficking in Afghanistan."

But the Communist Party called the plan a "threat" to Russia's "national security." "The Communist Party decisively condemns the intention to ensure a permanent foreign military presence in the heart of Russia and demands that the Russian leadership stop the implementation of this idea," a party statement said.

"For the first time in the history of the Russian Empire, the USSR and the Russian Federation, a foreign military base would appear on our soil a base of a military bloc that the majority of our population view as hostile."

RIA Novosti said analysts dismissed concerns about the plan as a product of Cold War-era rhetoric and say the hub would benefit both Russia and NATO.

Internet



**Doctors and police officers examine a body at a hospital in Quetta, southwest Pakistan, on 21 March, 2012. At least two policemen were killed as unknown gunmen opened fire on a police check post in Jinnah Town area of Quetta on Wednesday.—XINHUA**

## Colombia's FARC to release 10 kidnapped officers

BOGOTA, 22 March—The rebellious Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) would release on 10 Monday army and police officers kidnapped over a decade ago, former Senator Piedad Cordoba said on Wednesday.

"With great joy and satisfaction, we inform you that on Monday the FARC will released the 10 officers who remain under their control," said Cordoba, who was mediating the releases.

Colombian government

officials have met with representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross and others involved to discuss details of the impending releases.

Last month, the FARC announced its decision to release the officers in response to a request from an advocacy group led by Cordoba. Yet the process reached a deadlock in recent days when a FARC message conditioned the release on the government's authorization for activists to visit the prisons where former rebels were held.

The matter was resolved on Wednesday when Cordoba said she was confident to get that permission after the releases.

Xinhua

## Abbas blames Israel for peace standstill

RAMALLAH, 22 March—Israeli settlement policy and refusal to freeze construction are responsible for an impasse in Mideast peace talks, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said. "Israeli intransigence and refusal to accept the principle of a two-state solution and freeze settlement activities have foiled international efforts to salvage the peace process," The Jerusalem Post quoted the Palestinian leader as telling Western diplomats in Ramallah Tuesday.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat denied media reports suggesting the United States was pressuring Abbas to resume peace talks

with Israel. His comments came a day after US President Barack Obama spoke with Abbas about resuming the process and reaffirmed his commitment to Middle East peace, the English language daily said.

An unnamed aide to the Palestinian president told the newspaper Abbas told Obama he would be willing to resume talks if Israel meets all of the Palestinian demands, which include a freeze on all construction in West Bank settlements and East Jerusalem and recognition of the pre-1967 borders, the paper said.

Internet



**Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack in Kerbala, 110 km (70 miles) south of Baghdad, on 20 March, 2012.**

REUTERS

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues...

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- Mr Daniel Muller, Consultant in Public International Law, Researcher, Centre de droit international de Nanterre (CEDIN), University of Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense, France
- Mr Coalter Lathrop, Attorney-Adviser, Sovereign Geographic, Member of the North Carolina Bar, United States of America.
- Mr Benjamin Samson, Researcher, Centre de droit international de Nanterre (CEDIN), University of Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense, France
- Mr Eran Stthoeger, LLM, New York University School of Law, United States of America
- Ms Heloise Bajer-Pellet, Lawyer, Member of the Paris Bar, France
- Geologist Dr Thura Oo, Pro-rector of Meiktila University, Myanmar.
- Mr Min Thein Tint, Captain, Commanding Officer, Myanmar Naval Hydrographic Center
- Mr Coalter Lathrop, Attorney-Adviser, Sovereign Geographic, Member of the North Carolina Bar, United States of America
- Mr Octavian Buzatu, Hydrographer, Romania

On Bangladesh side, Minister for

Foreign Affairs Ms Dipu Moni served as representative and Mr Md Khurshed Alam, Rear Admiral (Retd), Additional secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs as deputy representative. Bangladesh also hired international legal experts and hydrographers. As a legal process, Bangladesh submitted memorial and reply and Myanmar, counter-memorial and rejoinder during the ITLOS-designated period.

Experts from both countries filed their petitions along with evidences, codes at the Court from 8-9-2011 to 24-9-2011. Bangladesh's major claims and ITLOS's resolution are that there were contracts for sea boundary between in 1974 and in 2008; ITLOS rejects Bangladesh's claim; ITLOS designated 12 miles with respect to Bangladesh's claims for 12 miles for Saint Martin's Island and exclusive economic zone and continental shelf; ITLOS rejected Angle Bi-sector method. ITLOS also rejected claim for extension of continental shelf more than 200 miles as Myanmar land has no natural prolongation to the Bay of Bengal; and ITLOS rejected legal evidences, the 1974 meeting records all agreed by not only naval officers but also fishermen as agreement, which were submitted by Bangladesh.

In Bangladesh's claiming maritime boundary lines, it demanded the line stretching seven points as included in the agreed minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Myanmar-Bangladesh Maritime Boundary Demarcation Meeting in 1974. The line is from Point No.1 design-



**Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe makes discussions.**—MNA



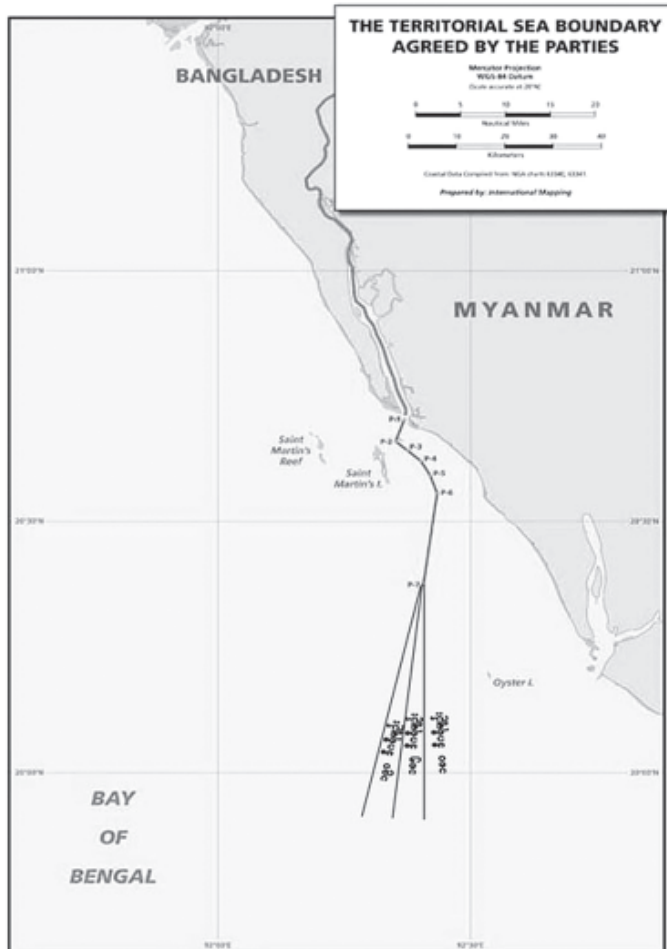
**Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin responses to questions.**  
MNA

nated as Myanmar-East Pakistan (Bangladesh) regular Nuf River course boundary designated in 1966 stretching the middle points between Bangladesh's Saint Martin Island and Myanmar coasts to Point No.7 between the 12<sup>th</sup> nautical mile arc to the southernmost of Saint Martin Island and the 12<sup>th</sup> nautical mile arc from Myanmar's nearest coast.

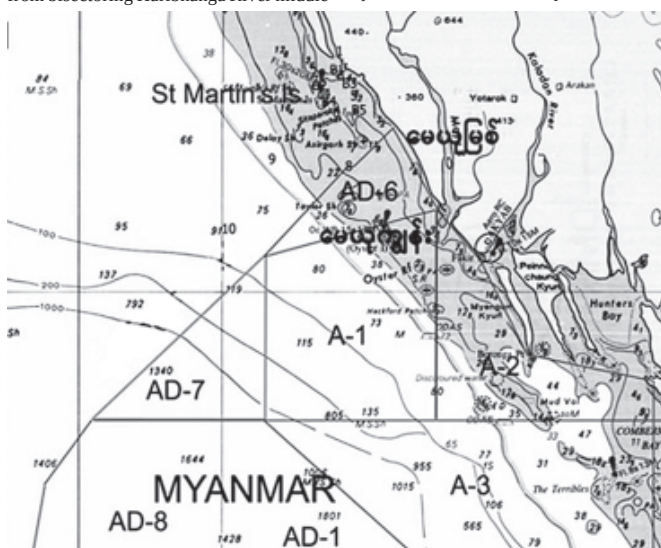
In claiming continental shelf boundary lines, Bangladesh demanded with angle bisector method. The 215° line obtained from bisecting Haribhanga River middle

is from Haribhanga River middle point between India and Bangladesh and Nuf River middle point between Myanmar and Bangladesh and that the line is 348.5 kilometers long. It is stated that Myanmar's coastal length is from Nuf River mouth to Bluff Cape which is only a half of Rakhine coastal length and that it is 369 kilometers long. The two lengths were proportioned and the ratio of Bangladesh's coastal length is 1:1.06.

Bangladesh coastal area is 69717 square kilometers while Myanmar coastal



**Bangladesh's claims on territorial sea boundary line crossing Myanmar's territorial sea boundary area.**—MNA



**Bangladesh's claims on AD-7 block as its water territory in 2008 but ITLOS's decision reveals that it originally exists in Myanmar's water territory.**  
MNA

point between India and Bangladesh and Nuf River middle point between Myanmar and Bangladesh and Bhiif Cape point in Rakhine Coast of Myanmar was shifted to Point No.7 which is the end point of maritime boundary demanded by Bangladesh. That 215° line was changed into North Latitude 17° 25' 7" and East Longitude 90° 15' 49.0'. The line was marked along the 200 nautical mile coast of Myanmar and the end point was up to Point No.16 in Andaman Sea as agreed by Myanmar-India agreement. Bangladesh claimed up to more than 200 nautical miles of continental shelf boundary line.

After maritime boundary lines had been fixed, the bilateral area ratio was analyzed in comparison with the coastal length ratio. Bangladesh claimed that its relevant coast

area is 86931 square kilometers. The area ratio between Bangladesh and Myanmar is 1:1.25. As it is not much different from the coastal ratio 1:1.06, it is stated that the demanded line is fair and just according to the proportionality test.

According to the ITLOS decision over Myanmar claims, it is learnt that the demand to draw the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf boundary line through equidistance/relevant circumstances method was accepted. As for the demand of Myanmar to designate 6 nautical miles around Bangladesh's Saint Martin Island with half effect, ITLOS allowed a circuit of the island. However, it allowed 12 nautical miles. It was decided that ITLOS has the authority to rule a case of continental shelf of more than 200 miles.

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The maritime boundary line claimed by Myanmar starts from Point (A) designated as Myanmar-East Pakistan (Bangladesh) regular Naf River course boundary at the Nuf River mouth between Myanmar and Bangladesh stretching middle points B, B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5 between Saint Martin Island and Myanmar coast, Point (C) six miles from the nearest point of Myanmar's coast and Point (D) between six miles to southernmost of Saint Martin Island and 12 miles from the nearest point of Myanmar coast. Point (D) then stretches to Point (E) that meets the 12th mile arc to the southernmost of Saint Martin Island and the equidistance line drawn against Myanmar-Bangladesh mail coast. Point (E) is drawn stretching to Point (F), Point (G) and then to 231° 37' 50.9" in order not to harm the right of the third country.

The Bangladesh coastal line was demarcated in four sections. The two inner sections – the right and left coasts of the basin – which meet face to face were not taken into consideration as it did not effect the dividing of the maritime boundary. So, the total length is 364 kilometers. The Myanmar coastal length is 740 kilometers from the Nuf River mouth to Cape Negrais near Mawtinson. The coastal ration between Bangladesh and Myanmar is 1:2.03. In the relevant area claimed by Myanmar, the area Bangladesh has received is 80406 square kilometers while the area Myanmar has received is 156133 square kilometers. The area ratio is 1:1.94 so it is not different from the length ratio. It was therefore decided the boundary line was not required to be adjusted.

ITLOS give its final decision on 14-3-2012. The abovementioned line was the maritime boundary line claimed by

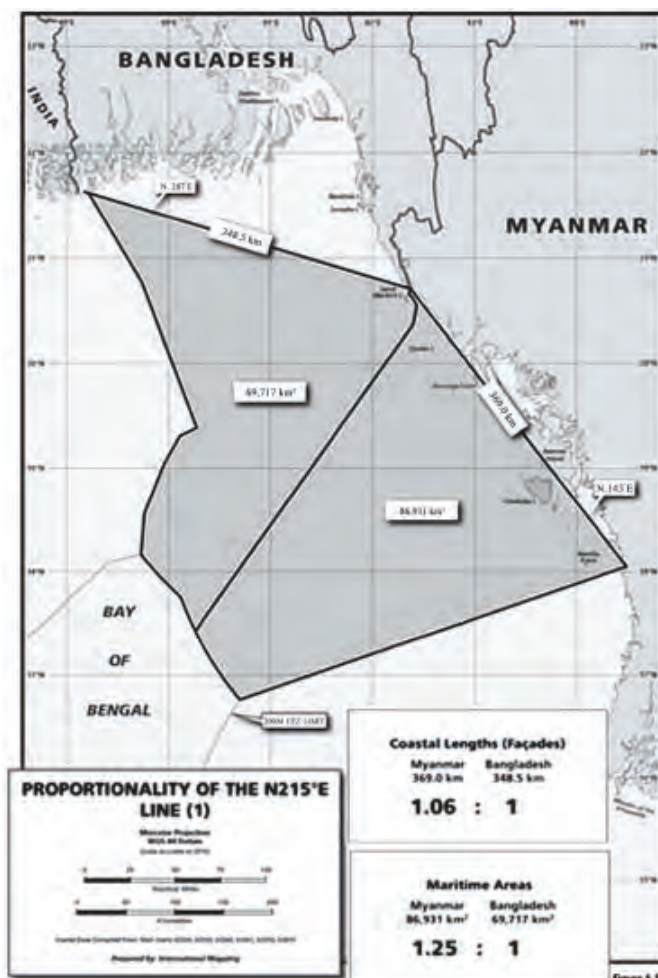
Myanmar and Bangladesh. The line was drawn starting from Point No.1 at the Nuf River mouth as included in Nuf River regular boundary agreement signed between Myanmar and East Pakistan (Now Bangladesh) in 1966. The continued line from Point No.1 was drawn as equidistance line or method between Bangladesh's Saint Martin Island and the Myanmar coast. It is a continued line from Point No.2 to Point No.8, which meets the 12th mile arc of Saint Martin Island and the 12th mile arc of the Myanmar coast. Point No.8 stretches to Point No.9 that touches 235° from Nuf River mouth drawn with equidistance method.

ITLOS designated the maritime boundary line between Saint Martin Island and Myanmar coast as the similar line claimed in Myanmar's rejoinder. It was drawn with a 12 mile circulate of the island.

As for exclusive economic zone/continental shelf boundary line, in the memo, the provisional equidistance line drawn by Myanmar was drawn out of two Bangladesh Control Points and Myanmar Control Point No.3. ITLOS drawn provisional equidistance line is like the control point or fundamental points submitted by Myanmar according to equidistance method and provisional equidistance line including a fundamental point drawn by ITLOS for Myanmar. The exclusive economic zone/continental shelf boundary line designated by ITLOS was drawn Point No.9 to Point No.10 meeting the 12th mile arc and the equidistance line. Point No.9 and Point No.10 are Point E and Point F of the line demanded in Myanmar's rejoinder.

The tribunal then chose the point No. 11 to continue from point No.10. In so doing, to remedy the cut-off effect at No.11, to find equitable solution in line with ocean law, it was demarcated to over 200 nautical miles with 215° line in considering that the middle one of the three parallel coastal countries can become land-locked if its coast is concave.

The ITLOS, in demarcating the coast for the two nations, has allowed 423 kilometers for Bangladesh and 587 kilometers



**Bangladesh-Myanmar coastal length and area proportionality according to Bangladesh's memorial.—MNA**

for Myanmar. The coastal area ratio between Bangladesh and Myanmar fixed by the ITLOS is 1:1.42. Bangladesh gets 111631 square kilometers and Myanmar gets 171832 square kilometers according to the demarcation line in the area arbitrated by the ITLOS.

Bangladesh demanded 69717 square kilometers and got 111631 square kilometers according to the demarcation line decided by the ITLOS, receiving 41914 square kilometers more. Those areas lie between Bangladesh and the northern Bangladesh.

The ITLO demarcated Myanmar's coastal area to Cape Negrais in proportionality test as demanded by Myanmar. It did not agree the proposed demarcation of Bangladesh. The decision of the ITLOS is right and appropriate and the coastal length ratio between Bangladesh and Myanmar is 1:1.42 and the coastal ratio allowed is 1:1.54.

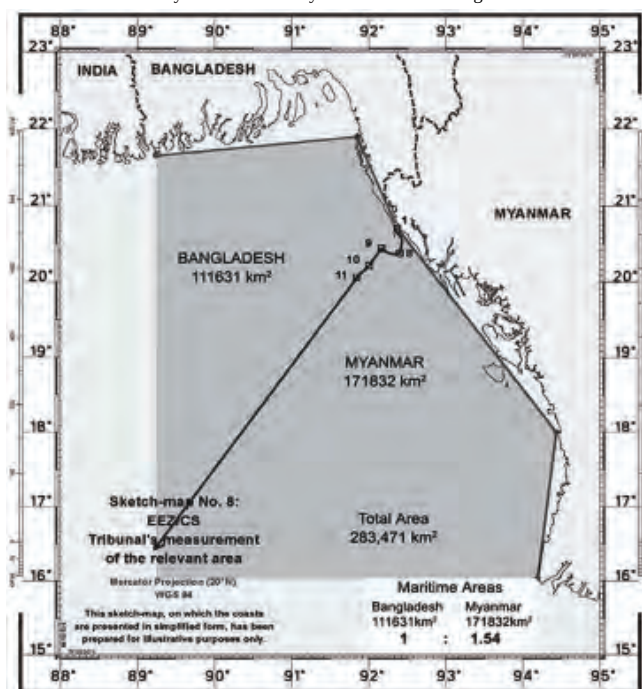
According to the line of demarcation fixed by the ITLOS, AD-7, AD-8 and AD-9 oilfields currently under drilling are clearly within Myanmar's side, with increased prospects for water areas with offshore drilling potentials. Bangladesh asked Myanmar to stop test-drilling of AD-7 oilfield in 2008 and claimed that that water area was within its territory. But, according to the line of demarcation decided by the ITLOS, it is evident that that area belongs to Myanmar.

Both sides unanimously acknowledged the ITLOS's authority for demarcation of all the three borders, namely

territorial waters, continental shelf, and exclusive economic zone in its final verdict. Bangladesh demanded that ITLOS has the power to make decision for demarcation of offshore shallow sea which is over 200 nautical miles long. It was put to the vote, 21 juries voted yes and 1 no. Myanmar claimed that there was no agreement between the nations on sea territory. It was put to the vote and the result was 20 "yes" vote and 2 "no" votes. Myanmar demanded to the draw the demarcation line of sea territory based on middle line principle, enveloping St. Martin Island. It is put to the vote and the result was 21 "yes" votes and one "no" votes. Myanmar also demanded to demarcate boundary of the exclusive economic zones and continental shelf with equidistance relevant circumstances. It was put to the vote, receiving 21 "yes" votes and one "no" vote.

According to the line of demarcation set by the ITLOS, all the oilfields including AD-7, AD-8 and AD-9 which are now under drilling are still within the territorial waters of Myanmar. So, it is the firm confirmation to Myanmar to continue drilling all the oilfields within its waters. Regarding the A-1 and A-3 natural gas deposit, A-1 was divided as A1-1 and A1-2 in 1997 and since that time those oilfields are clearly within Myanmar side. The decision that ITLOS has authority to demarcate for continental shelf longer than 200 miles does not mean interfering to the work of the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

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**The map showing Bangladesh and Myanmar's territorial waters according to ITLOS boundary line.—MNA**

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Myanmar then proposed to the commission to let it have up to 350 nautical miles of its continental shelf, on 16 December, 2008. Myanmar also submitted scientific and technical evidences in its proposal in line with the provisions of the UN Convention on Law of the Sea. The commission postponed to consider Myanmar's proposal because of Bangladesh's objection to the proposal and lawsuit between the two nations.

The ITLOS did not agreed the Bangladesh's demand which said that Myanmar has no right to extend more than 200 nautical miles but only has the right to have 50 nautical miles from main Rakhine Coast. However, the verdict of ITLOS can help avert the deadlock. It is learnt that there are good prospects for over 200 nautical miles long continental shelf. Myanmar proposed to the UN Commission on Limits of the Continental Shelf on 25 February, 2011 for letting it have continental shelf up to over 200 nautical miles. As the commission loads of works to settle, it can consider Myanmar's proposal only in 2036 as the earliest.

Most of the global nations are asking the UN to let them extend their continental shelf up to 350 nautical miles. It is because the world's rare precious resources have never been exploited in 350 nautical miles long Deep Ocean. Because of the significant cooperation prospects between the profit-making organizations who have interests in exploring in the area exceeding 200 nautical miles and the nation who can extend the area, global nations are focusing special attention on it. The verdict of ITLOS is fair and just both to the two nations. The judges made fair decisions broadly assessing from legal and technical standpoints. ITLOS has accepted the legal points of Myanmar as it is completely true.

The ITLOS neither allowed the demarcation line purposed by Bangladesh nor proposed by Myanmar. According to the essence of Convention on Law of the Sea, it needs to give Bangladesh the exit to ocean and consider the geographical concavity of Bangladesh's coast. The ITLOS made fair judgment based on the methods proposed by Myanmar in conformity with provisions of the law of the sea, and international rules and regulations to be fair to Bangladesh. Thanks to the fair judgment of the ITLOS, the territorial waters dispute between Myanmar and Bangladesh has been settled peacefully and the amity and good neighbourliness between the two nations could be maintained.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe responded to the discussions that are not included in the amendment of the budget concerning the Union Budget Bill 2012. Next, approvals were sought from the Hluttaw paragraph by paragraph regarding the amendments.

In the discussions, Union Minister U Hla Tun said that The Union Budget Bill 2012-2013 fiscal year was redrawn due to raising the extra cash assistance and wages, permission of regional allowance and raising cash assistance and loans to regions and states in addition to reducing the budget of the Union. In so doing, the Union Budget Bill 2012 was drawn in line with the provisions of the National Planning Bill 2012-2013 fiscal year approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the amendments. Although there was K 251788 million budget deficit, compared with K 1953712 million in the new bill. The ratio of deficit to GDP declined to 3.2 % from 4.9%.

In her response, Deputy Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said that the capital expenditure was subtracted from the incomes of cost-sharing health care, and 50 per cent from the remaining amount were paid as ordinary income of the State. Income from the sales of medicines is used as the circular fund spent on providing assistance to needy persons, poor persons, prisons, those from religious affairs and the persons allowed to enjoy the assistance under the law. Medicines for disease control were allowed to all patients free of charge. Likewise, X-ray and lab services were provided to the above-mentioned persons with free service, and 25 per cent from the remaining income were paid to the State. Cost sharing health care is aimed at using the necessities for the hospital in line with the law, providing assistance for needy persons, poor persons, unaffordable personnel, prisons and religious persons (monks and nuns) and those allowed to enjoy the rights under the law at the hospital. At present, the State will manage the service in line with the present policies.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe responded to the discussions, saying that the projects presented in the reports on income and expenditure in 2012-2013 fiscal year are aimed to undertake regional development; the projects has been implemented to some extent depending on the fund in 2012-2013 fiscal year; and project materials have been purchased. As approval has been sought from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to implement the projects as quickly as possible, the projects will be undertaken continuously.

The Hluttaw approved title of the **Union Budget Bill 2012**, section title, chapter title, para 1, para 2, para 3 (a, b and c), para 4 (b), para 6 (a) and subpara (i), para 6 (b), para 8, para 10, para 12 (a), para 13, para 14, para 15 (a, d, g), para 17, para 18, para 20, para 22 and table 1-10 of the bill in line with the original provisions of the bill, para 3(d), para 4(c), para 5, para 6 (ii) (iii),



**Bangladesh's claim on maritime boundary line.—MNA**

para 7, para 11, para 12 (b), para 15 (b, c, d, f), para 16 (b), para 16 (b), para 19 (a, b), para 21, para 23 (a) and para 24 in line with the amendment of the Joint bill Committee and para 4 (a), para 6 (c) and para 23 (b) in line with amendment of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

With regard to the bill, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Projects and Financial Development Committee U Soe Tha said that the committee scrutinized and reduced the per cent of capital expenditure to be assessed by department concerned in line with the original planning bill. Although the Ministry of Construction proposed to reduce 52.93 per cent reduction, suspension and postponing from the original projects, the department concerned reduced 30.19 per cent only from it. Although Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 earmarked to reduce 37.89 per cent from expenditur K 342,663.479 million by submitting some projects, proposal was submitted to reduce 9.93 per cent from the demanded cash amount. The ministry concerned can select the projects to be reduced by 9.19 per cent. Thus, the ministry concerned is to reconsider Aungthabye-

Naungyahsaing 33 KV power grid and Thaton-Mawlamyine 230 KV power grid in the projects to be implemented in 2012-2013 fiscal year, and it is probability to give priority to implementation of the projects.

As Union Minister U Hla Tun submitted the proposal to approve the whole Union Budget Bill 2012, the Hluttaw approved it.

In drawing the bill, U Than Sein of Kyimyindine Constituency, U Sai Than Naing of Papun Constituency, U Thauang Han of Yinnabin Constituency, Daw Dwe Bu of Injangyan Constituency, U Ha Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency No. 8, U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu Constituency and U Soe Soe of Htigayng Constituency who submitted proposal of amendment participated in discussion of para 27 (b) of **Bill Amending Ward or Village-tract Administration Law**.

Approval will be sought from the Hluttaw for **Bill Amending Ward or Village-tract Administration Law**.

Today's session came to an end at 3.30 pm, and the 26<sup>th</sup> day session will commence at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

## Primary education schools upgraded in Myaing Township, Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun addressed the ceremonies to give permits for school-upgrading held in primary schools of Nyaungbingon and Thayetkan villages in Myaing Township, Magway Region

yesterday.

The Union Minister then handed over the permits of the Education Ministry to the school heads. The Union Minister's wife presented school uniforms to teachers and the wellwishers, cash for education fund, followed by words of thanks of a local.

The Union Minister attended the opening of library in Kaingawma Village. On the occasion, wellwishers donated publications, periodicals and cash for the library.

MNA

## Anti-measles campaign conducted in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—Massive campaign against measles 2012 in Mandalay Region was launched at Mandalay City Hall this morning, with an address by Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing.

Over 0.5 million children aged between nine months and five years from townships in Mandalay Region will be vaccinated against measles from 22 to 31 March.—MNA

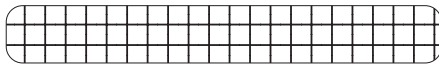


Child Medical Ward in Mawlamyine, Mon State is providing healthcare services to local children.

## Health infrastructures built in Mon and Kayah States to provide public healthcare services to local people

Loikaw People's Hospital in Kayah State offers healthcare to local people.

Translation: MT



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Mawlamyine Traditional Hospital providing health care to local people in Mon State.

Duya Station Hospital covering health care to rural areas in Yay Township, Mon State.



### Former Nazi guard Demjanjuk dies in Germany aged 91

BERLIN, 22 March—John Demjanjuk, a retired US engine mechanic convicted for his role in killing 28,000 Jews as a guard at a Nazi death camp during World War Two, died on Saturday aged 91 in a care home in Germany, police said.

Once top of the Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Centre's list of most wanted Nazi criminals, Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk denied the charges against him, saying he was drafted into the Soviet army in 1941 and then taken prisoner by the Germans.

A Munich court convicted Demjanjuk in May 2011 of helping to kill the Jews at the Sobibor death

camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. He was sentenced to five years in prison but freed because of his age. He died on Saturday morning at the care home near Rosenheim, south of Munich, where he had been living, Bavarian police said.

"My father fell asleep with the Lord today as both a victim and survivor of Soviet and German brutality from childhood till death," his son, John Demjanjuk Jr, said in a statement from his home in Ohio. "History will show Germany shamefully used him as a scapegoat to blame helpless Ukrainian POWs for the deeds of Nazi Germany," he said.—Reuters

### Old bombs found on Scottish beach

NAIRN, (Scotland), 22 March—Unexploded bombs that may date from World War II were discovered Wednesday morning on a beach in eastern Scotland, authorities said.

Part of Nairn Beach was blocked off, the *Highland News* reported. Bomb disposal experts from Edinburgh were brought in to defuse the devices.

Northern Constabulary

described the devices as 2-inch mortar bombs. In a statement, police said East Beach in Nairn had been reopened.

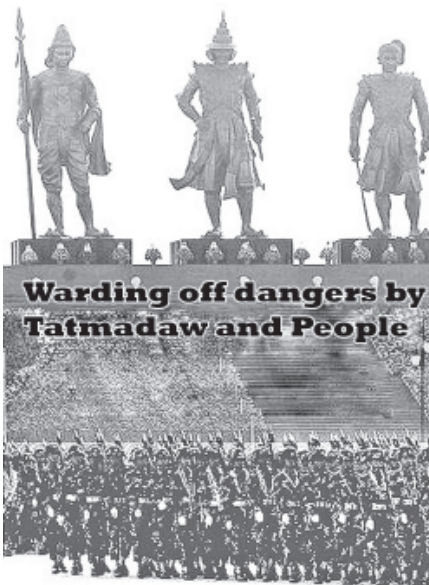
Nairn is an ancient fishing port east of Inverness that has been a popular beach and golfing resort for 150 years. The beach was used to train British troops for the D-Day landings during World War II.

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## Hailing the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day

# From eternal peace to building modern patriotic Tatmadaw

*Padaung Than Kywe*



Every sovereign nation of the world has the armed force established for security and defence of the country. Each and every sovereign nation must form an armed force to perform national political procedures for peace, stability and development of the country.

Tatmadaw is an institution which at its best serves the national interest, the lifeblood of a sovereign country. With no linkage with party politics, the organization performs duties till its last blood, putting the national interest at the forefront.

The main duty of Tatmadaw is to fulfill requirements for perpetuation of the country which are perpetuation of sovereignty, perpetuation of territory and perpetuation of national unity. It also assumes responsibilities to help civilian authorities with rule of law and stability.

Myanmar stood tall in the global stage under its own monarchy since many years ago. Since 3 BC, it was an independent nation ruled by its own emperors of Visano, Hanlin, Suvannabhumi, Tagaung, Vasali and Srikestra.

King Anawrahta of Bagan organized many scattered regions and established first Myanmar Empire. Based in Toungoo, King Bayint Naung formed second Myanmar Empire, assembling many dispersed regions. Alaungmintaya U Aung Zeya, headquartered in Shwebo, built up third Myanmar Empire. These are great times in history of Myanmar. The national unity was strong then. We owned strong armed force or Myanmar Tatmadaw.

In 19<sup>th</sup> century, British colonialists annexed India

and then Myanmar waging three wars in 1824, 1852 and 1885. Due to British invasion, Myanmar lost its sovereignty and independence, with its monarchy overthrown.

Weaknesses in arms, coping military strategies and tactics for advanced arms and science and industrial development are main causes that led to Myanmar's loss in three wars with Britain. Guns Myanmar Tatmadaw used then are Match Lock guns which need a string sunk in gunpowder to ignite fire.

British forces did not more use that kind of gun since 14 April, 1960. They started to use flint lock guns in battlefields. They could even land Common Shells and Shrapnel Shells, anti-fort artillery and rockets. It is to be reviewed that Myanmar lost in the wars following weakness in arms or then-unfashionable Myanmar Tatmadaw.

Myanmar national heroes who did not want to live under colonialist rule opted to fight against. They convincingly showed patriotic spirit and nationalist fervor of Myanmar people.

Myanmar youths started to begin armed struggle against the colonialists as World War II broke out in 1939. Young leaders of Myanmar such as Thakhin Aung San, Thakhin Shu Maung and so on had contact with the Japanese and secretly left for Japan. Myanmar youths who embarked on the adventure leaving the country, better known as Thirty Comrades, received an intense military training in Japan in 1941.

Burma Independence Army (BIA) was formed on 26 December, 1941, under the leadership of the Thirty Comrades. As originally intended, the Tatmadaw drove the British colonialists from Myanmar soil. The people cooperated with the Tatmadaw in the fight against the colonialists. After the colonialists run away from the country, Japan broke their promise to declare Independence of Myanmar with no strings attached.

Following the will of the fascists, BIA was abolished on 27 July, 1942 and Burma Defence Army was formed with the force of only 3000. It was the scheme of the fascists to reduce the capacity of sizable Myanmar's armed force. Japan declared Myanmar's Independence on 1 August, 1943 and Central Military Federation (Defence Council) called a meeting on 15 September, 1943, and decided to rename BDA as Burma National Army.

The Independence the fascists granted was the fake. They severely ill-treated the people. So, BNA prepared to engage in armed combat against the fascism, standing up for the people.

BNA rallied the entire people in world-known revolution against the fascists on 27 March, 1945. BNA clearly defeated the fascists with the support of the people.

The Britain eventually granted Myanmar's Independence, realizing capacity and courage of patriotic BNA and unity of people who had fought against the fascist Japan. Myanmar restored her Independence on 4 January,

1948, and regained the position of a sovereign nation.

The 27 March, the day the Tatmadaw started to stand on its own feet in Myanmar's independence struggle, is set as Armed Forces Day.

In post-independence period, domestic violence broke out due to the instigation of the colonialists. Keeping faith in national interest, Tatmadaw defeated domestic insurgents and drove alien invaders from Myanmar soil. Born of the people, the patriotic Tatmadaw assumes military duty of safeguard Independence and sovereign of the country against destructive elements at home and abroad. It also initiated economic reforms every time the country faced devastating conditions. Tatmadaw always accomplished every duties fell to them.

For the first time in 1958, Tatmadaw took control of the State, formed caretaker government and successfully held the election. That was to prevent bloodshed from government split-up and to maintain parliamentary democratic system.

Due to weaknesses of the ruling government, disputes were broken out among the national people in 1962 and the Union was brought to the verge of disintegration. Tatmadaw, which could not turn a blind eye to condition of loss of independence, staged a coup for second time on 2 March, 1962, and made reforms in the national interest. Revolutionary Council formed with leaders of Tatmadaw established a foundation for socialism, aspired

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### POEM

## The benefactor

- \* **Started the Resistance with valor in summer**  
**That was the Myanmar month of Taboung**
- \* **Resolve, gallantry and strength**  
**Were the decisive factor**
- \* **Unswervingly and relentlessly**  
**Lives were sacrificed**
- \* **Standing as the vanguard**  
**Amidst a lot of sufferings**
- \* **Always marching forward**  
**Glory ever for Myanmar**
- \* **Race, religion, language**  
**Always in embrace**
- \* **In the service of national defence**  
**Both in plains and states**
- \* **Crushed and wiped out**  
**All evil and diabolic acts**
- \* **Proclaiming itself in glory**  
**Myanmar of the present day**  
**Thanks to strong patriotism**  
**National races have in hearts**  
**Image ever impressive**  
**All are accomplishments of Tatmadaw**

*Kanbalu Khin Maung Swe (Trs)*

**Regarding stability of the State, the State is adopting new principles to restore eternal peace in the Union, in light of consideration of reality and past experiences. Roughly speaking, peace making tasks are progressing. Three Steps—State-level talks, Union-level negotiations and signing agreement at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw—have been adopted in establishing lasting peace, inviting armed groups to enter into dialogue. Peace making tasks are somewhat successful now and the eternal peace will prevail in the immediate future.**

## From eternal peace to building...

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by the people and recommended by Bogoyoke Aung San. Political movements against one-party system sprung up among the people in 1988. Insurgents, aboveground and underground, instigated the people, taking advantage of these movements to bring anarchy. Keeping faith in national interest, Tatmadaw, which could not turn a blind eye to disintegration of the country, again launched a coup for third time. This third coup meant that the Tatmadaw prevented the terrible conditions around the country and disintegration of national unity in time.

It has been three times Tatmadaw seized control of the country and led national politics in the history of Myanmar. These are done not by the will of Tatmadaw but by the call of duty to take a leading role in establishing foundation for new political systems desired by the people.

At present, Tatmadaw is chronicling history, portraying well-deserved reputation of faith in national interest. Leaders of Tatmadaw turned from politicians to soldiers when they needed to hold arms in independence struggle. When they needed to go into politics, they turned themselves into national politicians. So, Tatmadaw has fascinating political and military history.

Tatmadaw government handed over executive, legislation and judicial powers to civilian government formed under the constitution on 30-3-2011. Tatmadaw is doing its bit in implementing tasks for stability,

## 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- \* To firmly uphold the objectives, namely, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- \* To play a leading role in national politics of the State with Union Spirit, the true patriotic spirit
- \* To safeguard the constitution, the main responsibility of the Tatmadaw in building modern, developed democratic nation
- \* To build a strong, competent, modern patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the State

development, socio-economic improvement of the people and democratization processes of the State.

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Successful implementation of eternal peace making

tasks are vital important for the State and the people. Based on domestic peace and political stability, the people will increase their chances to enjoy better quality of life following change in international attitude, increased foreign investment and growing reputation in international arena.

Tatmadaw, which assumes duties of sustainable socio-economic development of the people, stability of the State and perpetuation of the sovereignty, needs to continue building strong, talented and patriotic armed forces. After restoring eternal peace, Tatmadaw will become the only armed forces, strong, capable and patriotic.

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Translation: HKA

## Second Seminar and Workshop on Measurement Standards in Myanmar held



YANGON, 22 March—Jointly organized by National Institute of Metrology (Thailand), Japan International Cooperation Agency and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Second Seminar and Workshop on Measurement

Standards in Myanmar, with the sponsorship of Myanmar Science and Technology Department of the Ministry of Science and Technology, was opened from 14 to 16 March free of charge.

Vice-President of the federation U Zaw Min Win, Deputy Director-General of the Myanmar Science and

Technology Department U Win Khaing Moe and JICA Resident Representative Mr Masahiko Tanaka made speeches.

It was attended by General Secretary Dr Myo Thet of UMFCCL, CEC members, executives, departmental officials, guests and trainees.—UMFCCI

## Bankers of illegal two-digit lottery arrested

YANGON, 22 March—Bankers of illegal two-digit lottery were arrested one after another in Kyimyindine Township of Yangon Region on 13 and 14 March.

Together with the witnesses, SIP Thet Naing Win, Police Cpl Aung Myint Win and Police L/Cpl Kyaw Soe Aung, acting on tip-off, searched an apartment on Upper Insein Road in East Zaygyi Ward of Kyimyindine Township and seized numbers of digits and amounts of money written on the papers, K 73200 and two mobile phones used in operating sales of the illegal lottery.

The team also searched a house in Panhlaing Housing of Panhlaing Ward in Kyimyindine Township at 3 pm on 14 March. They seized the papers written with numbers of digits and amounts of money, a table of illegal lottery, a calculator, a mobile phone and wager K 250,000.

Action was taken against the offender.—Myanma Alin

## Community-based TB control project launched in Pyawbwe

PYAWBWE, 22 March—Jointly organized by National TB Eradication of Myanmar Red Cross Society and Global Fund, the clarification on community-based TB control project was held in conjunction with the ceremony to open the TB patient care course at the hall of the People's Hospital in Pyawbwe Township on 12 March afternoon.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Kyaw Aung Hsan of

Pyawbwe Township, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Khin Maung Si, departmental officials, Head of Township Health Department Dr Than Lwin and health staff, Dr Shu Kyi of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Myint Myint Htwe and members, Deputy Commanding Officer of Township Red Cross Battalion Than Win and

members, ward administrators and guests.

Medical Superintendent Dr Than Lwin explained conditions of township TB infection. Dr Shu Kyi of MRCS briefed them on the matters related to community-based TB control project and then gave lectures to the trainees.

Altogether 20 trainees attended the course that lasted three days beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Phone Naing-Pyawbwe

## Talks on fire preventive measures held at Workshop of MTE

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—The Main Workshop of Engineering Department under Myanmar Timber Enterprise organized

the talks on fire prevention and fire drill at the workshop in Pobbathiri Township on 16 March morning.

Assistant General Manager U Nay Win delivered an address. Head of Township Fire Services

Department U Thein Zaw Win explained the directives for fire preventive measures and Deputy Head of Township FSD U Soe Than, skillful use of emergency fire extinguishers.

The demonstration on fire drill was held with the use of chemical powder and fire engine in front of the workshop.—Soe Than

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TALKED:**  
The talk on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation was held at Basic Education Primary School in Shansu Village of Waw Township on 11 March. Senior Forester of Bago Township Forest Department in-charge of Waw Township U Hla Myint gives an educative talk.  
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## Literary talks for uplifting life of disabled

YANGON, 22 March—Shwe Min Thar Foundation (Myanmar) constituted with disabled persons to uplift life of the disabled persons will organize the literary talks at Judson Avenue on Pyay Road in Yangon on 23 March afternoon.

Writers Chit Oo Nyo, San San Nwe (Thayawady), Maung Tha Cho and

Kyaungsaya Ko Ko Win will give educative talks.

Not only the disabled persons but also any enthusiast may attend the talks.

For cash donation, may contact Shwe Min Thar Foundation (Myanmar), (Head Office), Tel: 01-2300329, 2300332 and 215939.—Kyemon

## Summer paddy harvested on model plot in Hpa-an



HPA-AN, 22 March—To be ensure righteous rate of summer paddy per acre yield for 2011-2012 cultivation season, Manawthukha paddy plantation was

harvested on 0.63 acre of model plot of farmer U Sein Lwin in West Naunglon Village-tract in Hpa-an Township of Kayin State on 9 March.

The dry paddy produced 80.80 baskets per acre.

The model plot of paddy harvesting work was observed by Head of Kayin State Settlement and Land Record Department U Naing Aung, Deputy Head of the State Department U Zaw Moe Aung, Head of District Settlement and Land Record Department U Min Chit Maung, officials at township and ward levels and local farmers.

Myanma Alin

## Cash donated to library's fun in Ottwin

OTTWIN, 22 March—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of Pyinnya Dagon Library was held at the monastery in Phayagonkon Village of Nyaungbingyi Village-tract in Ottwin Township on 17 March afternoon.

Ma Win Nwe (Snack Shop) of Loikaw donated K 500,000, U Maung Maung Lun and family of Loikaw K 30,000, Saya U Paw Nyein

and family (Kantha Traditional Medicine) of Yangon K 50,000, Daw Khin San Hla Nwe (Thiha Yaza Traditional Medicine Clinic) of Mandalay K 30,000, U Kyaw Sein-Daw Kyi Kyi Aye family of Taunggyi K 30,000, Grade Energy Co Ltd of Yangon K 30,000, Dr Aung Myat Thu of Loikaw K 45,000 and other wellwishers K 35,000 to the fund of the

library.

Chairman of the Village Library Construction Committee U Kyi Myint accepted the cash donations. Township IPRD

## DISTRICT NEWS

## Newspapers, journals donated to basic education schools in Kawlin

KAWLIN, 22 March—Kawlin Township Writers and Journalists Association of Sagaing Region held a ceremony to donate newspapers and journals for raising reading skills of rural people at its office in Kawlin on 12 March.

Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Khin Maung Nyein (Myan Gon Hsaung) made a speech. U Nay Oo (National Literary Award winner, Ko Nay-Kawlin) explained the purpose of donations.

Khin Moh Moh Literary House and Kyelsin Literary House donated 100 copies of newspapers and journals to Basic Education High School (Branch) of Okkan Village in Kawlin Township, 100 copies each to BEMS (Kawlin), BEMS (Minchan), Gyohtaung BEHS (Branch) of Wuntho Township, Kyongyi BEPS and Hnawkhon BEPS of Kawlin Township, 70 copies each to Kyudaw BEPS and Natgyikhon BEPS, totalling 770 copies of newspapers and journals.—Myanma Alin

## Basic constable (women) course concludes

YANGON, 22 March—The basic constable (women) course No. 16/2012 concluded at Manaung Police Avenue in Tamway Township on 16 March morning.

Director of Management and Training of the Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters) Police Col Win Khaung delivered an address.

Next, the graduation drill on excellent performance of the trainees was performed.

Constable Ma Pyae



Phyo Khaing from No. 2 Platoon secured the best trainee award.

Altogether 110 female trainees attended the six-month course.—Kyemon

## Fire preventive measures taken in Taikkyi Township



TAIKKYI, 22 March—The local authorities make field trips to wards and villages of Taikkyi Township in Yangon Region for safety of fire at schools and markets.

On 15 March afternoon, Taikkyi Township Electrical Engineer U Tun Tun of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, leader of the inspection team Deputy Head

of Township General Administration Department U Thiha and officials inspected systematic installation of electrical meter boxes, swift boards, wiring systems and plugs at Myoma Market in Taikkyi, sanitation tasks around the market and sales of illegal fuel inside and outside the market.—Myanma Alin

## Shwekyaphyu bus line launched to run Tachilek-Kengtung-Taunggyi route

TACHILEK, 22 March—The Shwekyaphyu Tachilek-Kengtung-Taunggyi Highway Bus Line was launched at the highway bus terminal in Weinkyauk Village of Tachilek in Shan State (East) on 17 March morning.

Head of Tachilek District Directorate of Road Transport U Tin Soe and officials opened the office of the bus line.

Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway could be used with runs of trucks and small vehicles for transport of passengers and commodities for many years. At present, as the internal peace is restored there, the region can be facilitated with better transport facilities. As a result, the express buses can transport passengers at fair price.—Myanma Alin

## Extempore talks held in Wundwin

WUNDWIN, 22 March—The extempore talk to mark the Pylon Chantha Shwebontha Pagoda Pujaniya was held at the Dhammayon of the pagoda in Khingyi Model Village in Wundwin Township of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region on 6 March afternoon.

Village administrator U Han Tha made a speech. Head of Township Information and

Public Relations Department U Win Maung explained the purpose of the contest, tasks of raising reading habits and discipline of the contest.

Altogether 16 students participated in the contest.

Officials presented the first prize to Ma San San Maw, the second prize to Ma Ei Ei Khaing, the third prize to Ma Khaing Swe and the consolation prize to Me Ei Ei Moe.—Myanma Alin



**CULTURAL COURSE OPENED:** The cultural course was opened at Dhammayon on 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Ward 3 of Hline Township on 18 March. Chairman of Yangon Region Sasana Nuggaha Association Maha Saddhamma Jotukadhaja Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Kyaw Khin Myint presents textbooks for 80 trainees to Chairman of Ward 3 Sasana Nuggaha Association U Maung Maung.—MYANMA ALIN



## Indaw dwellers to enjoy water supply facility by the end of April

INDAW, 22 March—With the aim of sufficiently supplying safe water to the local people of Indaw Township in Katha District of Sagaing Region and enabling them to use water for preventive measures against fire, the urban water supply committee commenced its tasks in early February this year.

It is expected to complete the water supply facilities by the end of April 2012 before the rainy season.

Drinking water for Indaw is taken from the spring, three furlongs from East Nanaung Village and 2.5 miles from Indaw, through four-inch plastic pipelines that will connect with the water pipelines of the Township

Development Affairs Committee. It is estimated that the expenditure for the water supply facility may be amounted to over K 10.7 million.

The small groups of the committee have been formed for timely completion of the plan. At present, they are carrying out designation of water sources, measurement of alignment for the pipelines, digging of two feet deep and one foot wide drain, dredging of a 100 feet long, 20 feet wide and 20 feet deep lake and purchase of equipment for pipelines.

Laying of pipelines is under implementation, and the tasks will be completed at the end of April.

Kyemon

## Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Hsipaw

HSPA-W, 22 March—Under the supervision of Head of Kyaukse District Immigration and National Registration Department U Win Hlaing, Head of Hsipaw Township INRD U Tun Tun Naing and staff carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards

for 72 eligible persons in Manhe Village of Hsipaw Township in Shan State (North) on 29 February.

They then handed over the cards to Village Administrator U Ngwe Ya and Headmistress Daw Nan Hsaing Kwam.

Township INRD

**DRIVE WITH SAFELY**



*A visitor takes photos of the orchids on display during the 10th Orchid Show at the New York Botanical Garden in New York, the United States, on 4 March, 2012. Featuring the vertical gardens of French botanist and artist Patrick Blanc, the 10th Orchid Show, the nation's largest exhibition of orchids, will be held here till 22 April.—XINHUA*

## Man hit to death by high-speed train in western Japan

OSAKA, 22 March —A man entered the track of the Tokkaido Shinkansen (high-speed railway) in Shiga Prefecture, western Japan Thursday morning and was hit to death by a train, forcing the railway line to be halted temporarily, local media reported.

A man in his 70s entered Japan Railway (JR)'s Shinkansen Line in Omihachiman City of Shiga Prefecture at around 9:50 am local time, the report said, adding that he was hit to death immediately. Due to the accident, train services were suspended between the

Nagoya station and Shin-Osaka terminal, affecting some 47,000 passengers.

The railway company resumed its operation before noon, the report said.

Local police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

## Santorum wins Kansas caucuses

WASHINGTON, 22 March—Rick Santorum has won Kansas caucuses of the US Republican Party on Saturday, giving him momentum ahead of next week's "Southern Super Tuesday" contests in Mississippi and Alabama.

After more than 85 percent of votes were counted in Kansas caucuses, Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, held a lead with 53 percent of support, with Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor a distant runner-up with 17 percent. Newt Gingrich, the former House speaker, was at 16 percent, and Ron Paul, a Texas Congressman, had 13 percent.

Santorum was widely expected to win the Kansas caucuses, where social conservatives have a strong showing. Santorum now has won seven states in the GOP primaries. He will like walk away with at least 20 of Kansas' 40 delegates.

Kansas wasn't the only contest in the weekend. Romney has won Guam and Northern Mariana Islands. Virgin Islands is also holding caucuses Saturday. Romney is expected to do well in that contest as well.

Wyoming is also holding county conventions on Saturday. There were 15 county conventions in that state to pick 6 delegates. Another six were chosen earlier, with Romney winning 4, Paul one and one uncommitted. Romney has won the state's non-binding straw poll in February, when that state's Republicans held county-level caucuses.

Saturday's voting came before next week's "Southern Super Tuesday" contests in Mississippi and Alabama. Gingrich, who is from Georgia, has skipped Kansas to focus on the South, and whether Santorum can beat Gingrich in those states could

be significant for the race ahead. Romney also skipped Kansas, and has been campaigning in the South. He is hoping to have a strong finish there, further burnish his frontrunner status.

But according to an American Research Group survey, Gingrich is edging out his rivals in Mississippi, leading the pack with 37 percent support, while Romney trails with 30 percent. Santorum has 17 percent. Polls have predicted a tight race in Alabama. According to CNN's count, Romney now has 447 delegates, followed by Santorum's 195, Gingrich has 118, while Paul has 67.

Xinhua



*Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum.*

INTERNET

## Singapore to build 200 childcare centres

SINGAPORE, 22 March—Singapore will build 200 childcare centres by 2018 to meet the growing demand for such services, a minister announced on Saturday.

"Childcare, as you know, is a very important facet of work-life balance. Women cannot go back to work if there is no proper care-giving responsibilities for their children," Minister of State for Community Development Halimah Yacob said.

"The whole idea is really to make sure that we have enough places for women to put their children in," Xinhua quoted her as saying. There are currently more than 900 childcare centres in Singapore.

Internet



*A wounded Palestinian child is checked by doctors at a hospital in Beit Lahlia in the northern Gaza Strip.*

INTERNET

## Cold front to grip north China

BEDJING, 22 March—A cold front will sweep north China for the coming 24 hours, bringing gusty winds and dragging temperatures down, China's meteorological authority said on Sunday. In a statement posted on its website, the National Meteorological Centre said light snow or sleet is expected to hit parts of Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region as well as Qinghai, Gansu, Heilongjiang and Jilin provinces over the next 24 hours, dragging temperatures down by four to eight degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, cloudy and rainy weather will persist in the country's southern regions till on Tuesday, according to the statement. Parts of Guizhou, Yunnan and Guangdong provinces as well as Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region will see rain or shower over the next three days with temperatures remaining low.—Xinhua

## US investigates acid leak at refinery

CORPUS CHRISTI, 22 March—A federal agency has begun an investigation into a Citgo Petroleum Corp refinery in Corpus Christi, Texas, after sensors detected a leak of hydrofluoric acid.

A team from the Chemical Safety Board began work at the refinery Wednesday, ABC News reported.

They arrived two days after emergency containment measures automatically went into place at the alkylation unit.

A fire and explosion in the alkylation unit in 2009 severely injured one employee. A report last year said 4,000 pounds of hydrofluoric acid were released, more than 100 times

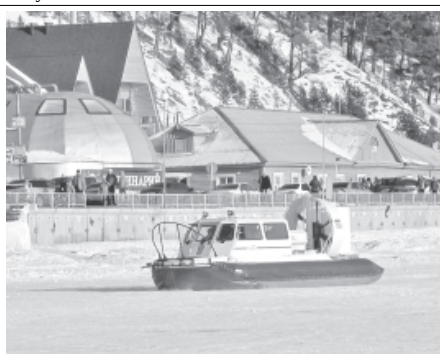
Citgo's original estimate of 30 pounds.

Chemical Safety Board Chairman Rafael Moure-Eraso said the current investigation was undertaken "because of the toxic nature of hydrofluoric acid and the

need to keep it contained, or to mitigate the consequences of a release."

Citgo said in a statement that people living around the plant were never in danger from this week's incident.

Internet



## 72,000 British families lack male role models

LONDON, 22 March—Around 72,000 families in Britain have no male parent or role models at home and are headed by a single mother, a study has found.

An official review into what caused last year's riots spoke about the lack of good male role-models in the lives of many young people arrested for taking part in the disturbances, the *Daily Mail* reported.

Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles said the absence of a positive father figure was a

huge problem, and often fathers who were present have severe drug and alcohol addictions and were not working.

"Clearly, we want to work towards a situation where the fathers in these families provide stability, which means getting them back to work, so they can bring money in and be a positive role model to their children," he said.

The *Telegraph* said that another problem the study identified among the troubled families was the

large number of children, which can lead to a lack of parental attention.

At least 20 percent of the 120,000 families studied have at least five children.

Prime Minister David Cameron has launched a 448-million-pound initiative for workers from a mix of charity, council and private sector organisations, to help 120,000 "problem families" turn round their lives.

The new "troubleshooters" are working with each family individually, drawing up detailed plans with targets such as returning parents to work, stopping them from drinking or taking drugs, and ensuring the children attend school and do not behave anti-socially.—Internet

*A hovercraft is seen on the frozen Baikal in the southern part of the Siberian area in Russia on 10 March, 2012.*

XINHUA

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (037)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (037) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING  
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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV PLATINUM EMERALD VOY NO (PE/V/02/12)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PLATINUM EMERALD VOY NO (PE/V/02/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S HUB SHIPPING SDN-BHD**

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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV JUTHA DHAMMARAKSA VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV JUTHA DHAMMARAKSA VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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## MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012 (Armed Forces Day) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/V/03/12)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/V/03/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S HUB SHIPPING SDN BHD**  
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

## Florida girl hit by falling sculpture

MELBOURNE, 22 March—A Florida girl who was hit by a falling swordfish sculpture was recovering Wednesday after emergency surgery, her father said.

The youngster, whose name was not released, was struck by the metal sculpture when it fell off the wall at her family's home in Melbourne.

CFN13 News in Orlando said the sculpture impaled the girl, narrowly missing her skull, doctors said.

The father said he wasn't sure what caused the sculpture to come crashing down and that it was well out of his daughter's reach.—Internet

## Russian jet takes off with "hole in wing"

Moscow, 22 March—What looked like a large hole in the wing did not stop a Russian airline jet from taking off for Siberia with dozens of panicked passengers on board.

The Boeing 737 jet was delayed on the tarmac of a Moscow airport when one of the passengers looked out of a window and noticed an oval-shaped gap on the left wing above one of the engines.

A video posted on the Komsomolskaya Pravda tabloid website showed the man complaining to a cabin crew member and the incident being reported to the cockpit.

The paper said the



Transaero pilot had by that stage already abandoned one attempt to take off because his indicators had issued a warning.

A second attempt was then called off when passengers began "rushing for the exits," Komsomolskaya Pravda said.

An airlines spokesman said 27 of the 70 or so passengers

on board were let off the flight on Monday but denied that the pilot had to abandon any takeoff attempts.

"The flight was delayed," Transaero spokesman Konstantin Tyurkin told AFP.

The plane eventually landed more than three hours behind schedule in the Siberian City of Krasnoyarsk.

The private airline called the incident little more than a misunderstanding.

Tyurkin said the pilot had simply been alerted to a malfunction in the jet's air conditioning system and was investigating the incident without alerting the passengers on board.

The delay apparently gave one person time to notice the missing wing element and raise the alarm.

Tyurkin said all that was missing from the wing was the cover to a hatch workers use to check the left engine. It was not immediately clear who had misplaced the hefty piece of equipment or why.

"This was a technical element. Its absence doesn't prevent takeoff," said Tyurkin. "It does not affect safety."

Russian news reports said Moscow transportation officials had opened a preliminary probe into the case.—Internet



**A trailer carrying sculptures of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip drives past the Big Ben in London, Britain, on 21 March, 2012. The huge sculptures of Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip were displayed on Wednesday during a parade around London as a celebration for the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's ascending the throne. —XINHUA**



**Twelve-year-old Brazilian girl Natasha, who has never managed to cut her hair since she was a baby, recently planned to cut her hair for sale. Now her hair has grown to 1.6 meters. The auction price will be 3,500 pounds (about 35,000 yuan), UK Daily Mail reported on 20 March, 2012.—INTERNET**

## Groom gets six years for wedding fire

CHESTER, 22 March—A bridegroom who set fire to the historic English castle where his wedding reception was being held was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison.

Max Henry Kay, 37, of Liverpool, pleaded guilty to arson in Chester Crown Court. He showed little emotion when the sentence was handed down, the Chester Chronicle reported.

His wife, who recently gave birth to twins, was not at the hearing.

Investigators said Kay, who had been drinking heavily, set fire to drapes at Peckforton Castle with a cigarette lighter after an argument with the financial manager, in which he allegedly threatened her and her family.

He had been having problems paying the bill for

the reception.

The fire did 5.5 million pounds (\$8.7 million) in damage to the 17th-century country house. More than 100 staffers and guests, including a man in a wheelchair and several children, were evacuated.

"It was a miracle that nobody was either seriously hurt or killed by your actions," Judge Roger Dutton said.

Internet

## NYC men's yoga class meets in the nude

A New York man who teaches a weekly men-only nude yoga class said performing the exercises in the nude allows students to shed their "costumes and armor."

Michael Gates, 44, said he has been leading the nude yoga classes since 2006 and usually about six men will pay \$20 for the weekly 90-minute session, the *New York Daily News* reported Thursday.

"Our clothes are costumes and armor," Gates said. "Naked yoga is an interesting metaphor for letting go of the BS"

He said he realized soon after beginning the classes that they should be restricted to a single gender. "I understand that women don't want to get undressed in front of strange men," he said. "When I offered co-ed sessions, I found they were attended 98 percent by men." However, Gates said he still keeps the exact location of the classes a secret to keep away the "creeps."

"I was getting too many people that were more interested in being in a room with naked men than practicing yoga," Gates said.

## Suspect arrested while on toilet

Ohio police said they did not wait for a man wanted on a weapons charge to finish using the toilet before placing him under arrest.

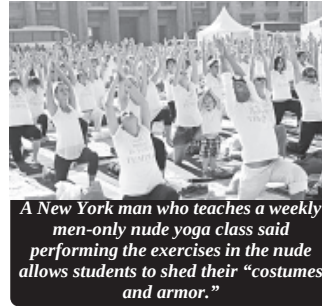
Sandusky police said Nicholas Ross, 23, allegedly left a party after getting into a fist fight Tuesday and returned with a handgun, the Sandusky Register reported Thursday.

Police said partygoers called 911, but the suspect was gone by the time officers

arrived.

Investigators spotted Ross walking shortly before midnight with Tamar Walls, 23, and Jonathon Shine, 23, and the trio entered a rental home. Police said Walls gave them permission to enter the home, where they found Ross sitting on the toilet.

Ross refused to get off the toilet, telling officers he was defecating, police said. However, officers forced him off the toilet when he reached for a pile of clothes, and the



A New York man who teaches a weekly men-only nude yoga class said performing the exercises in the nude allows students to shed their "costumes and armor."

arrest report said "there was no sign of a bowel movement in the toilet."

Ross was arrested on a count of carrying a concealed weapon.

Shine and Walls were arrested on charges of obstructing official business, and Walls was also found to have a bench warrant for his arrest. Tannie Shine, 57, who was found inside the home, was also arrested on a bench warrant.

Police said the handgun Ross had been carrying was reported missing from an unlocked trunk about three months ago.

## 2-year-old picks \$1 million winner

A New York woman said she would not have purchased a winning scratch-off lottery card worth \$1 million if it hadn't been for her 2-year-old daughter.

Afsheen Ahsan, 34, who claimed her winnings Tuesday, said she decided to buy the New York Poker ticket from the Top Convenience store in Brooklyn 30 Jan when her daughter, Anaya Hussain, 2, touched the ticket, the *New York Daily News* reported Wednesday.

"If she didn't touch it, I wouldn't have taken it. She's lucky," Ahsan said. Ahsan, a Pakistani immigrant, said she and her boyfriend, Sayed Hussain, already have some plans for the winnings.

"I'm going on vacation, but I have no idea where. I want to start a business too, a grocery store," she said.

## News Album



Ashton Kutcher, a cast member in the romantic comedy motion picture "New Year's Eve", attends the premiere of the film at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 5 December, 2011.—INTERNET

## Kutcher plans real-life space mission

NEW YORK, 22 March—US actor-producer Ashton Kutcher has booked a seat on Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo rocket plane, Virgin Chairman Richard Branson said. "I gave Ashton a quick call to congratulate and welcome him," Branson wrote in an online message Monday.

"He is as thrilled as we are at the prospect of being among the first to cross the final frontier (and back!) with us and to experience the magic of space for himself," Branson said. "Ashton is joining a fast

expanding group of true pioneers who are on their way to a life-changing experience and a place in the history books.

It's great to have him on board." MSNBC.com said the "Two and a Half Men" and "Punk'd" star paid \$200,000 for his ticket on the craft, which is expected to carry as many as six passengers a flight.

The *New York Daily News* said no launch date has been set. Test launches are expected to begin this year, the newspaper said.

Internet

## Bates to play Charlie's ghost on 'Men'

LOS ANGELES, 22 March—Oscar-winning actress Kathy Bates is to guest star as the ghost of Charlie Harper on an upcoming episode of the US sitcom "Two and a Half Men," CBS said.

Charlie Sheen played Harper on the show for eight seasons before he was fired for his erratic behavior and drug use.

His character was killed by a train off-screen and actor Ashton Kutcher took over as lead of the cast for the current ninth season of "Men."

Bates will play Harper's ghost in the 30 April episode. "After Alan suffers a minor heart attack, Charlie's

ghost will pay a visit to his hospital bedside," CBS said in a synopsis.

Jon Cryer plays Harper's brother Alan on the show.

Internet



Actress Kathy Bates arrives at the 18th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles on 29 January, 2012.—INTERNET

## Times stands by Paltrow ghostwriting story

NEW YORK, 22 March—A representative for *The New York Times* says the newspaper is standing by its story about ghostwriters who pen books for celebrities such as Gwyneth Paltrow.

Paltrow recently denied she had someone pen her cookbook, "My Father's Daughter," as the *Times*



reported in an article last week. A photo of the cover of the actress' book also accompanied the story.

"Love @nytimes dining section but this week's facts need checking. No ghostwriter on my cookbook. I wrote every word myself," Paltrow said via Twitter during the weekend.

But the newspaper said its story is accurate.

"The article does not merit correction," a representative for the *Times* told E! News.

"Twitter and the food blogosphere quickly lighted up, and we heard from a number of people named in the article, including Jamie Oliver, Rachael Ray, Gwyneth Paltrow and Mario Batali," journalist Julia Moskin wrote in a follow-up piece to the

ghostwriting report. "All four have acknowledged, in print, working with collaborators on their books—but all objected to what they saw as the implication that they were not the authors of their own work."

Moskin said she wasn't accusing the authors of "ghostcooking" but rather seeking help in "the routine work of wrestling hot, messy, complicated recipes onto the page in comprehensible English."

"That is cookbook ghostwriting, as I and many others have experienced it," she said. "The food itself, and the story that surrounds it, usually comes from the chef in varying stages of page-readiness."

Internet

## Bay reveals new 'Ninja Turtles' mythology

LOS ANGELES, 22 March—Hollywood producer Michael Bay says a new live-action Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie will feature the beloved heroes on a half-shell as aliens.

Previous comic books, films and TV shows about Raphael, Leonardo, Michelangelo and Donatello have shown how the titular crime-fighting amphibians fall into a sewer as babies and mutate after soaking in a radioactive substance. Bay said the latest installment in the franchise will change that mythology, EW.com reported.

"Kids are going to believe one day these turtles actually do exist when we are done with this movie," said Bay.

"These turtles are from an alien race, and



The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles pose with attendees during the E3 Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles on 4 June, 2009.—INTERNET

they are going to be tough, edgy, funny and completely loveable."—Internet

## 'Potter' cast member gets 2 years in jail

LONDON, 22 March—British actor Jamie Waylett has been sentenced to two years in prison for looting during the London riots last August, officials said.

Waylett, 22, played Hogwarts student Vincent Crabbe in the Harry Potter movies.

TMZ said he was convicted of violent disorder, but acquitted on the charge of intending to destroy property with a fire bomb.

He was accused of carrying a Molotov cocktail, while stealing champagne from a drug store on 8 Aug.

The actor was identified in video footage after the unrest ended, then arrested 20 Sept.

He has a history of previous drug-related convictions, including cocaine use and possession of cannabis, the report said.

Internet



Actor Seann William Scott, a cast member in the motion picture romantic comedy "American Reunion", attends the premiere of the film at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 19 March, 2012.—INTERNET

## Seann William Scott is engaged

LOS ANGELES, 22 March—Hollywood actor Seann William Scott has confirmed he is engaged to model Lindsay Frimodt.

Scott told E! News at the Los Angeles premiere of his movie "American Reunion" he "doesn't know how I got" Frimodt.

"I'm just really lucky," Scott said. "She hadn't seen 'American Pie.' Thank god. Otherwise, I probably wouldn't be engaged."

"American Reunion" is the fourth installment in the raunchy big-screen "American Pie" franchise.

Internet



British actor Jamie Waylett.

## Mancini expects Tevez to boost City's title bid

MANCHESTER, 22 March—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini expects Carlos Tevez to go from strength to strength as his side chase the Premier League title. Tevez inspired a 2-1 win over Chelsea on his return from exile as a second half substitute at Eastlands on Wednesday.

The Argentine forward set up a winning goal for Samir Nasri as his side closed the gap on leaders Manchester United to one point.

A Sergio Aguero penalty soon after Tevez's introduction had cancelled out Gary Cahill's opening goal for Chelsea as City also record a 20th consecutive home league win, a record in the Premier League era and only the fourth time in history a top flight club has reached such a landmark.



Chelsea midfielder John Mikel Obi (R) kicks high just missing Manchester City striker Carlos Tevez during their match at The Etihad stadium in Manchester.—INTERNET

Tevez's appearance from the bench had been greeted by boos from sections of City supporters, still angered by the forward's self-imposed six-month exile from the club following his refusal to warm-up during a Champions League tie in September. But Mancini has no doubt that the player will not take long to win over the dissenting few.

"I think it was important that Carlos made an incredible assist for Samir and all the supporters were happy with that," Mancini said.

"I think Carlos needs more time, it's not easy for him but it's important that he is here now.—INTERNET

## Aches and pains now part of the game for Woods

ORLANDO, 22 March—A twinge here and an ache there are now part of the daily grind for the once-dominant Tiger Woods as he seeks to find his fitness and form ahead of the Masters.

Whether or not Woods gets back to his old best and adds to his 14 majors remains golf's central talking point but one thing is certain, Tiger is no longer the pristine athlete he once was.

During Wednesday's Pro-Am, a leisurely warm-up for Thursday's opening round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Woods pulled up on the sixth tee.

"I guess one of the so called professional photographers took a picture right in the middle of my downswing. I stopped it and then felt a pretty good twinge in my back," Woods told reporters.

"I walked it off and then tried to hit one down there, hit it in the fairway, but it didn't feel very good. But after a couple of holes it loosened up and I'm good to go now," he

added. It was nothing too alarming but coming after Woods' last tour outing, at the WGC-Cadillac Championship at Doral, when he walked off midway through his final round complaining of an Achilles tendon injury, it was another sign of the former world number one's physical problems. Asked if he was now resigned to constantly having to deal with Achilles and knee problems, the four-times Masters winner replied: "Well, I think as we all know as we age...that's just the nature of things.—Reuters



Tiger Woods reacts during the Pro-Am at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Florida on 21 March, 2012.—REUTERS



Rafael Van der Vaart beats Robert Huth to power home his last-gasp header for Tottenham.—INTERNET

LONDON, 22 March—Ottensham 'stop-four' stutter threatens to turn into a full-on slump after Harry Redknapp's men failed to win a fourth successive Premier League game.

Rafael Van der Vaart had been one of the players deeply affected by Fabrice

## Tottenham 1 - Stoke 1: Harry Redknapp says time Spurs showed bottle

Muamba's cardiac arrest on Saturday, describing it as the 'low point' of his career and admitting to flashbacks.

He put it behind him last night, however, with a stoppage-time header that at least meant Spurs did not add another defeat to losses to Arsenal, Manchester United and Everton.

But a draw was scant consolation for Redknapp, who had labelled the clash with Stoke a must-win game—particularly with Saturday's trip to Chelsea to come.

Just a few weeks ago Tottenham fans were dreaming of the title, but they are now worrying about slipping into next season's Europa League and finishing behind Arsenal.

At the start of February, Spurs were 12 points ahead of the Gunners. But Arsenal have now nicked third place off their north London rivals and, even though Chelsea lost at Manchester City, Tottenham desperately need to find that winning feeling again.—INTERNET

## Wenger warns resurgent Arsenal cannot relax

LONDON, 22 March—Arsene Wenger warned his resurgent Arsenal players that they cannot afford to relax after moving into the Premier League's top three for the first time this season.

The Gunners, 12 points behind Tottenham on 1 February, climbed above their north London rivals after a hard-earned 1-0 win over Everton at Goodison Park on Wednesday.

Belgium defender Thomas Vermaelen's fifth top-flight goal of the campaign earned Wenger's side a sixth

straight league win to move one point above Spurs with nine games remaining.

With Arsenal seventh in the table as recently as seven weeks ago, it continued a remarkable transformation by the Gunners. But Wenger insists the hard work is only just starting if Arsenal want to stay in the top three for the rest of the campaign.

"We have learned a lot in the last months," Wenger said. "But it's important we stay focused and fight for each other if we want to stay where we are.—INTERNET



Everton midfielder Marouane Fellaini (L) protects himself as Arsenal defender Thomas Vermaelen leaps into the air during the match at Goodison Park in Liverpool on 21 March, 2012.—INTERNET

## Venus Williams and Kim Clijsters prevail in Miami

MIAMI, 22 March—Venus Williams and Kim Clijsters announced their return with victories over their respective opponents at the Sony Ericsson Open, Miami.

Playing her first tournament singles match since the 2011 US Open, Venus Williams looked energetic in putting aside Kimiko Date-Krumm of Japan, 6-0, 6-3 in a match that lasted for one hour and 17 minute match.

Williams, a three-time Miami champion, tallied 26 winners, converted on 5 of 10 break points and had five aces hitting the radar gun in the low 120 mph range. She advances to face a tough opponent in World No3 Czech Petra Kvitová. "It was great to be back out there," said Williams, who withdrew from the Australian Open as a result of the illness. "It was definitely nerve-racking especially when I know how talented Date-Krumm is and being the first match back."

Two-time Sony Ericsson Open champion Kim Clijsters battled back after a slow start to rally past Aussie Jarmila Gajdosova 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 in a first round match of the



Venus Williams beats Kim Clijsters in the 2010 Billie Jean Cup at Madison Square Garden. INTERNET

women's main draw. Clijsters, unseeded for the first time in Miami since 2005, advances to play No.14 Julia Georges of Germany.

The No 37 ranked

Belgian is one of five former champions in the Miami field this year along with Venus Williams, Serena Williams, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Victoria Azarenka.—INTERNET

## Pele defends Neymar, encourages him to stay in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 March—Soccer legend Pele came to the defence of Santos star Neymar on Wednesday, declaring that he is capable of becoming the world's best player while playing in Brazil.

Pele, a former member of Santos, decided to rebut recent comments from the head coach of the Brazilian national soccer team Mano Menezes, as well as Ronaldo.

In both instances, Neymar was encouraged to

leave Brazil and play in Europe in order to evolve and catch the attention of the world.

However, Pele declared that Neymar has all the right conditions to become the world's best soccer player while playing in Brazil.

Additionally, Pele, who played for Santos from 1965-1974, accused Menezes of not liking Santos, alleging that the coach's comments were an attack on the Santos



Lexi Thompson, pictured on 16 March, the 17-year-old US prodigy who became the youngest winner in LPGA history last September, takes aim at another title starting Thursday at the \$1.7 million LPGA Kia Classic. INTERNET

## Teen titan Thompson seeks another LPGA win

CARLSBAD, 22 March—Lexi Thompson, the 17-year-old US prodigy who became the youngest winner in LPGA history last September, takes aim at another title starting Thursday at the \$1.7 million LPGA Kia Classic.

Thompson won the LPGA Navistar Classic by five strokes and was given a tour membership after becoming the youngest tour champion at 16 years, eight months and eight days. Now she gets to enjoy an official rookie season.

"I'm just going to focus on my goals and what I want to improve on my game," Thompson said. "I'm really happy with where my game is at. To get that win gave me a lot more confidence."

"I've been working on a lot of short game, putting a lot, doing my putting drills. But the specific thing I'm working on my ball striking is just posture, keeping my posture good and a good set-up."

Scott Thompson, Lexi's father, served as her caddy last season, but he now carries the clubs for older son Nicholas on the US PGA's developmental tour, with Lexi's clubs in the hands of veteran bagman Greg Johnston.—INTERNET



Brazil's Neymar

organization. Santos club president Luis Alvaro de Oliveira Ribeiro and head coach Muricy Ramalho also attacked Menezes' comments, stating that the coach has no business in manipulating the 20-year-old's decisions about his future career.—INTERNET

International Sports

## Focus Myanmar TV Programme

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(23-3-12 09:30 am ~ 24-3-12 09:30 am) MST

## Local Transmission

- News
- The Dreams of a Village come true
- News
- Music Gallery
- News
- "Health - TB"
- News
- Yangon Expo & Car Show

## Oversea Transmission

- News
- The Dreams of a Village come true
- News
- Music Gallery
- News
- "Health - TB"
- News
- Yangon Expo & Car Show
- News
- Geomyanmar 2012 International Conference
- Cyber Power
- News
- Simple Living with High Spirits
- News
- Demo's Birthday
- Myanmar Movie
- Myanmar Movie
- "Guilt Over Love"

## MYANMAR TV

(23-3-2012) (Friday)

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:50 am

3. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

4. Health Programme

8:40 am

5. International News

4:00 pm

6. Martial Song

4:20 pm

7. Dance Of National Races

4:55 pm

8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

9. Myanmar Language

5:55 pm

10. Sports Highlight

6:50 pm

11. Documentary

8:00 pm

12. News
13. Talk Of The Political Parties

14. Just For Laughs (Gas Asia)

15. TV Drama Series

16. Song Lovers

## Avalanche kills at least 22 in northeast Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 22 March—A wall of snow has engulfed a village in northeast Afghanistan killing at least 22 people, officials said on Thursday, in the latest in a series of avalanches that have killed more than 100 people this month.

A rescue team including the governor of the district went to the village in Wakhan district of the northeastern Badakhshan province that borders China to search for survivors and help victims, provincial governor spokesman Abdul Marof Rasikh said.

The avalanche happened on Wednesday but due to the remoteness, news of the incident only came out on Thursday.

Though avalanches are fairly common in the mountains of northern and eastern Afghanistan, deaths this year were particularly painful for a country which has experienced its



Getting emergency supplies through to avalanche-hit areas is always a challenge.—INTERNET

worst winter in decades.

Earlier this month, avalanches killed at least 45 people in Nuristan province, near the border with Pakistan while 37 people were killed in Badakhshan.—MNA/Reuters



Force India driver Paul Di Resta speeds through a corner during qualifying for the F1 Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne on 17 March, 2012.—INTERNET

## F1's Force India ordered to make big pay-out

LONDON, 22 March—Formula One's Force India has been ordered to stump up 850,000 euros in unpaid fees to an aerodynamics company after a long-running court case.

The pay-out was demanded by the High Court in London on Wednesday following a copyright infringement case, according to a lawyers' statement seen by AFP and media reports.

Force India had accused wind-tunnel operators Aerolab and Caterham technical chief Mike Gascoyne of systematic copyright breaches which it valued at 13 million pounds (\$20.6 million).

But while Force India were awarded 25,000 euros for minor copyright breaches, the court also ordered it to pay 846,000 euros in fees owed to Aerolab for development work.

The court found that Caterham, formerly Team Lotus, had copied some computer files of Force India, mainly as a short cut for its own tests. Certain small Force India-designed components were then used in Team Lotus's 2010 car.—Internet

## Leaders Real rattled as Barca close in

MADRID, 22 March—Back-to-back draws for leaders Real Madrid have blown the title race wide open in Spain and pursuers Barcelona, who have cut the deficit to six points from 10, will seek to crank up the pressure on Saturday.

Champions Barca could narrow the gap to three points with a win at Real Mallorca (1700GMT) while Real host Real Sociedad two hours later.

Real's march towards a first league title in four years has stalled in the space of four days and nerves seem to be getting the better of them.

After 11 consecutive wins, Real toiled to 1-1 draws at home to Malaga last Sunday and away at Villarreal on Wednesday after conceding late freekicks.

Jose Mourinho's side, the league's top scorers with 90 goals from 28 matches, have been finding it hard to finish off games recently and their frustration was evident after Marcos Senna's late equaliser on Wednesday.

"Madrid are scared stiff," Barcelona-based daily Sport said on Thursday, while El Pais pointed a finger at Real's coach with the headline: "Mourinho makes Madrid hysterical."



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (R) and Villarreal's Cristian Zapata fight for the ball during their Spanish first division match, 21 March, 2012.—INTERNET

Internet



**CSC ISSUED: Process of citizenship scrutiny cards was undertaken in Ward 7 of Hline Township in Yangon Region by implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan.**

On 21 March, Head of Yangon West District Immigration and National Registration Department U Yin Htwe and Head of Township INRD U Win Myint present the cards and household registration to eligible citizens individually.

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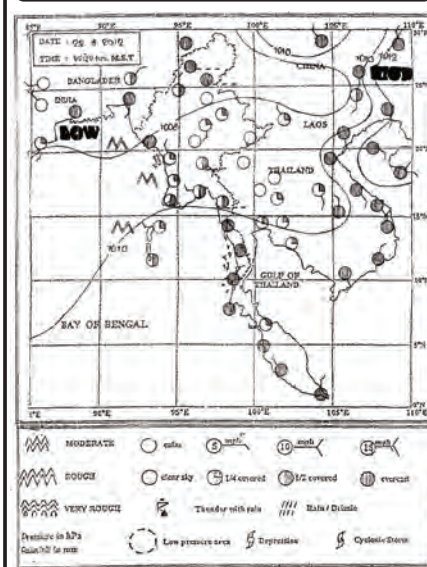
## Inter-District Boxing Championship in Ayeyawady Region 3-6 April

YANGON, 22 March—Ayeyawady Region Sports and Physical Education Committee will organize the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-District International Boxing Championship 2012 in Mawlamyinegyun Town-

ship from 3 to 6 April. Under-25 open teams and under-18 junior teams from six districts from the region will take part in the championship. Outstanding boxers will be picked out for Patheingyi Club representing the region.

MNA

## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2012

| Sr. No. | Regions/States           | Temperature (°C/°F) |         | For Tomorrow                                        |         |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
|         |                          | Maximum             | Minimum | Forecast                                            | Percent |
| 1       | Kachin                   | 31/88               | 20/68   | Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers | 60(%)   |
| 2       | Kayah                    | 31/88               | 15/59   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 3       | Kayin                    | 35/95               | 22/72   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 4       | Chin                     | 24/75               | 12/54   | Generally Fair Weather                              |         |
| 5       | Upper Sagaing            | 34/93               | 20/68   | Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers | 60(%)   |
| 6       | Lower Sagaing            | 37/99               | 26/79   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 7       | Tanintharyi              | 33/91               | 22/72   | Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers | 60(%)   |
| 8       | Bago                     | 33/91               | 22/72   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 9       | Magway                   | 40/104              | 24/75   | Generally Fair Weather                              |         |
| 10      | Mandalay                 | 39/102              | 27/81   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 11      | Mun                      | 33/91               | 24/75   | Generally Fair Weather                              |         |
| 12      | Yangon                   | 34/93               | 23/73   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 13      | Rakhine                  | 32/90               | 22/72   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 14      | Southern Shan            | 30/86               | 15/59   | Generally Fair Weather                              |         |
| 15      | Northern Shan            | 32/90               | 12/54   | Generally Fair Weather                              |         |
| 16      | Eastern Shan             | 32/90               | 16/61   | Generally Fair Weather                              |         |
| 17      | Ayeyawady                | 33/91               | 24/75   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 18      | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 30/100              | 20/68   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 19      | Neighbouring Yangon      | 34/93               | 23/73   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |
| 20      | Neighbouring Mandalay    | 39/102              | 27/81   | Partly cloudy                                       |         |

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Mon State, weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions. Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above March average temperatures in Southern Shan State, (5°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Minbu (42°C), Chaik and Magway (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pung (0.39) inch and Patau (0.08) inch.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days Continuation of likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershower in the Southern Myanmar areas.

## Ba ignoring Chelsea 'rumours'



*Demba Ba has played down reports linking him with a potential new-look Chelsea and insists he is happy at Newcastle.*

INTERNET

LONDON, 22 March — The Senegal international's 16 Premier League goals this season have seen him mentioned as a possible replacement for Didier Drogba, who will be out of contract in the summer.

Chelsea are expected to overhaul their squad at the end of the season, when a new manager is likely to be

appointed, and Frank Lampard and Michael Essien could also be leaving, while Fernando Torres has failed to justify his £50million price-tag.

Ba, 26, is a possible recruit and, with what is understood to be a £7m release clause in his contract, would prove excellent value for money to succeed 33-

year-old Ivory Coast star Drogba.

Ba - I will get better

But Europe-chasing Newcastle's No.19 has no plans to quit St James' Park, where he still has more than two years remaining on a contract, and he is building a partnership with compatriot Papiss Cisse.

Team spirit

Ba told Sky Sports when asked about a possible move to Chelsea: "It is rumours like you get in football.

"I am happy with Newcastle and I enjoy being here and playing for the Toon Army. I enjoy being in this team.

"We have a good team spirit and I love the North East, where I have my country-mate, Papiss Cisse."

Ba joined Newcastle last summer after becoming a free agent due to a clause in his contract following West Ham's relegation from the Premier League.

Drogba is reportedly set to join mega-rich Chinese side Shanghai Shenhua, where he would be reunited with former Chelsea teammate Nicolas Anelka.

There has also been speculation that Cheick Tiote has already agreed to move to Stamford Bridge next season as a replacement for Essien.

Internet

## Peinzalok-Yaydwingon-Inpari road opened

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—Hailing 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening ceremony of Peinzalok-Yaydwingon-Inpari road took place at arch of it this morning. Bago Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Kyaw Htay, Region Hluttaw representative U Saw Lin Aung, Township Administrator U Thihan Soe and Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U M Hla Thang opened it. The road measuring 5710 feet long and 10 feet wide was built at a cost of K 30.3 million.—MNA

## Publications donated to libraries in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 22 March—A ceremony to donate publications to help develop the wards and village libraries in Mawlamyine Township, Mon State, and the locals to cultivate a reading habit was held at Mon State Red Cross Supervisory Committee Office in Mawlamyine on 20 March.

State Development Affairs Minister Dr Toe Toe Aung spoke on the occasion. Assistant Director U Kyaw Win Aung of State Information and Public Relations Department gave talks on development of libraries and writers on literary affairs. Then, 15 prize winners were awarded. Later, books and periodicals were donated for the ward and village libraries.—MNA

## Fruit and veg 'give healthy glow'

LONDON, 22 March — Even a few weeks of eating fruit and vegetables could improve your skin colour, it is claimed.

University of St Andrews researchers monitored diet in 35 people, finding more colouration in those eating more greens. Other research suggests these changes may make you more attractive. Other scientists said the study, in the *PLoS One* journal, might not fully reflect the link between consumption and appearance.

It has been known for some time that certain yellow and red pigments called carotenoids found in many types of fruit and vegetables, can have an effect on skin tone. However it is not clear exactly how much influence a normal healthy diet can have on this effect. The St Andrews scientists recruited 35

students, mostly white, who were quizzed on their fruit and vegetable intake over a six week period. The volunteers were told not to use sunbeds, fake tan or make-up. An instrument was used to analyse their skin tone before, during and after the test period.

The results suggested that changes in fruit and vegetable consumption might be related to changes in skin tone, with more fruit and vegetables contributing to a deepening of natural red and yellow skin colouration.

Internet



*Can vegetables make you look more healthy?*

INTERNET

## Study: People with lots of Facebook friends more likely to be narcissists

MASHABLE, 22 March — Do you have tons of Facebook friends and often update your status? If so, you may be a narcissist, a new study suggests.

Research from Western Illinois University showed a link between the number of Facebook friends you have and how active you are on the site to the likelihood of being a "socially disruptive" narcissist.

The study — which was recently published in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences* — was conducted among 300 participants, who took a Narcissistic Personality Inventory questionnaire.

Those with more Facebook friends, who tagged themselves in photos and updated their status throughout the day were more likely to have narcissistic traits. Unveiling Facebook 'secrets'

"People who have a heightened need to feel good about themselves will often turn to Facebook as a way to do so," study author Chris Carpenter from Western Illinois University told Mashable.

"Facebook gives those with narcissistic tendencies the opportunity to exploit the site to get the feedback they need and become the center of attention."

Carpenter said that Facebook users that self-promote themselves on the site show signs of two narcissistic behaviors. The first is called grandiose exhibition (GE), which refers to people who love to be the center of attention. The second is a category that involves entitlement/exploitativeness (EE), which indicates how far people will go to get the respect and attention they think they deserve.

"There isn't a baseline of how many friends a person has or how often they update their status that would qualify as them to have these narcissistic characteristics," Carpenter said. "However, it's interesting to note how often these people use first-person pronouns such as 'I' and 'me' on the site."

This isn't the first time a study has been conducted about Facebook narcissists. In 2010, a study published from York University highlighted the differences between how men and women self-promoted themselves on Facebook.

Men tended to promote themselves in the "About Me" description, while women used pictures that "include[d] revealing, flashy and adorned photos of their physical appearance."

Do you think narcissism can be linked to how people use Facebook? Let us know in the comments.—Internet

## Hailing the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day

### From eternal peace to building modern patriotic Tatmadaw

Regarding stability of the State, the State is adopting new principles to restore eternal peace in the Union, in light of consideration of reality and past experiences. Roughly speaking, peace making tasks are progressing.

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### The benefactor

- \* Started the Resistance with valor in summer
- \* That was the Myanmar month of Tabung
- \* Resolve, gallantry and strength
- \* Were the decisive factor
- \* Unswervingly and relentlessly
- \* Lives were sacrificed
- \* Standing as the vanguard
- \* Amidst a lot of sufferings
- \* Always marching forward
- \* Glory ever for Myanmar

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## Mancini expects Tevez to boost City's title bid



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