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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity * Perpetuation of Sovereignty



Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak.



Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor.

Curriculum Vitae of Honorable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia

The Honorable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak is the eldest son of Malaysia's second Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein. He was born in the district of Kuala Lipis in the state of Pahang. Dato' Sri Najib received a degree in Industrial Economics from the University of Nottingham in 1974.

On his return to Malaysia in the same year, Dato' Sri Najib joined Petronas, the national oil company, as an executive. He became a politician following the sudden

demise of his father in 1976 and he was the choice for the ruling National Front coalition to contest the Pekan parliamentary seat vacated by his late father. Thus, he became a Member of Parliament at the age of twenty three.

After becoming Member of Parliament, he was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts. Following the general elections in 1986 and winning the parliamentary (See page 2)

To possess high defence power, State, people & Tatmadaw will have to join hands Tatmadaw will actively participate in building industrialized state

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—In accord with the objectives of the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2012: to strictly uphold the objectives namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty; to play the leading role in the national politics by the Tatmadaw with Union Spirit, the true patriotism; to safeguard the constitution, the main duty of the Tatmadaw in building up a modern, developed new democratic nation; and to build a strong, competent, modern, patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the nation, the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade was held at Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground, here, this morning, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thayay Sithu Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Myat Hein, senior military

officers of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Observance of the Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Thiri Pyanchi Yar Pyae, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, members of Myanmar War Veterans Organization, military attachés of the foreign embassies, senior police officers, senior officers of the Fire Services Department, correspondents of local and foreign news agencies, reporters of local publications and guests.

At 5 am, members of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), Myanmar Police Force members, members of Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society arrived at the gathering point of Thittat Parade Ground.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing delivers an address at 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Work together for human resource development

It is impossible to be a developed country if a country relies only on natural resources. Human resources development is a must for the development of a country. Taking a look at the globe, the countries deprived of natural resources can develop thanks to the human resources. Promoting education standards could bring human resource development to the country. So, human resources development is directly related to education standard.

In the olden days, Myanmar was a good example to Asian Countries. Myanmar literacy rate was much higher than those of Asia and Pacific Regions. But now Myanmar's Human resource development Index is low compared to other ASEAN countries. Myanmar's education system has lagged far behind. To promote the education standards of the country, we need to put the factors such as parrot learning method, parent's interference, quality of teachers and teacher-centered approach teaching methods into consideration.

Parrot learning method has long been deeply rooted in Myanmar students. It is not a good sign for human resource development. They know the subjects only in theory, not in practice, and do not know how to apply these theories. So, theories and practices should be equally put in the syllabus. In addition, most of the youths have to face problems in joining universities because of parents' interference. They cannot choose their university enrolment on their own and have to do under the influence of their parents and relatives. Parents should let their children choose the subject they want. A country cannot be built up only with the strength of doctors and engineers. We also need economists, politicians and computer technicians etc.

High quality of teachers is at the core of education promotion. Learning should not be one way direction alone. It must be two way directions which is the interactions between the teachers and the students. Teaching methods should put more emphasis on student-centered approach rather than teacher-centered approach. To achieve it, we need cooperation of the government, the teachers and the parents. Let's nurture our future generations so as to keep abreast of the globe!

Free clinic opens in Mawlamyinegyun



The opening ceremony of free clinic in progress in Mawlamyinegyun.

U Myo Lwin presents Credentials to Sri Lankan President

NAY PYI TAW, 28 March—U Myo Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, presented his Credentials to Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on 12 March 2012 in Colombo.—MNA

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seat of Pekan, Dato' Sri Najib was appointed as the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports. In 1990, he became a Defense Minister. In 1995, he was appointed as the Minister for Education and during his tenure, he introduced educational reform program to build a world class education system in Malaysia. And following the elections in 1999, he was appointed as the Defense Minister for the second time and

U Kyaw Soe Win presents Credentials to Laotian President

NAY PYI TAW, 28 March—U Kyaw Soe Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 13 March 2012 in Vientiane.—MNA

proceeded with the modernization of the Armed Forces. And after the general elections in 2008, Dato' Sri Najib remained as Defense Minister until September 2008 and later became Finance Minister in the same year.

In April 2009, Dato' Seri Abdullah announced his resignation and subsequently Dato' Sri Najib was sworn in as Prime Minister. Dato' Sri Najib still holds the Finance Minister post. His goal is to make Malaysia a high-income nation and a developed country by 2020. Dato' Sri Najib is married to Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor and they have five children.

Myanmar-China (Yunnan) Economic & Trade Cooperation Promotion launched



Governor of Yunnan Province Mr. Li Ji Heng speaking at the launching ceremony of Myanmar-China (Yunnan) Economic & Trade Cooperation Promotion.—MNA

YANGON, 27 March—Supervised by The Ministry of Commerce and the Government of Yunnan Province of China, a launching ceremony of Myanmar-China (Yunnan) Economic & Trade Cooperation Promotion, jointly organized by Trade Department of Yunnan Province of China and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, took place at Traders Hotel here this morning.

At first, a meeting between Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe-led group and a delegation led by Governor of Yunnan Province Mr. Li Ji Heng focused on matters relating to further promoting relationships and bilateral cooperation in economic sectors between the two countries.

The ceremony started on at the Ballroom of Traders Hotel at 9am today, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Yangon Region ministers, President of UMFCCL, CEC

members, departmental heads, Myanmar entrepreneurs and officials concerned.

The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and officials from the Chinese Embassy. On the occasion, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan delivered an opening speech. UMFCCL President U Win Aung and Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Ji Heng extended greetings.

The entrepreneurs of Myanmar and Yunnan Province signed contracts for cooperation in economic and trading. After that, they held discussions on their respective sectors.—MNA



Entrepreneurs of Myanmar and Yunnan Province sign contracts on cooperation in economic and trade sectors.

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MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 27 March—The free clinic of White Heart Group was opened at the clinic office of No. 20 on Tabinshwehti Road in Ward 12 of Mawlamyinegyun Township of Ayeyawady Region on 15 March morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Htay Maung, Head of Township Health Department Medical Superintendent Dr Aye Aung of 100-bed general hospital and Chairman of White Heart Group U Khin Maung Zin cut the ribbon to open the clinic.

Secretary of the group U Thein Lwin explained functions of the group.

The clinic is kept open five days a week from Wednesday to Sunday from 7 am to 9 am to provide health care services to 35 patients free of charge.—Myanmar Alin

Pet animals contest in Mandalay 24-25 May

MANDALAY, 27 March—Under the supervision of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Association (Mandalay Region), Myanmar Pet Animals Breeders Association will organize the Third Pet Animals Contest at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel in Mandalay on 24 and 25 May.

Local and foreign species dogs and cats may be presented to take part in the contest.

The panel of chairmen will assess the contestants and give handsome prizes. Those wishing to take part in the contest are to submit applications to the Mandalay Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department together with K 15,000 fee each.

At the contest, the pet animal equipment, medicines and feedstuff will be put on sales.—Ko Ko Gyi

Iraq tests regional muscle with Arab summit

BAGHDAD, 27 March—Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki will seek to showcase his country's diplomatic return to the region this week when leaders gather for the first Arab League summit in Baghdad in two decades, and the only one hosted by a Shi'ite Arab ruler.

With violence from its war waning and the last US troops gone, Iraq is keen to present itself as more stable and reassert its clout in an often hostile Arab region, where the Iraqi Shi'ite-led government's rise riled Sunni Arab Gulf neighbours. Neighbouring Syria's upheaval will dominate the three-day summit among the Arab League leaders, who have been split over how to react to the violence between



Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki gives a speech during a ceremony marking the Iraqi Police's 90th anniversary at a police academy in Baghdad on 9 January, 2012. —INTERNET

government troops and rebels trying to oust President Bashar al-Assad.

Wary of the region's

delicate sectarian makeup, Baghdad must balance a fledgling detente with Sunni Arabs deeply suspicious of

Iraq's ties to Shi'ite power Iran against calls for it to take a stronger stance against Tehran's main Arab ally Syria. The summit also comes at a sensitive time for Maliki, who is emerging from a crisis that threatened to scuttle Iraq's power-sharing deal among Sunni, Shi'ite and Kurds and renewed regional fears Iraq might slide once again into sectarian violence. Visiting dignitaries will get a glimpse of an Iraq whose long conflict has ebbed, but also see an OPEC member whose population still struggles with the daily threat of bombings, power shortages and a crumbling infrastructure nine years after the US invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein, a Sunni. —Reuters

India 'Maoist' bomb blast kills 15 police

MUMBAI, 27 March—A landmine explosion in the western Indian state of Maharashtra has killed at least 15 policemen, officials say.

The attack has been blamed on Maoist rebels, who operate in the area as well as several other Indian states.

It is one of the worst attacks on Indian police in

two years. Maoist rebels in the eastern state of Orissa kidnapped two Italians about two weeks ago, but released one and have been in talks with the state government over the other man's release.

Tuesday's attack happened in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli District, a remote and relatively undeveloped

part of the country. The district is on Maharashtra's border with the central state of Chhattisgarh and is a stronghold of the rebels. The police vehicle was travelling through a forested region when the landmine was triggered, reports said. The policemen, members of India's national paramilitary force,

were travelling on a bus, the Press Trust of India news agency quoted officials as saying. The explosion was so powerful that it could be heard several kilometres away and the bus was turned into a mangled heap of twisted metal, a police officer in the district told the BBC. "Fifteen CRPF [Central Reserve Police Force] are dead," a spokesman for the force told AFP news agency. —Internet

Three foreign soldiers killed by Afghan forces

KABUL, 27 March—Three foreign soldiers, including two Britons, were shot dead by Afghan security forces personnel on Monday in the latest round of so-called insider killings which have raised deep concerns about the reliability of NATO's local allies and their ability to keep the peace.

Insider attacks have mounted as tension between Afghanistan and its foreign backers rises over a series of incidents, including a massacre of 17 villagers for which a US soldier has been charged. US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said despite a recent spate of killings of NATO troops by Afghan soldiers, such violence was sporadic and did not "reflect any kind of broad pattern." "We have to keep our eye on the fundamental mission here, which is to accomplish our main strategy of being able to make the transition to Afghan control and security," he told reporters en route to a defence ministers meeting in Canada.

In Monday's attacks, an Afghan army soldier killed two British soldiers at their headquarters in southern Afghanistan, Britain and NATO officials said, while a local policeman shot dead another foreign soldier in the east. —Reuters



British soldiers are silhouetted against the sky as they patrol Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan. —INTERNET

Ecuador floods kill 30, displace thousands

QUITO, 27 March—Torrential rains in Ecuador have claimed the lives of 30, affected as many as 84,000 people and caused the evacuation of 4,700 others so far this year, according to official figures released on Monday.

According to a report by Ecuador's National Secretary for Risk Management, the downpours have additionally lead to the loss of 34,000 hectares of crops.

The biggest losses to agriculture have been sustained by six coastal provinces, including Guayas and Los Rios, where officials have declared a state of emergency due to the floods caused by seasonal rains, said Minister for Coordination of Production Santiago Leon.

Officials have been taking a regional census every 15 days to assess the damage in the six most heavily hit provinces, including El Oro, Manabi, Esmeraldas and Loja, Leon said.

Once the rains abate, the government will begin distributing aid to farmers that have lost crops, he added.

Xinhua



Police elements and firefighters work at the General Treasury of the Republic after an earthquake, in Santiago, Chile, on 25 March, 2012. An earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale jolted central Chile at 6:37 am Beijing Time Monday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre (CENC). —XINHUA

Colorado wildfire forces evacuation of 900 homes

DENVER, 27 March—A wind-driven wildfire destroyed an unknown number of homes and forced the mandatory evacuation of 900 dwellings in the foothills and canyons west of Denver on Monday, authorities said.

The blaze, which also forced the closure of some roads in the area, was believed to have been ignited by embers left over from a controlled-burning operation conducted last week to clear parched vegetation that

authorities wanted to remove as potential wildfire fuel.

As of nightfall, the blaze had scorched some 3,000 acres of grasslands and trees as it burned out of control roughly 20 miles from the western edge of Denver, the state's largest and most populous city, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office spokesman Mark Techmeyer said.

"Tonight firefighters are in a defensive posture, trying to protect structures," he told Reuters.

He said an undetermined number of houses had been lost to the fire, but the precise damage toll was not expected to become clear until after sunrise.

No injuries have been reported.

Fire personnel from 30 engine companies and 15 different agencies were assembled to battle the blaze, Jefferson County authorities said.

Rolling plumes of thick smoke from the fire drifted over Denver's southern suburbs and were visible throughout the metropolitan area during the day.

Single-digit humidity values, winds blowing at 40 to 50 miles per hour and a lack of snowfall during the past month put most of eastern Colorado under a red-flag warning for high fire danger on Monday, the National Weather Service said.

The high winds also had prompted flight delays at Denver International Airport. —Reuters



In this photo provided by Kris Garrett, A plume of smoke rises skyward over the top of a wildfire burning out of control near Conifer, Colo, on 26 March, 2012. —INTERNET

Americans' support for Afghan war drops sharply

WASHINGTON, 27 March—Support for the war in Afghanistan has dropped sharply among Americans in recent months as they grow increasingly disillusioned with the conflict that began more than a decade ago, according to a New York Times/CBS News public opinion poll released on Monday.

Two-thirds of those polled - 69 percent - said the United States should no longer be fighting in Afghanistan, up from 53 percent in November and the highest percentage since the New York Times/CBS News poll started asking that question in 2009, CBS reported.

Sixty-eight percent said the fighting was going "somewhat badly" or "very badly," compared with 42 percent who voiced those views in November 2011, the New York Times reported. The Times/CBS News survey results are in line with other recent polls that show a drop in support for the war. The survey comes after the massacre of 17 Afghan civilians in which a US soldier has been charged, violence

set off by the burning of Korans by American troops last month and a number of killings of US troops by Afghan security forces.

According to the poll, negative impressions of the war have increased among both Democrats and Republicans.

Sixty percent of Republicans said the war was going somewhat or very badly, compared with 40 percent in November. Among Democrats, 68 percent said the war was going somewhat or very badly, compared with 38 percent in November.

NATO plans to hand over security responsibilities to Afghan forces by the end of 2014. Forty-four percent of respondents said the United States should withdraw sooner than the planned transition; 33 percent said the Obama administration should stick to the current timetable; and 3 percent said it should withdraw now. Seventeen percent said the United States should stay as long as it would take to stabilize the situation. —Reuters

Earth's deepest spot desolate, foreboding

WASHINGTON, 27 March—In James Cameron's fantasy films, like "Avatar" and "The Abyss," the unexplored is splashed in color and fraught with alien danger. But on his dive to the deepest place on Earth, reality proved far different: white, barren and bland. Yet otherworldly—and amazing. "I felt like I literally, in the space of one day, had gone to another planet and come back," Cameron said Monday after returning from the cold, dark place in the western Pacific Ocean, seven miles below the surface. "It was a very surreal day."

Cameron is the first person to explore the deepest valley in the ocean since two men made a 20-minute foray there more than half a century ago. He spent about three hours gliding through the icy darkness, illuminated only by special lights



Director James Cameron resurfaced after spending four hours on the ocean floor.—INTERNET

on the one-man sub he helped design. That was only about half as long as planned because his battery ran low.

Internet

The way ice cream is stored can change the way it tastes.
INTERNET

Avalanche research aids search for tastier ice cream

hoping to reveal the exact conditions under which ice crystals merge and grow. When the crystals get big enough they change the texture of ice cream and alter how it feels when it is eaten.

The study of ice crystal formation has been carried out with the help of scientists at the Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research in Davos, Switzerland. The X-ray tomography machine at the institute is one of the few that can take images of tiny structures at sub-zero temperatures. "Previously, we could not look inside ice cream without destroying the sample in the process," said Nestle food scientist Dr Cedric Dubois. Via the research, summarised in a paper published in the journal *Soft Matter*, Nestle hopes to find a way to combat the gradual degradation of taste ice cream often suffers. As with many foods, the structure of ice cream is the key to the way it tastes.—Internet



Davos, 27 March — Avalanche experts are helping to study how ice cream's structure changes when it is stored in a household freezer. Samples of ice cream have been scanned with an X-ray machine more typically used to study the ice crystals which are key to avalanche formation. Nestle is



Temperatures could rise by 3C by 2050, models suggest

LONDON, 27 March — Global temperatures could rise by 1.4-3.0C (2.5-5.4F) above levels for late last century by 2050, a computer simulation has suggested. Almost 10,000 climate simulations were run on volunteers' home computers. The projections, published in *Nature Geoscience*, are somewhat higher than those from other models. The researchers aimed to explore a wider range of possible futures, which they say helps "get a handle" on the uncertainties of the climate system.

People planning for the impacts of climate change need to consider the possibility of warming of up to 3C by 2050, even on a mid-range emission scenario, the researchers say. The study — run through climateprediction.net with the BBC Climate Change Experiment — ran simulations using a complex atmosphere-ocean climate model. The representations of physical parameters were varied between runs of the model, reflecting uncertainties about precisely how the climate system works.—Internet



Climate temperature predictions can influence planning, such as for sea defences.—INTERNET



Study: US will watch more movies online in 2012 over DVDs, VHS and Blu-ray

NEW YORK, 27 March — Years from now, DVD and Blu-ray will occupy the near-forgotten nostalgia realms that formats like laserdisk occupy now. The only question is when? According to new research by IHS Screen Digest, 2012 could mark the beginning of streaming movie consumption overtaking their physical counterparts.

The US' consumption of legal, paid movies is predicted to reach 3.4 billion views/transactions this year, which would be 1 billion units more than what is expected of physical video.

The physical video formats include DVD, Blu-ray as well as VHS. Compared to 2011, online video consumption's annual growth is 135 percent from 1.4 billion, and is expected to similar growth in the near future.

Though the online trend will finally dominate, senior IHS analyst Dan Cryan points out that, this is only a sign that the age of the physical format is at an end, "the transition is likely to take time: almost nine years after the launch of the iTunes Store, CDs are still a vital part of the music business."

Amazon Prime, Hulu and of course Netflix have been integral to the online consuming shift. 2011 subscriptions for these types of services accounted for 94 percent of US paid movie consumption.

Dan goes on to say that 2012 is the nail in the, "the growth in online consumption is part of a broader trend has seen the total number of movies consumed from services that are traditionally considered 'home entertainment' grow by 40 percent between 2007 and 2011."

Still, in 2012 there's far more money to be made from the physical sales of movies, and Cryan predicts that won't change until 2016.

This year, online viewing will capture \$1.7 billion of this year's movie revenue, compared to \$1.1 billion that will be made through the physical format.

By 2016, physical video will still have 75 percent of revenue, and online will have 17 percent—pay-TV will make up the remaining portion.

Internet

A variety of logos hover above the Microsoft booth on the opening day of the International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on 10 Jan, 2012.—INTERNET



NEW YORK, 27 March — Microsoft Corp claimed a victory in efforts to combat online banking fraud, saying

Microsoft seizes servers in Zeus cyberfraud

it had confiscated several servers used to steal login names and passwords, disrupting some of the world's most sophisticated cyber-crime rings.

By recruiting computers into networks called botnets, Zeus logs the online activity of infected machines, providing criminals with credentials to access financial accounts.

"We've disrupted a critical source of money-making for digital fraudsters and cyber thieves, while gaining important information to help identify those responsible and better protect victims," said Richard Boscovich, senior attorney for the Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit, which handled the investigation in collaboration with the financial industry.

technical actions to fight notorious criminals who infect computers with a prevalent malicious software known as Zeus.

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Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit is a worldwide team of investigators, lawyers, analysts and other specialists who fight cybercrime. A year ago they helped US authorities take down a botnet known as Rustock that had been one of the biggest producers of spam e-mail. Some security experts estimated that in its heyday Rustock was responsible for half the spam in junk email bins.

The company said the moves announced Monday had not dealt a fatal blow to Zeus, which is available for download on websites frequented by criminal hackers. It is used to manage many botnets, including ones that were not impacted by Microsoft's actions.

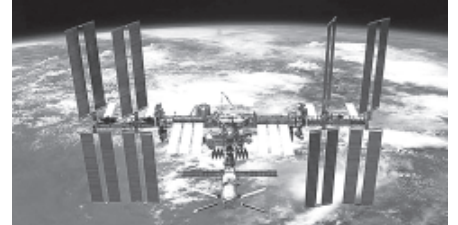
Reuters

Astronauts evacuate the International Space Station during space debris close-call

WASHINGTON, 27 March — Astronauts aboard the *International Space Station (ISS)* had to evacuate its premises over the weekend to escape what could've been a fatal disaster — a piece of space debris passed too close to the satellite for comfort. NASA usually maneuvers the ISS out of the way whenever there's passing debris, but this time, the orbiting rubble was spotted too late.

The six astronauts took shelter inside Russian Soyuz capsules because the ISS was in danger of getting struck by the rubble and losing pressure and oxygen. Thankfully, nobody was hurt, and the \$100 billion space station wasn't damaged. NASA identified the passing debris as a fragment from the Russian satellite Cosmos 2251 that smashed into another spacecraft in 2009.

The fragment's size and exact distance from the space



The International Space Station.—INTERNET

station when it passed remain unknown. But NASA scientists estimate that it was around 6.8 to 8.7 miles away from the ISS during the time of its closest approach at 2:38 am Eastern on 24 March.

Approximately 20,000 pieces of smashed satellites and spacecraft orbit the Earth at great speeds. These softball-sized fragments can cause some serious damage, which is why NASA and the US military have been looking for ways to track them better and to eliminate them altogether.—Internet

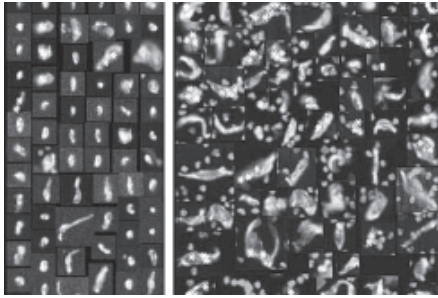
Health Tip: Protect your skin from sun damage

Too much sun can permanently damage your skin and increases your risk of developing skin cancer.

The Cleveland Clinic offers these suggestions to help protect you from the sun's harmful effects:

- * Apply sunscreen every day, even if it's cloudy outside.
- * Stay out of the sun while it's strongest, from 10 am to 3 pm.
- * Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and a hat with a wide brim when you'll be outside for long periods.
- * Protect your eyes with UV light-filtering sunglasses.

Internet



This undated handout images provided by Science Traditional Medicine/Scripps Translational Science Institute, shows on the left normal, healthy circulating endothelial cells (CEC). On the right are CECs from heart attack patients which appear abnormally large, misshapen and with multiple nuclei. Too often, people pass a cardiac checkup only to collapse with a heart attack days later. Now scientists have found a clue that one day may help doctors determine if a heart attack is imminent, in hopes of preventing it.—INTERNET



New graphic labels for cigarette and little cigar packages will start making their way onto store shelves. INTERNET

Cigarette packs to bear more explicit labels

OTTAWA, 27 March—New graphic labels for cigarette and little cigar packages will start making their way onto store shelves.

Wednesday marked the first day that tobacco manufacturers and importers have to start labelling packages with the explicit warnings unveiled by the

government last fall.

The new Health Canada rules require larger and more noticeable messages that cover 75 percent of the front and back of packages.

The photos include one of anti-smoking activist Barb Tarbox dying of lung cancer.

The rules also require packages to contain information on how to quit smoking and more details on the chemicals contained in tobacco smoke.

Retailers have until 18 June to unload their old inventory before they must start selling the cigarette and little cigar packages with the new graphics.

Internet



Weird cells may lead to heart attack prediction test

WASHINGTON, 27 March—Too often, people pass a cardiac checkup only to collapse with a heart attack days later. Now scientists have found a clue that one day may help doctors determine if a heart attack is imminent, in hopes of preventing it.

Most heart attacks happen when fatty deposits in an artery burst open, and a blood clot then forms to seal the break. If the clot is too big, it blocks off blood flow.

The problem: Today's best tests can't predict when that's about to happen.

"We don't have a way to get at whether an artery's going to crack, the precursor to a heart attack," said Dr Eric Topol, director of California's Scripps Translational Science Institute.

Wednesday, Scripps researchers reported a new lead—by searching people's blood for cells that appear to flake off the

lining of a severely diseased artery.

Topol's team measured high levels of those cells, deformed ones, floating in the blood of 50 people who'd just had a heart attack. The research is reported in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

Next, Topol said his team soon will begin needed studies to learn how early those cells might appear before a heart attack, and if spotting them could allow use of clot-preventing drugs to ward off damage. Some San Diego emergency rooms will study an experimental blood test with chest-pain sufferers whose standard exams found no evidence of a heart attack, he said.

Don't expect a test to predict heart attacks any time soon—a lot more research is needed, caution heart specialists not involved with the study. But they're intrigued.

Internet

Honda's automobile unit resumes operations in Thailand

BANGKOK, 27 March — Honda Automobile Thailand (HATC) has resumed production at its plant in Ayutthaya after severe floods halted operations in early October. HATC, a subsidiary of Honda Motor, is the last of the Japanese automobile companies to resume production in Thailand after the floods. Toyota Motor and Nissan Motor resumed production at the end of 2011.

The floods forced hundreds of Japanese companies to shut operations, adversely affecting their earnings expectations. Earlier this year, Honda revised down its operating income forecast for the year ending on 31 March to 200b yen (\$2.4b, £1.5b) from a previous forecast of 270b yen. The Honda factory in Ayutthaya has the capacity to produce 240,000 units annually.

A Honda Motor spokeswoman said full production would resume at the HATC unit by the second week of April. Currently production is at about 12% of capacity. HATC was the only car maker whose factory was completely flooded.

Honda and other Japanese carmakers were forced to shut down production.—INTERNET



Honda Motor said HATC is one of its most important production centres in the Asia and Oceania regions. "Honda was totally committed to realising the earliest possible recovery. Honda will maintain the same positioning of HATC in the future and further promote business operations in Thailand," the company said.— Internet

China's Huawei barred from Australia broadband deal

SYDNEY, 27 March—China's biggest maker of equipment for the phone industry, Huawei, has been barred from bidding for a huge project in Australia. It was told late last year that it should not try to bid for work on Australia's National Broadband Network. The \$37.5bn (£24bn) project aims to connect almost every Australian home to a very high speed Internet connection. An Australian Financial Review (AFR) report says that Huawei has been barred over security concerns.

Without making direct reference to the Chinese firm, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard said: "The National Broadband Network is a huge infrastructure project and you would expect that as a government we would make all of the prudent decisions to make sure that that infrastructure project does what we want it to do and we've taken one of those decisions." Jeremy Mitchell, director of corporate affairs at Huawei Australia said: "While we're obviously disappointed by the decision, Huawei will continue to be open and transparent and work to find ways of providing assurance around the security of our technology."

Huawei hopes to become the world's biggest seller of equipment to the telecoms industry by the end of the year and has already broken into markets in Asia, Africa and Europe. But last year a US Congressional Committee said the firm could pose a security risk. One of the reasons cited was that the company's founder Ren Zhengfei was in the Chinese Army until 1984.— Internet



Huawei said it was disappointed by the decision. INTERNET

BMW recalls 1.3 million cars worldwide



A wheel rim of a BMW i3 Concept car is pictured before the company's annual news conference in Munich on 13 March, 2012. — REUTERS

FRANKFURT, 27 March — BMW AG, the world's largest premium carmaker, is recalling about 1.3 million cars for repair worldwide due to a possible problem with a battery

cable cover in the trunk, the carmaker said on Monday. The recall affects 5- and 6-Series BMWs built between 2003 and 2010, BMW said in a statement. "In some remote cases, the battery cable cover inside the boot of these vehicles may be incorrectly mounted," it said.

"This can result in the electrical system malfunctioning, the vehicle failing to start and, in some cases, to charring or fire," the company said, adding it was not aware of any accidents or injuries to people due to the problem. Fewer than 1 percent of the cars BMW has so far inspected for the issue have exhibited the problem, a BMW spokesman said. So far, the spokesman said, there have been no reports of fires.

BMW said it was writing to car owners. The repair procedure in a BMW partner workshop would take about 30 minutes to an hour and would be free of charge to customers, it added. The recall affects about 368,000 cars in the United States and about 293,000 cars in Germany, BMW said. Another 109,000 cars are subject to the recall in Britain and about 102,000 in China, BMW said. In some European countries, the trunk is called the car's boot.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing inspects parade columns at 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade 2012.—MNA

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When the columns led by Parade Commander Brig-Gen Tin Aung Chit marched to the parade ground, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, wives of senior military officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and wife of the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command garlanded the servicemen of the columns.

Servicemen and families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, those of Nay Pyi Taw Command and those of stations also garlanded the servicemen of the columns.

Parade Commander Brig-Gen Tin Aung Chit led the parade columns, followed by Parade Adjutant Lt-Col Kyaw Sein Tun, the standard bearers of the Union Flag and flags of

Min Lwin ushered Anawrahta Column, together with the Guard of Honour representing the Directorate of Artillery Corps led by Major Naing Myint Aung, Commanding Officer Lt-Col Zaw Min Latt,

gion Command, the company representing No. 11 LID, the company representing No. 99 LID and the company No. 1 representing Triangle Region Command and the military band.



Dignitaries seen at 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade 2012.—MNA

Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Major Myint Zaw Oo of Anawrahta Column. Column Commander Col Min

the company representing the Directorate of Supply and Transport, the company representing the Triangle Re-

Column Commander Col Zaw Moe Than ushered Kyansitha Column, followed by the standard bearers of the Union Flag and flags of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) of Kyansitha Column led by Major Tint Naing Win. Commanding Officer Lt-Col Myo Min Tun led the Kyansitha Column, the Guard of Honour representing Yangon Command, the company representing the Directorate of Medical Services, the company representing Directorate of Defence Industries, the company representing No. 22 LID and the company No. 1 representing North-East Command and the military band.

Column Commander Captain Myint Zaw ushered Bayintnaung Column, followed by the standard bearers of the Union Flag and

flags of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) of Bayintnaung Column led by Lt-Cdr Myint Ko. Commanding Officer Cdr Thein Htoo led the Bayintnaung Column, the Guard of Honour led by Cdr Aung Naing Oo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the company representing the Directorate of Signals, the company representing the North-West Command, the company representing Western Command, the company Nos. 1 & 2 representing Western Command and the military band.

Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Soe ushered Aungzeya Column, followed by the standard bearers of the Union Flag and flags of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) of Aungzeya Column led by Major Min Din. Commanding Officer Lt-Col Zaw Hein led the Aungzeya Column, the

Directorate of Military Engineers, the company representing South-West Command, the company representing Coastal Region Command, the company No. 1 representing South-East Command No. 2 representing North-East Command and the military band.

Column Commander Col Tin Win Aung ushered Bandoola Column, followed by the standard bearers of the Union Flag and flags of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) of Bandoola Column led by Major Soe Thu Aung. Commanding Officer Lt-Col Maung Maung Soe led the Bandoola Column, the Guard of Honour representing Southern Command, the company representing Directorate of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the company representing North-East Command, the company representing South-East Command, the company No. 1 representing Coastal Region Command and the military band.

Column Commander Col Khun Ye Htwe ushered Myawady Column, followed by the standard bearers of the Union Flag and flags of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Brigade of Myawady Column led by Police Major Khaing Soe. Commanding Officer Lt-Col Myo Kyaw Thu led the Myawady Column, the Guard of Honour representing Myanmar Police Force, the company representing Myanmar Fire Brigade, the company representing Myanmar Red Cross Brigade, the company representing Directorate of Ordnance, the company representing Central East Command, the company No. 2 representing Triangle Region Command and the military band.

Singing military songs, the parade columns marched towards the parade ground.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing took the designated position on the dais.

The Tatmadawmen, MPF members, members of Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade of the military columns saluted the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspected the parade columns. Next, they all saluted the State Flag and paid tribute to the fallen Tatmadawmen and took four-point oath.

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Parade columns marching to 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade 2012.—MNA

Parade columns marching past Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade 2012.—MNA



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The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services delivered an address. He said that after the thirty patriotic Comrades led by General Aung San had undergone military training from the Japanese, the Burma Independence Army well-known as BIA was established on 27 December, 1941. They ousted the British colonialists joining with the Japanese troops. In 1942, the Japanese reformed the BIA as the Burma Defence Army (BDA) on behalf of its initial name. In 1943, the BDA was reformed under the name of Burma National Army (BNA). On 27 March, 1945, the BNA hand in hand with the Myanmar people launched to revolt against the Japanese Fascists. On 23 July, 1945, it was renamed the Patriotic Burmese Forces (PBF). By looking at the History of the Tatmadaw, it is distinctly found that the Tatmadaw is a patriotic one born of Myanmar people through the struggle of the freedom.

In accord with

being a Tatmadaw of good tradition born of Myanmar people, the Tatmadaw always upholds to safeguard the lives and property of the nationals and the sovereign State. In accord with its good historic tradition, the Tatmadaw protected the Sovereign State from internal and external threats and destructive elements which endangered the disintegration of the union, disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. In future, the Tatmadaw will go on safeguarding the country. He expressed that the history of the Tatmadaw cannot deviate from that of the country—it means the history of the Tatmadaw is interconnected with the contemporary history of the nation.

From its initial time of establishment up to now, the respective great military leaders through various ages built up the Tatmadaw to enhance not only its strength but also its capability in order to promote the defence power of the nation. Carrying the noble heritage, General Ne

Win and Senior General Than Shwe kept on building up the well-disciplined, systematic and modern Tatmadaw that was initially established by General Aung San, the forefather of Myanmar

be a competent modern patriotic one of full strength that can safeguard the nation.

In 1988, Tatmadaw took the responsibilities of the nation as the country was defunct in various sectors, and

of the Union of Myanmar which emerged from the National Convention as for the next step could be officially approved through the referendum. In 2010, multi-party democracy elections were held, and Hluttaw's meeting was held by the representatives elected by people on 31 January 2011 and the Tatmadaw could systematically handover the state power to the President and the new Government elected by Hluttaws again. In order to march to the new democratic nation, the Tatmadaw kept its solemn promise and led it to reach the right path.

According to the geographical and historical features of the nation, to keep up the national interest of the nation and nationals, the Tatmadaw laid down the three main national causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

To safeguard the national interest of the State, when the National Defence Policy is laid down, one of the facts that the Tatmadaw is responsible to protect Our Three Main National Causes is included in the National Constitution, and it is also vividly stated that the Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes. He assured that the Tatmadaw will keep on firm safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes.

According to the National Constitution, taking the seats of military personnel in various Hluttaws is to serve for the benefits of the nation because of the previous history passed through. In other words, it means assuming the National Political responsibilities. Nowadays, military personnel join the

Tatmadaw on their own consent but not with conscription. Even knowing that they have to face fatigue and sacrifice their lives and limbs or parts of bodies, they join the Tatmadaw to safeguard the union and national races based on their very noble spirits.

Furthermore, the Tatmadaw upholds Our Three Main National Causes and protects the interests of the nation and its people including their lives and property. For the developments of the State and her respective regions, the Tatmadaw is collaborating hand in hand with its people. While performing these tasks, without their party politics, racial and regional prejudice, the Tatmadaw plays only the role of the national political affairs for the interests of the entire nation and its people. He pointed out that in the leading role of state's national political affairs, the Tatmadaw is taking part with its genuine patriotism, the union spirit.

The Tatmadawmen have to abide not only Military Acts but also the Civil Acts assigned by the Government as civilians do. The Tatmadawmen have to abide and safeguard the National Constitution as the soul of the State with all nationals. It is obviously stated for the Tatmadaw to discharge its responsibilities in that "the Defence Services is mainly responsible for safeguarding the Constitution" according to section 20, sub-section (f). He reiterated that the Tatmadaw has to safeguard the National Constitution as the crucial responsibilities in building up a modern developed democratic nation.

To be a modern developed nation, peace and stability are essential. (See page 8)



Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services garlands a Tatmadawman at the parade.—MNA

Tatmadaw to abreast of the current age. Their worthy gratitude can also be seen. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services called for building up the Tatmadaw to

implemented for the peace and stability of the state as well as its development together with Myanmar people. In performing these tasks, political objectives, economic objectives and social objectives were systematically laid down. Therefore, the development in economic and social sectors was vividly seen and the Tatmadaw could secure peace with national races armed groups for the national re-consolidation in political arena. In accord with the promise to transform the nation into a democratic state, the Tatmadaw held the National Convention and drew the National Constitution. In 2003, seven-point road map was laid down and implemented it step by step. Constitution of the Republic



Those present at the parade of 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.—MNA

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For not being successful in endeavouring to get peace and stability of the state in respective ages, the State is now emphasizing for getting permanent peace in hand. In first stage, negotiation groups for peace from respective states and regional Governments discuss with the respective national races armed groups. In second stage, union level negotiation groups for peace discuss with the respective national races armed groups and eventually, they will finalize to formulate the eternal peace at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw level. The Tatmadaw, serving with the risk of lives, blood and sweat prefers eternal peace as well as the development. He clearly mentioned that the Tatmadaw will perform to possess eternal peace as possible as it can together with the nation with genuine union spirit and then the development of the nation will be put on emphasis.

As for the country practising democracy just for one year experience, to stand tall as a high and firm nation, political might, economic might and military might need to be highly and firmly developed in harmonious synchronization. For getting high in political efficiency, the basic needs are integration of national solidarity and peace and stability of the state, especially in the State which is the residence of various ethnic groups in unison.

Political stability is the force to progress the economy, and with the good governance, it can create the economic development of the State and the entire people.

To safeguard her independence and perpetuation of sovereignty and upgrade her defence capabilities, the Tatmadaw is necessary to be competent, modern and patriotic in full strength.

To possess a high defence power, the State, the Tatmadaw and the entire people will have to join hand in hand for being a Tatmadaw of full strength.

Being well-disciplined and obedient are the qualities of good soldiers. The servicemen have to abide not only military discipline and the battle field discipline but also civil acts and law assigned by the Government as citizens do respectfully. Discipline is the backbone of the Tatmadaw and the better discipline an army has, the better morale and obedience it has. Thus, the leaders of the Tatmadaw from the respective ages endeavoured to follow discipline and be the obedient Tatmadaw with high potential in order to strengthen its backbone.

As the Tatmadawmen who discharge national defence duties cannot accomplish the assigned tasks only with military outlook, servicemen must fulfill themselves with four certain outlooks—political, economic, military and administrative ones. Not only must International affairs be constantly observed but also her proper ways leading to a democratic nation in accord with actual circumstances of the nation, some disturbances to perpetuation of sovereignty, the situation that can implement the development of the country according to the law by joining the entire people, the Tatmadaw and the nation together be observed. He made clear that Tatmadaw will actively participate in building up the state to be a modern industrialized state according to the economic objectives for the related sectors.

Nowadays, throughout the way of marching towards a democratic nation, as the Tatmadaw will stand upright, current democratic administrative systems changed through time must be continuously observed. He emphasized that the Tatmadaw deals friendly with the Armed Forces from ASEAN countries, neighbouring countries and respective global countries in accord with the nation's policy and the country's geographical features since the nation is situated in a strategic position. He also emphasized that the Tatmadaw must endeavour to fulfill itself with military, political, economic and

administrative outlooks for safeguarding the sovereign territory, territorial waters and airspace.

In order to raise morale of soldiers, the fulfillment measures of physical and mental elements—assigning their tasks in a fair and square way, emphasizing to enjoy their own careers and giving priority to their equitable welfare distribution must be done. He underlined that as morale development plays a vital role for winning a victory in a battle field, it must be implemented in an emphasis manner for the whole Tatmadaw.

In conclusion, He said that while the country is marching with a new modern system, the Tatmadaw will have to discharge the duties of the State in accord with the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives:

- To strictly uphold the objectives namely, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- To play the leading role in the national politics by the Tatmadaw with Union spirit, the true patriotism;
- To safeguard the constitution, the main duty of the Tatmadaw in building up a modern, developed, new democratic nation;
- To build strong, competent, modern, patriotic Tatmadaw to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the nation.

The parade columns left the parade ground after saluting the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services left there and the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade came to an end.

The bronze statues of King Anawrahta, King Bayintnaung and King Alaungphaya could be seen in the Nay Pyi Taw Parade Ground. The torch, the signboard and flags of military units could be seen there.

The signboards bearing mottos of the Tatmadaw and posters were put up at the junction of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Pinlaung Road.—MNA



Prize-presenting ceremony of 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Hla Htay Win of the Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services attended prize-awarding ceremony of 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade, at Thittat military Parade Ground here this morning.

Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Hla Htay Win took the salute of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Tin Aung Chit, Tatmadawmen from Parade Columns, members of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Brigade.

After that, Chairman of Leading Committee for holding the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Lt-Gen Thirith Pyanchi Yar Pyae presented military parade honorable award, best

military band prizes, the standard bearers of the Union Flag, best camp awards.

Afterwards, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thirith Pyanchi Khin Zaw Oo awarded, best military song prizes, best military discipline prizes, best military parade prizes. Then, Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Hla Htay Win presented first, second and third best company awards.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Hla Htay Win took the salute of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Tin Aung Chit, Tatmadawmen from Parade Columns, members of Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society and the ceremony came to end.—MNA

Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Hla Htay Win presents second model company prize to parade company of Directorate of Armoured Corps.
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Dy F&R Minister clarifies taxation matters

YANGON, 27 March—A seminar on taxation matters was held at UMFC Building on Minye

Kyawswa Road, here, yesterday afternoon, with an address by President of UMFC U Win Aung.

In his clarification, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than said that the Ministry of Finance and Revenue coordinated economists and experts including officials of the government departments for several times to issue the notifications on tax relaxation, amend revenue laws, revoke the inappropriate revenue law and amend rules of income tax, commercial tax and revenue stamp law and issued notifications with the agreement of the Union government.

The deputy minister

continued that tax will be levied from the salaries of gazetted officers that had been exempted in the past to be able to gain the full amount of tax.

Director-General U Myat Maw of Internal Revenue Department explained revenue law, rules, regulations and notifications, and Director U Aung Moe Kyi, the notifications related to the IRD.

About 700 participants from departments, enterprises, businessmen, representatives of companies and officials took part in the seminar, and IRD personnel replied to queries raised by those present.

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Changes to Myanmar's Exchange Arrangements

The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) will implement a managed floating exchange rate regime in Myanmar with effect from 1st April 2012. The external value of the national currency, the Myanmar kyat, will from now on be determined by supply and demand conditions in the exchange market.

In line with the new exchange rate regime, Reference Foreign Exchange Rate will be publicized daily by CBM.

This arrangement is part of the reform program of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for modernizing the economy. A key part of this program is to unify the various exchange rates and gradually eliminate restrictions on current international payments and transfers abroad. Replacing the official exchange rate,

which has been pegged since 1977 at the level of 8.50847 kyats to SDR with a market-determined exchange rate, is the first step toward unifying the various exchange rates and also allow room for the CBM to influence the market exchange rate.

In all these areas, the CBM, domestic and international concerned agencies are working together to ensure that the changes are smooth. For FY 2012/13 Union Budget, provisions of Foreign Exchange Budget for Ministries and State Economic Enterprises have already been incorporated a budgetary exchange rate assumption in line with market exchange rate.

The CBM will provide further detailed information to the public on changes to Myanmar's exchange arrangements.—Central Bank of Myanmar

C-in-C attends reception and dinner to mark 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day



NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla attended reception and dinner to mark the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day (2012), at Zeyathiri Beikman here this evening.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing and wife together with Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Thiri Pyanchi Soe Win and wife, Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Hla Htay Win from the Office of Commander-in-Chief and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Thayay Sithu Nyan Tun and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Thayay Sithu Myat Hein and wife, cordially greeted senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the Chairman of Leading Committee for holding the Armed Forces Day Chief of Armed Forces Training, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the Parade Commander, military attaches to Myanmar and guests.

After that, General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing and wife hosted a dinner to those present. Myawady music band of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare entertained the guests with songs before and during the dinner. After the dinner, No 1 Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit (Myawady TV) and mobile public relations companies entertained with cultural dance.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Thayay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets those present at reception and dinner to mark 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day (2012).—MNA

Union EP-2 Minister attends opening of new school building

YANGON, 27 March—Opening ceremony of two-storey new school building of BEHS (branch) (Myoma) was held at the School in Hlegu, Yangon North District yesterday.

Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and U Thein Tun of the school

board of trustees opened it and sprinkled the stone inscription with scented water. Documents related to the school were handed over and the school head spoke words of thanks.

It was built in commemoration of diamond jubilee of the School, with the contribution of K 20 million by Ministry of

Education and K 60 million by townelders, students and donors.

After that, the Union Minister attended the 10th respect-paying ceremony, at BEHS in Hlegu and noviciation ceremony at Tatoominkon monastic education school in Phaunggyi Station, Hlegu Township.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends cash donation ceremony

YANGON, 27 March—The 23rd cash donation of the families of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee was held at the training hall of the committee in Tamway Township yesterday afternoon.

On behalf of the families, Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, the Chief Justice of the Region High Court, region ministers and Chairman of the committee U Tin Htut donated cash to military hospitals, people's hospitals and social organizations.

Families of the committee donated K

2.7 million to five military hospitals, K 6.5 million to 21 general hospitals and K 700,000 to three social organizations, totalling K 9.9 million.

After the ceremony, the Region Chief Minister inspected dump trucks imported by Yangon City Development Committee at Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa (MITT) and storage of cars at the warehouses.

He supervised members of fire brigade in putting out the fire at CIG Co timber yard at Thilawa Industrial Zone.—MNA

Development undertakings inspected in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye received Indian Consul-General Dr Madan Mohan Sethi and Indian entrepreneurs at Win Unity Hotel in Monywa on 21 March and discussed mutual cooperation matters.

The Region Chief Minister in the afternoon met local people from villages of Monywa and Ayadaw townships. He inspected construction of new school building at BEPS in Aingtha Village and Mukangyi-

Yegyiwa (Yangyiaung) Bridge.

On 22 March, the Region Chief Minister attended the launching ceremony of the Sagaing Region Age-wise Anti-Measles Vaccination 2012 in Monywa.

The other day, he attended inauguration of roads in Monywa in commemoration of the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. At the hall of the region government, he attended the region rural development and

poverty alleviation work committee meeting. While in Monywa, he also attended the conferring of certificates on members of the Sangha and nuns in religious examinations.—MNA

Head of Township IPRD Daw Yin Yin Thwe donates 250 books and publications to Ward Administrator U Kyi Tun at Thuta Kaungkin Library in Ward 107 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 15 March.

MYANMA ALIN

Satellite uplink and downlink services

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Office of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar Radio and Television (Tatkon) and MRTV (Yangon) will provide satellite uplink services to Thaicom-5 for news agencies that want to apply satellite news gathering-SNG system during the by-elections on 1 April, 2012. After applying Booking Time to the Director-General of MRTV and making payment for service charges, news agencies can uplink information. Contact phone numbers are 067-79471 and 067-79474, and fax numbers are 067-79473 and 067-79464. Facts for uplink services are as follows:

Uplink locations and technical parameters

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| 1. Location 1 | Ministry of Information, Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw |
| Tape format: | DVC Pro/DVCam (NTSC/PAL) MPEG 2 |
| 2. Location 2 | Uplink to Thaicom-5 available through Flyaway Earth Station MRTV (Tatkon) |
| Tape format: | DVC Pro/DVCam (NTSC) MPEG 2 |
| 3. Location 3 | Uplink to Thaicom-5 available through 9 Meter Earth Station MRTV (Yangon) |
| Tape format: | DVC Pro/DVCam (NTSC) MPEG 2 |
| | Uplink to Thaicom-5 available through 9 Meter Earth Station |

Thaicom-5 Downlink Parameter

Satellite	Thaicom-5 (Regional Beam)
Bandwidth	3 MHz
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Symbol Rate	2500 k sym/sec
FEC	3/4
Polarization	Vertical
Modulation	DVBS/QPSK

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Orthopaedic Hospital in Mandalay of Mandalay Region providing healthcare to orthopaedic patients in central Myanmar.

Health infrastructures established to provide healthcare to national people in central Myanmar

- As new station hospitals are being opened in each area of Mandalay and Sagaing Regions, Mandalay Region is being shaped into a public health centre of upper Myanmar.
- The number of medical and related universities in Mandalay have arisen to six in addition to seven specialist hospitals and two teaching hospitals in the region.

Translation: HKA



New 550-bed Children's Hospital in Mandalay of Mandalay Region ensuring health and fitness of children of the Region.

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye



Teaching Hospital in Magway of Magway Region, a playground for future physicians and a reliable healthcare source for local people in the region.

Popcorn healthier than fruit, vegetables

BEIJING, 27 March—A new study finds out that popcorn contains more highly healthy antioxidant substances than fruits and vegetables, if it isn't covered with butter, salt, or sugar.

Popcorn in its pure form, as an unprocessed grain, can be one of the healthiest snacks one can have, according to the research presented at the American Chemical Society's scientific society on Sunday.

One of the scientists behind the study, Dr Joe Vinson of the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, explained that there are more of the antioxidant substances called polyphenols concentrated in popcorn than most fruits and vegetables. One reason is that popcorn only contains about 4 percent water while fruits and vegetables contain up to 90 percent water.

The researchers also find that the hulls of popcorn - the

part that everyone hates for its tendency to get caught in the teeth - has been found to have the highest concentration of polyphenols and fibre. They are actually "nutritional gold nuggets," according to Vinson.

"Popcorn may be the perfect snack food," said Dr Vinson. One serving of popcorn will provide more than 70 percent of the daily intake of whole grain needed by an adult.

Vinson warned, however, that how the popcorn is prepared is the key to its healthiness. Air popped popcorn is the best, while microwave popcorn is much worse, as is popcorn made in pot full of oil, butter, and covered with sugar or salt.

Popcorn, in its air-popped form is healthy, but could never fully replace fruits and vegetables due to the other vitamins and nutrients found in them.—*Xinhua*

10 killed in clashes between rival gangs in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 27 March — At least 10 people were killed in a clash between rival groups in the municipality of Temosachi, in the northern Mexican State of Chihuahua, local authorities announced Monday.

State police spokeswoman Alexa Estrada said the investigation established that the confrontation between armed groups in the mountainous area of Chihuahua have occurred between Sunday and the early hours of Monday.

Once arriving at the scene, staffs of the state police and forensic services were attacked from a hill with gun shots, but no officer was injured, she said. After the police personnel repelled the attack, the assailants fled the area, and then the bodies of victims and other evidence have been transferred to the nearby Cuauhtemoc municipality for further investigation.—*Xinhua*

Anti-measles vaccination given to children in Gyobingauk

GYOBINGAUK, 27 March—The age-wise anti-measles vaccination was held at the administrative office in Pantin Ward of Gyobingauk Township, Bago Region, at 7 am on 22 March.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Tin Win Aung and Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare

Association Daw Myint Yi launched the ceremony.

Health staff and members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization gave services of age-wise anti-measles vaccination to children from nine months to five years old in the ward.—Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) facilitated with water purifier



Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu and doctors seen together with already-installed water purifier at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed).

thanks to OT Water System, the equipment of operation theatre can be used with purified water so that the equipment can be kept for the long term. Moreover, a plan is under way to install one more water purifier at out-patient ward so as to sufficiently fulfill the purified water to patients and their relatives and to two operation theatres, said Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu.

The Directorate of Water Resources Development has successfully sunk 4-inch tubewell in the compound of the general hospital with the use of RG 02 drilling machine. The 500 feet deep tubewell produces water. The water purifier now uses the best quality water from the tubewell of seven wells in accord with the chemical tests of water.—Ko Htwe

Free health care provided to rural people

TOUNGGOO, 27 March—A 50-member team comprising physicians, specialists and general practitioners of Bago Region General Hospital and Medical Association (Tounggoo) gave talks on health knowledge to the rural people of Okphat Village-tract in Pyu Township of Bago Region on 11 March.

The specialist team also provided free health care services to 1460 local people.—Myanma Alin

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—With the assistance of the Directorate of Water Resources Development, ATC Water Engineering Enterprise installed water purifier for the operation theatre at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) in Nay Pyi Taw for

availability of purified water on 10 March and the work completed on 14 March.

The OT Water System is installed with US NSF Standard Filtration to produce quality water.

In the past, the hospital was supplied water by Nay Pyi Taw Council. At present,

Wheel tax levied at Advanced Zaygyo Complex, Yadanabon Market



MANDALAY, 27 March—For 2012-2013 fiscal year, Wheel Tax Branch of Revenue Department of Mandalay City Development Committee levies wheel tax from vehicles and motorcycles of shopkeepers and buyers for convenience of tax payments at Advanced Zaygyo Complex and Yadanabon Market in Mandalay on Saturdays and Sunday in March.

On the weekdays, the tax may be paid at the wheel tax branch of Mandalay Region Directorate of Road Transport. The vehicle owners in the municipal area of Mandalay City are urged to pay the tax, not later than 31 March 2012. If the taxation date exceeds the designated date, the owners will be fined.—Kyemon

Veterinary clinic put into service in Dedaye

DEDAYE, 27 March—The veterinary clinic of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department was opened on Bogyoke Road in Ward 2 of Dedaye Township of Pyapon District in Ayeyawdy Region on 19 March.

Head of District LBVD Dr Kyi Kyi Thein and Township Administrator U Tin Shwe formally opened the clinic.

The facility is 40x30 feet RC building.

Township IPRD

Loans disbursed to members of cooperative society

MOMAU, 27 March—The formation of Linlet Micro-credit Cooperative Society was held in conjunction with the disbursement of loans to members of the society at Nithawakayama Dhammayon in Alinkaung Ward of Momau Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State, on 16 March.

At first, Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing made a speech. Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department Daw Khin Nyunt Sein discussed formation of cooperative society and functions of micro-credit societies. Later, K 30,000 each was disbursed to 24 members of the society.

Township IPRD

MEASLES PREVENTION TALKED: An educative talk on prevention against measles was given at Basic Education Primary School No. 2 in Ward 9 of Kamayut Township on 11 March. Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Wah Wah gives talks on preventive measures against measles.

Township IPRD



MLF invites cash, books

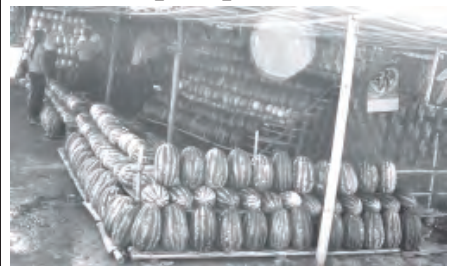
Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

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

CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: In implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Kyaukse District Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible persons at Kyun Shwewah Hall in Mongtin Village of Kyaukse Township on 11 March. Deputy Director U Win Hlaing of District INRD U Aung Thwin Oo present cards to 122 eligible citizens.—TOWNSHIP INRD



Watermelon gets high prices as export product



MANDALAY, 27 March—Taiwan species and domestic species watermelons are thriving in Shanlaykyun region of Amarapura Township of Mandalay District and Tada U Township of Kyaukse District thanks to fertile soil and favourable weather. Thus, the watermelon could be produced high per-acre yield.

Domestic species watermelon is sold at K 500 per fruit, larger Taiwan species K 1000 per fruit and Taiwan yellow species K 1500 per fruit.

Due to better process of border trade, Taiwan species watermelon is exported to China from the fruit brokerages around Mandalay.

Thus, farmers who grow watermelon fetch larger amount of money from their proceeds.

In the market of Muse, watermelon without seeds is sold at 1.2 yuan per kilo to 3.5 yuans per kilo depending the sizes and Myanmar watermelon 0.2 yuans to 2.5 yuans per kilo.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

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Japan Airlines takes delivery of two Boeing 787s



The first of two 787 Dreamliner jets that Boeing delivered to Japan Airlines (JAL) is seen during a ceremony at Paine Field in Everett, Washington on 26 March, 2012.

REUTERS

SEATTLE, 27 March—Japan Airlines took delivery of its first two Boeing Co 787 Dreamliners on Monday, after a delay of about three

years while the plane-maker wrestled with development and production problems. The delivery to JAL brings the total number of Dreamliners delivered to seven. The airplanes also are the first 787s to be powered by General Electric engines rather than Rolls Royce.

The airline, which has 45 Dreamliners on order, postponed Dreamliner service on several routes while it waited out another delay this year resulting from a manufacturing glitch. "We were sorry there was a slight delay, but relieved the aircraft is finally ready," said JAL President Yoshiharu Ueki at a ceremony marking the occasion. "And the delay's

impact was that the carrier's service from Japan to Moscow, to Delhi, to Beijing was delayed one month."

JAL had expected to receive its first Dreamliner by the end of February. The Dreamliner is the world's first commercial airplane with an airframe made largely of carbon composites, making it lighter than a traditional aluminum airframe. The 787 boasts unprecedented fuel efficiency and has won more than 870 orders.

The 787 is about three years behind its original schedule because of problems with Boeing's complex global supply chain. "We know we were a little late, and we apologize for that," Jim Albaugh, chief executive of Boeing's commercial airplanes division, said at the ceremony. "We hope you'll forgive us." Boeing, the world's second-largest commercial plane-maker after EADS unit Airbus, made first delivery of a Dreamliner last year to All Nippon Airways and is ramping up the production rate to 10 per month, a target many experts believe to be unattainable.

Reuters

UK in talks to sell part of RBS stake to Abu Dhabi

LONDON, 27 March—Britain has held talks to sell part of its stake in Royal Bank of Scotland to Abu Dhabi investors although a multibillion-pound deal is not imminent, people familiar with

the matter said on Monday. Britain could sell as much as a third of RBS to Abu Dhabi wealth funds in a deal that could lose taxpayers billions of pounds, the BBC said.

UK Financial



A logo of an Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is seen at a branch in London on 23 February, 2012. —REUTERS

Investments, which holds the government's stake, has held regular talks with big investors about their views on the industry and RBS, which has included meetings with sovereign wealth investors, including from Abu Dhabi, sources said.

Two people said a deal was not imminent, however.

Andrew Tyrie, head of Britain's Treasury Select Committee, told the BBC on Monday night that the TSC would look closely at any deal to make sure the taxpayer received value.

"It strikes me as sensible to take an opportunity if it's there," Tyrie said.

Britain pumped 45.5

"About 3,500 flights were taken by business jets in 2011 in Shanghai, making up a third of the total for the country," he said. "And we expect this year will see a 10 to 15 percent increase in traffic."

Jet-charter companies in China have also expanded considerably as the country relaxes its restrictions on the use of airspace. "In the past, you had to apply for a route one week ahead of making a flight, while nowadays it takes only one day to apply," Jing said.

Kong Linshan, president of Minsheng Financial Leasing Co Ltd, said China's business jet market took off after the 2008 Beijing Olympics, seeing an annual growth rate of more than 150 percent. China is now one of the chief growth markets for business jets.

And China has worked increasingly harder to tap that market since 2009. Makers of business jets are expected to pay even more attention to the country during the next decade.

"China's business-jet market has become one of the markets with the most potential and is drawing more and more attention from around the world," he said.

Over the next three years, the Minsheng Financial Leasing's fleet will contain more than 100 jets. Those will be worth more than \$4 billion and make up more than 90 percent of the Chinese market for those aircraft, he said.

In China's 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15), the country's central government said general aviation will be one of the pillars of the country's economic development. The plan calls for developing the industry, building a large number of airplanes and relaxing airspace restrictions.

Xinhua

Vietnam to lure 2.63 b USD of FDI in first quarter

HANOI, 27 March—Vietnam forecast to attract 2.63 billion US dollars in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the first three months, a decrease of 36.4 percent against the same period last year, reported the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) on Tuesday.

Of the total amount, 2.26 billion US dollars were newly registered by 120 newly-licensed projects, a 22.8 percent decrease from 2011, and the rest of nearly 368 million US dollars came from 29 expanded projects.

Real estate came out top among investment sectors in luring FDI capital, with more than 1.2 billion US dollars (accounting for 45.5 percent of the country's total FDI), followed by the processing and manufacturing industry with 1.17 billion US dollars (44.6 percent), and transport and storage sectors with 180 million US dollars (6.8 percent).

Japan remained the largest investor among 26 countries and territories investing in Vietnam in the first quarter with newly-registered and expanded capital of 2.3 billion US dollars

(accounting for 88.8 percent), followed by Netherlands with 46.1 million US dollars (1.7 percent), and China's Taiwan with 42.9 million US dollars (1.6 percent).

Southern Binh Duong Province took the lead nationwide in attracting FDI with 1.36 billion US dollars (51.7 percent), followed by Hai Phong port city with 605 million US dollars (23 percent), and central Khanh Hoa Province with 180 million US dollars.

During the 3-month period, exports (including oil and gas) by the FDI sector were forecast to earn 15.5 billion US dollars, up 43.1 percent year-on-year and accounting for 63.4 percent of the country's total export value, while it spent 13.03 billion US dollars for the imports, up 30.3 percent and 52.6 percent, respectively. Overall, the FDI sector would post a trade surplus of 1.38 billion US dollars.

Meanwhile, the country's FDI disbursement in the first three months reached 2.52 billion US dollars, or 99.2 percent of last year's figure, according to the MPI. —Xinhua

250-year-old Japanese paintings to be shown in DC

A 30-scroll set of nature paintings from the 1700s that's owned by Japan's royal family and considered a cultural treasure is being shown in its entirety for the first time outside of the country at an exhibit in Washington.

The "Colourful Realm of Living Beings," created more than 250 years ago by artist Ito Jakuchu, consists of intricate paintings of birds, flowers, insects, fish and other animals on vertical silk scrolls. It opens to the public Friday at the National Gallery of Art and will be on view through 29 April.

For only the second time in 120 years, the nature paintings are paired with Jakuchu's "Sakyamuni Triptych." In this piece, three Buddhist deities overlook the bird-and-flower paintings to serve as the

exhibit's centerpiece. The pairing evokes the original religious context of the nature paintings as objects of worship, curators said.

Since 1889, the fragile silk scroll paintings have been held in separate locations. The nature paintings were donated to Japan's royal family and held ever since by the world's oldest monarchy. The Buddhist triptych is held at the monastery where

Jakuchu originally left his works.

Even though his masterpieces are kept mostly out of view to help preserve them, Jakuchu has become Japan's most famous pre-modern artist, said guest curator Yukio Lippit, a Harvard University professor of Japanese art. While his works were famous around the time they were painted, his achievements were later forgotten to a certain extent.



Monks from Shokokuji Monastery in Japan perform a blessing ceremony over a 30-scroll set of paintings from the 1700s, considered a cultural treasure of Japan, on 26 March, 2012, at The National Gallery of Art in Washington.

4,428 set dance record in India

Guinness World Records said the TV series "Dance India Dance" set a world record when 4,428 people in Mumbai simultaneously danced a Bollywood routine.

The record-keeping organization said an adjudicator was on hand to see students from local schools and colleges join the 13 contestants from this season of the show in a dance set to the Bollywood song "Dhinkachika Dhinka-chika."

The dance was choreographed by Terence Lewis and Remo D'souza.



In this 13 March, 2012 file photo, a man walks past the new Titanic Belfast Visitor's Centre in Northern Ireland, opening on 31 March near the defunct shipyard where the doomed ocean liner was built 100 years ago.

Company uses Hitler video to sell shampoo

The Anti-Defamation League, based in New York, is criticizing a Turkish company for using video of Adolf Hitler to sell shampoo. The Biomen commercial, which uses real footage of Hitler with fake subtitles, was described as "disgusting" by Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, Israeli broadcaster Arutz Sheva reported Monday.

"If you're not wearing

women's clothes, then you also shouldn't be using women's shampoo. Here it is, a real men's shampoo, Biomen," the fake subtitles read. "The use of images of the violently anti-Semitic dictator who was responsible for the mass murder of 6 million Jews and millions of others in the Holocaust to sell shampoo is a disgusting and deplorable marketing ploy," Foxman said.

"It is an insult to the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust, those who survived, and those who fought to defeat the Nazis. This video is just the latest example of the use of Holocaust imagery in some countries to sell commercial products, which has contributed to the trivialization of and desensitization to the unparalleled horrors of the Holocaust."

News Album



Writer and producer Matthew Weiner of "Mad Men" accepts the outstanding drama series award, surrounded by cast members during the 63rd annual Primetime Emmy Awards held at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on 18 September, 2011.—INTERNET

3.5M tuned in for 'Mad Men' premiere

NEW YORK, 27 March—About 3.5 million people tuned in for Sunday night's Season 5 premiere of the US drama series "Mad Men," AMC announced Monday.

The 2-hour-long season opener was the most watched episode of the series, which stars Jon Hamm, January Jones and John Slattery, the cable network said.

"Almost five years ago, with a focus on distinction and quality, AMC launched "Mad Men" as the first series in its commitment to original

scripted dramatic television. "Mad Men" is the only cable drama to ever win the Emmy Award for outstanding drama series four years in a row and the Golden Globe for best television drama series for three years in a row. "Mad Men" set the bar high and we are incredibly proud that it continues to engage audiences looking for unexpected, unconventional and uncompromising television," said Charlie Collier, AMC's president, in a statement.—INTERNET

In this 19 Feb. 2012 file photo, singer and actress Jennifer Lopez waves to people as she watches carnival parades at the Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Lopez announced in a statement Monday that she would be performing at the Pop Music Festival in Sao Paulo on 23 June and in Rio de Janeiro on 27 June.

INTERNET



Madonna's "MDNA" receives lukewarm welcome from critics

LOS ANGELES, 27 March—The music doesn't stop for pop icon Madonna, and neither does the controversy, as the 53-year-old "Queen of Pop" returns to the spotlight with her latest album "MDNA."

The uptempo record "MDNA" sees Madonna

continue her love affair with dance music in an album dedicated to club-friendly tracks.

And Madonna has lost none of her ability to push boundaries, just as she did 25 years ago with themes of sexuality and youth rebellion.

The title, "MDNA" —

an allusion to the drug MDMA or ecstasy — has caused a stir, while the music video for the second single, "Girl Gone Wild", has been slapped with an age restriction after YouTube deemed it too raunchy for under 18 year-olds.

Reuters



Madonna performs during the halftime show in the NFL Super Bowl XLVI football game in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 5 February, 2012.

INTERNET

Paparazzi sues Megan Fox, Brian Austin Green for alleged attack

LOS ANGELES, 27 March—Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green engaged in a violent game of pop-ap, according to a new lawsuit, and the alleged



Actress Megan Fox arrives on the red carpet for the film "Friends With Kids" during the 36th Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, on 9 September, 2011.—INTERNET

victim is looking for a payout from the incident.

In the suit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday, photographer Delbert Shaw claims that Green pummeled him in the face and tackled him after he took pictures of Green's wife Fox in a bikini on a beach in Hawaii.

The suit contends that Fox egged Green on, asking her husband, "Are you going to let him get away with that?" after Shaw took a picture of Fox in a bikini, and "verbally encouraged defendant Green to continue his violent attack."—INTERNET



Bobby Brown (R) leaves the funeral service of ex-wife pop singer Whitney Houston at the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey on 18 February, 2012.—INTERNET

Bobby Brown arrested for driving under the influence

LOS ANGELES, 27 March—Singer Bobby Brown, the ex-husband of late singer Whitney Houston, was arrested in Los Angeles on Monday on suspicion of driving under the influence, police said. Brown, 43, was pulled over shortly after noon for talking on his cellphone while driving in the suburb of Reseda. Police suspected he had been drinking and he failed a sobriety test, said Los Angeles police Sgt. Mitzi Fierro.

Brown was booked and briefly jailed before being released. The singer will likely face formal charges at a later date. Brown, who was married to Houston from 1992 to 2007, has had numerous run-ins with the law, including arrests for battery, drug possession, drunk driving and parole violations.

Houston, whose marriage and career was marked by drug addiction, died suddenly in February at a Beverly Hills hotel. Authorities said last week that she drowned accidentally in her bathtub and that she had cocaine in her system.—Reuters

Roddick ousts Federer in Miami

MIAMI, 27 March — Roger Federer crashed out of the Miami Masters to Andy Roddick to bring the world number three's impressive run of form to a swift end. American Roddick, ranked 34 in the world, upset 16-time major winner Federer 7-6 (7/4), 1-6, 6-4, snapping the Swiss star's win streak at 16 matches and moving into the fourth round. But there were no such troubles for top seed and defending champion Novak Djokovic, who defeated No. 27 seed Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-4 in an all-Serb clash. It was only Roddick's third win over Federer in 24 career meetings. He plays 21st-seed Juan Monaco in the next round. "It was kind of a game of chess," Roddick said.



Roger Federer of Switzerland congratulates Andy Roddick of the USA after losing to him 7-6 (7/4), 1-6, 6-4 in the third round of the Miami Masters.—INTERNET

"I stayed back on the returns, which is something I have not done with him often early on. He might have been a little bit surprised by it." Roddick hammered 12 aces and won 74 percent of his first-serve points to outlast Federer in an absorbing match that lasted just over two hours. After losing the first-set tie-break, Federer broke Roddick three times to even the match at one-set all.

INTERNET



Inter Milan sack coach Claudio Ranieri after poor run



Inter Milan have sacked coach Claudio Ranieri after only one win in their last 10 league matches.—INTERNET

MILAN, 27 March — Inter Milan have sacked coach Claudio Ranieri after only one win in their last 10 league matches. The former Chelsea boss took charge at the San Siro in September, replacing Gian Piero Gasperini, who was dismissed after only five games in

Rooney fires Man Utd back to top Striker's 21st Barclays Premier League goal of the season secures victory



Wayne Rooney scored the only goal of the match just before half-time.

INTERNET

LONDON, 27 March — Manchester United 1-0 Fulham. Wayne Rooney's 21st Barclays Premier League goal of the season was enough to earn a win which put Manchester United three points clear at the top of the table. Rooney pounced just before half-time to fire the loose ball high into the net after Jonny Evans crossed along the six-yard box.

United enjoyed the

majority of the possession and were unlucky not to add to their lead as Fulham keeper Mark Schwarzer produced a fine double save from Ashley Young - then Brede Hangeland blocked Ryan Giggs' follow-up.

Fulham battled hard to stay in the match and gave United some nervy moments towards full-time - but United held on for their sixth successive League victory.—INTERNET

Real Madrid's players warm up during a training session at GSP Stadium in Nicosia on the eve of his team's UEFA Champions League first leg quarter-final football match against APOEL.

INTERNET

Barcelona, Madrid plot path to Munich showdown

MADRID, 27 March — Having been kept apart in the draw for the Champions League quarter-finals, Barcelona and Real Madrid will this week embark on a path that could lead to an all-Spanish showdown in the final in Munich on 19 May. Rampant in La Liga, where the top two enjoy a 22-point cushion over third-placed Valencia, Barca and Madrid are widely regarded as the

two strongest sides in the European game.

Barca got the better of their eternal rivals in last season's semi-finals, before going on to beat Manchester United in the final, but Madrid have redressed the balance this season and currently lead the Catalans by six points in La Liga. Jose Mourinho's side also benefited from a kinder draw in the Champions League, which paired them

Ferguson praises Ferdinand influence Manchester United boss says defender can remain at club for years to come

LONDON, 27 March — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is hoping defender Rio Ferdinand can remain a big influence at the club for years to come.

Ferdinand's contract at Old Trafford runs until the end of next season, but Ferguson expects the 33-year-old to be at the club much longer.

England centre-half Ferdinand has struggled with a back problem in recent years, but he is likely to line-up against Fulham on Monday having already made more Barclays Premier League appearances this season than any campaign since 2008-09.

"He is still young for a centre-back," said Ferguson. "In normal terms you would expect a centre-back with his athleticism to play well into their thirties anyway."



Defender Rio Ferdinand (left) is a big influence on the young players at Manchester United.—INTERNET

We all know about his back problem, so we've had to manage that.

"He has adapted really well to the challenge of making sure he is fit and fresh to play in the games when we need him.

"How long he goes on for is all down to how he feels physically, other than that he has no issues at all.

"He has taken on that role of the influential person in the dressing room and he is great with the players."

Ferguson signed Ferdinand from Leeds in the summer of 2002 and the defender has since made over 250 League appearances for the Red Devils and won five titles.

INTERNET

Serena Williams beats Stosur at Key Biscayne

KEY BISCAYNE, 27 March — Unhappy about losing a point midway through the second set, Serena Williams stood near the backstop, gritted her teeth and swung her racket as hard as she could, as if trying to coax even more ferocity from her strokes.

That hardly seemed possible. Williams pummeled the ball plenty Monday, matching a career high with 20 aces and whacking

enough thunderous groundstrokes to beat Samantha Stosur 7-5, 6-3 and advance to the quarterfinals of the Sony Ericsson Open.

"My serve was hot," Williams said. "I was like, 'That's pretty cool.'" She avenged a loss to Stosur when they last met in the US Open final in September. "That wasn't in my mind," Williams said. "I just thought, 'This is a new game.'"

INTERNET



Serena Williams returns the ball to Samantha Stosur, of Australia, during the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament, on 26 March, 2012, in Key Biscayne, Fla.

INTERNET

Azarenka survives Slovak scare

KEY BISCAYNE, 27 March — World number one Victoria Azarenka scraped into the quarter-finals of the Sony Ericsson Open, surviving a

two hour 49 minute battle with Slovak Dominika Cibulkova 1-6, 7-6, 7-5. The victory was Azarenka's 26th straight, but came after she

was dominated in the first set.

Cibulkova, playing with bags of energy and invention, was well placed at 4-1 up in the second but lost out in a tie-break.

The Slovak was within two points of victory on five occasions in the tightly fought third set but each time Belarusian Azarenka fought back. Azarenka will now face France's Marion Bartoli in the quarter-finals.—Reuters



Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- News
- Conference on Media Development in Myanmar
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- Kid's Talent
- News
- Thuta Swesone Manuscript Award Presentation
- News
- Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Sour Soup with Fish Head"
- News
- India Product Show
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- True Desire out of Enthusiasm
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- Youths' Vista on Study Abroad
- News
- Demo's Birthday
- News
- Myanmar Movie "Miss Arrogant"

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1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:40 am
4. International News
- 4:00 pm
5. Martial Song
- 4:20 pm
6. Song Of National Races
- 5:00 pm
7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
8. International Science News
- 5:20 pm
9. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 6:10 pm
10. Traditionak Boxing
- 8:00 pm
10. News
 11. A zealous desire
 12. Korea NG Award
 13. TV Drama Series
 14. Myanmar Video Feature



PRIZES AWARDED: The basic domestic science course No. 44 and the advanced tailoring course No 30 concluded at the vocational training school in Myawady on 23 March. Deputy Commissioner U Myint Tin of District General Administration Department presents prizes to outstanding trainees. DISTRICT IPRD

Oil lights offered Mawtinson Pagoda

YANGON, 27 March—A pilgrimage team comprising over 100 visitors led by Insein Township Buddha Pujaniya 9900-light Group offered lights at Maha Kudayanthi Mawtinson Pagoda and encircled zedis in Ayeyawady Region on 6 March evening.

They also offered 9900 oil lights for the 40th time on the platform of the pagoda.

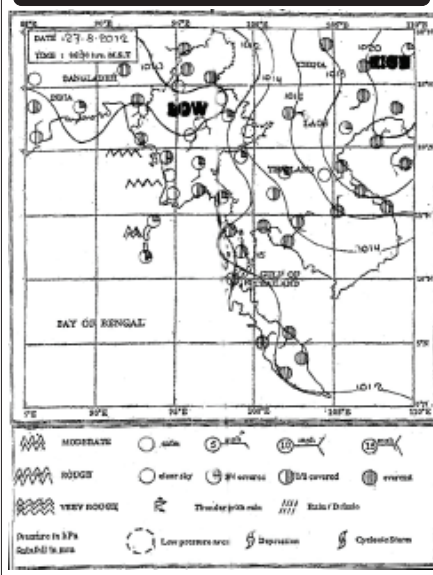
The team donated K 216,000 to the fund for purchasing generator of the pagoda through member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Myanma Alin



Chocolate contains antioxidants but is also high in fat and sugar.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 28th March, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60(%)
2	Kayah	35/95	19/66	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayah	39/102	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60(%)
4	Chin	25/77	08/46	Generally fair weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60(%)
6	Lower Sagaing	39/102	20/68	Generally fair weather	
7	Taintharyi	37/99	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60(%)
8	Bago	38/100	24/75	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	40/104	23/73	Generally fair weather	
10	Mandalay	41/106	25/77	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	38/100	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms	60(%)
12	Yangon	38/100	24/75	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	33/91	22/72	Generally fair weather	
14	Southern Shan	30/86	18/64	Generally fair weather	
15	Northern Shan	34/93	14/57	Generally fair weather	
16	Eastern Shan	34/93	20/68	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	39/102	23/73	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	40/104	23/73	Partly cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	38/100	24/75	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	41/106	25/77	Partly cloudy	

During the past (24) hours, rain or thunderstorms have been widespread in Taintharyi Region, isolated in Upper Sagaing, Kachin and Mon States, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Bago Regions, Rakhine State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State, (5°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions, Northern and Southern Shan and Rakhine States and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature Pyaw (43°C) and Bawikha (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoon (0.74) inch and Myit (0.29) inch.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood slight increase of day temperature in the Central Myanmar areas.

'Bully' to be released unrated on 30 March

NEW YORK, 27 March—The controversial documentary "Bully" will be released unrated in the United States this month, The Weinstein Co announced Monday.

The movie studio lost its appeal to have the Motion Picture Association of America rate the film PG-13 instead of R due to its inclusion of expletives.

The documentary's producers and its growing number of supporters said the language demonstrated the abusive behavior of bullies and argued rating the film R prohibits kids under 17 — who will benefit from the movie the most — from seeing it.

"The kids and families in this film are true heroes, and we believe theater owners everywhere will step up and do what's right for the benefit of all of the children out there

who have been bullied or may have otherwise become bullies themselves. We're working to do everything we can to make this film available to as many parents, teachers and students across the country," TWC Marketing President Stephen Bruno said in a statement.

"The small amount of language in the film that's responsible for the R rating is there because it's real," "Bully" director Lee Hirsch said. "It's what the children who are victims of bullying face on most days. All of our supporters see that, and we're grateful for the support we've received across the board. I know the kids will come, so it's up to the theaters to let them in."

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Harvey Weinstein arrives on the red carpet before the screening of the film "Les Bien-Aimes" during the 64th annual Cannes International Film Festival in Cannes, France on 22 May, 2011.

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Chocolate 'may help keep people slim'

SAN DIEGO, 27 March—People who eat chocolate regularly tend to be thinner, new research suggests.

The findings come from a study of nearly 1,000 US people that looked at diet, calorie intake and body mass index (BMI) - a measure of obesity.

It found those who ate chocolate a few times a week were, on average, slimmer than those who ate it occasionally.

Even though chocolate is loaded with calories, it contains ingredients that may favour weight loss rather than fat synthesis, scientists believe.

Despite boosting calorie intake, regular chocolate consumption was related to lower BMI in the study, which is published in Archives of Internal Medicine.

The link remained even when other factors, like how much exercise individuals did, were taken into account.

And it appears it is how

often you eat chocolate that is important, rather than how much of it you eat. The study found no link with quantity consumed.

According to the researchers, there is only one chance in a hundred that their findings could be explained by chance alone.

But the findings only suggest a link - not proof that one factor causes the other.

While there's no harm in allowing yourself a treat like chocolate now and again, eating too much might be harmful because it often contains a lot of sugar and fat too.

And if you are looking to change your diet, you are likely to benefit most from eating more fresh fruits and vegetables.

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In this 9 Nov, 2011 file photo, singer Martina McBride arrives at the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville.

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Martina McBride to sing as a couple weds at ACMs

NASHVILLE, 27 March—Martina McBride is taking on a new role at the Academy of Country Music Awards this Sunday: wedding singer.

She will perform her new single, "Marry Me," with Train lead singer Pat Monahan while a couple from New Jersey gets married on stage. McBride handpicked Christina Davidson and her fiancé Frank Tucci to tie the knot during her performance in Las Vegas.

They both lost their spouses in 2009 and met at a support group for young widows and widowers that Davidson started in their community.

Their friendship grew as they dealt with the challenges of being single parents and the struggle to keep their spouses' memories alive.

On 1 April, the ACM Awards air live on CBS.

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According to international reaction, the fact that MNHRC is fifth national human rights institution in ASEAN has enhanced image of country

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issued its Statement No 2/2012 today. The full text of the Statement is as follows:-

The Statement of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on its establishment and its current status of functioning (Statement No 2/2012)

On 16 March 2012, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, based on the opinion of the Joint Bill Committee that the establishment of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) is not consistent with the Constitution and existing laws, decided that the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is not part of the Leading Bodies of the State and that the request for the budget appropriations for the Commission is revoked.

This items of news was widely reported both inside and outside the country and led to the public assumption that the Commission has become defunct and resulted in various comments and queries. There were also expressions of concern both inside and outside the country.

The Commission was established in order to promote and protect the fundamental rights of the citizens of Myanmar enshrined in the Constitution as well as to interact with the United Nations and other international organizations. This is to enable the enhanced enjoyment of human rights and to contribute to the current democratization process both in form and essence.

Here it is pertinent to examine all the relevant provisions of the Constitution. It is found that under these provisions, every citizen shall enjoy the rights of equality, the right of liberty and the right of justice and necessary laws shall be enacted to make citizens' freedom, rights, benefits, responsibilities and restrictions effective, steadfast and complete.

It is found that, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive power of the Union extends to administrative matters over which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to make laws. It is also found that, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive power of the Union is vested in the President. The Commission is of the view that it is as part of the exercise of that executive power that the President had established the MNHRC. The establishment of the Commission under the present circumstances is not only appropriate

and timely but also has resulted in positive benefits for the citizens and the State. The Commission is an institution formed by the President under the executive power vested in him. The fact that it is not part of the Leading Bodies of the State and that its budget had been revoked has no effect on the existence and functioning of the Commission.

The MNHRC is an institution founded to promote and protect the human rights of citizens in a sustainable manner. The Commission is of the view that, in order to fully comply with the Paris Principles and act as an independent institution, it needs to become an institution established under an act of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Under the Paris Principles, to enable the Commission to function independently, adequate funding should be provided to it. The Commission will systematically utilize the funding provided by the Government as well as other sources.

Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand from ASEAN and many countries of the world have established national human rights commissions to promote and protect human rights. In the initial stages of establishing their commissions, many of the countries established them under a Presidential decree or decree by the Prime Minister. Subsequently enabling acts of national human rights commissions were enacted and those commissions functioned in accordance with those acts. According to international reaction, the fact that the MNHRC is the fifth national human rights institution in ASEAN has enhanced the image of the country. For these reasons, to strengthen the MNHRC in the long run, the Commission, pursuant to the guidance of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, is already drafting an enabling national human rights commission act. The Commission will submit the draft to the President and, if approved, present to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for adoption.

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, in accordance with its mandate, will continue to promote and protect the fundamental rights of citizens enshrined in the Constitution with added momentum.

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Date: 27 March 2012
Yangon

Sittway marks World TB Day-2012

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—In commemoration of World TB Day, a ceremony to mark the World TB Day-2012 took place at U Ottama Hall of Sittway in Rakhine State

yesterday, with an address of Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin.

On the occasion, State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Aung Kyaw Min read out

the message sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Those present looked around the booth.

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Self-reliant road put into service to mark 67th Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 27 March—To mark the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, an opening ceremony of a self-reliant tarred road on Mawkan (12) Road in Punnasu Ward in Bago on 25 March morning.

At the inauguration, Region Minister for

Development Affairs U Ye Myint Tun, director of the region development affairs committee U Aung Myint and member of the committee for construction of the road formally cut the ribbon to put the ceremony into action.

And Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win pressed

the button to unveil its signboard.

The newly-opened road is 1350 feet in length, 12 feet in width, and the cost of the road is a total of K 187,000—K 590,000 from the fund of the development affairs committee, and the rest from the public fund.—MNA



New 550-bed Children Hospital in Mandalay.

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No. 1 Stanford women beat Duke to reach Final Four



Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogumike holds the up the trophy as she and her teammates celebrate after beating Duke in the NCAA women's tournament regional final college basketball game on 26 March, 2012, in Fresno, Calif.

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FRESNO, 27 March—Cardinal's fifth straight Final Four berth.

When fall practice began, Tara VanDerveer had no idea if her young team would get back to a fifth straight Final Four.

One thing she did know: Nnemkadi Ogumike would do all in her power to get Stanford to Denver.

Ogumike and Co. would like nothing more than to haul a championship trophy home from the Mile High City.

She made it happen on both ends of the floor with 29 points and nine rebounds Monday night despite constant double-teams, sending top-seeded Stanford past No. 2 seed Duke 81-69 in the Fresno Regional final for the

know if I could answer yes," VanDerveer said. "Nneka, she has put our team on her back almost all year. If it hasn't been Nneka it's been Chiney."

Little sister, Chiney, did plenty to seal this one, too—along with everybody else. Chiney Ogumike grabbed 17 rebounds to go with 12 points and freshman Amber Orrange came through with 13 points and four assists as the Cardinal extended their school-record winning streak to 32 games. "I told myself going into the game I was going to get every rebound," Chiney Ogumike said.

She'll have to do that and then some in her next game. Bring on Brittney Griner and unbeaten Baylor (38-0). Stanford is likely to pull in 6-foot-5 male practice player Andrew Klein to play the part of the 6-8 Griner in practice as the Cardinal did last year while preparing for a possible matchup with Baylor.

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Stanford's Chiney Ogumike, right, drives to the basket against Duke's Haley Peters during the first half of an NCAA women's tournament regional final college basketball game on 26 March, 2012, in Fresno, Calif.

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