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Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein views displaying of pamphlets at Ministry of Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Immigration and Population, has called on citizens to answer the questions in the census as the answers must be kept confidential according to the Census Law.

Answer the questions correctly during the census should be considered as a national duty because the government needs to get correct data to be able to fulfill the needs of the citizens, the Union Minister said.

The government is closely working together with United Nations Populations Fund-UNFPA to take the national census so that the task would be in conformity with international standards and human rights, said U Khin Yi, the chairman of the central committee for the 2014-National Census, at a ceremony to clarify the questions which would be answered by the people in the census.

Ethnic armed groups will actively participate in and cooperate with the government in taking the national census, said U Khin Yi.

The national census will start at midnight of 29 March and end on 10 April.

The last census in Myanmar was taken in 1983.

The ceremony is also attended by Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Daw Khin Aye Myint, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun.—*MNA*

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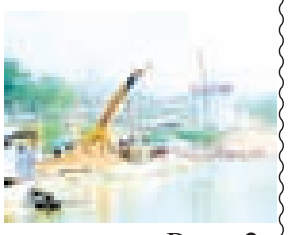

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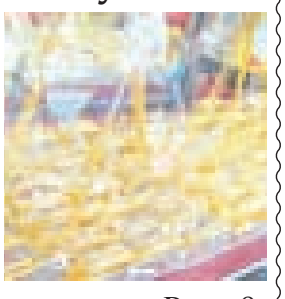

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SMIDB plans to lend K 20 billion to industries

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank (SMIDB) of the government is planning to lend K 20 billion to industries in the next fiscal year which starts on 1st April.

The bank has already granted K 10 billion in total so far to 62 entrepreneurs.

The government has opened 12 branch offices of the bank across the country and it is planning to set up further four branches.

At the coordination meeting of the committee for development of industrial zones, Union Minister U Soe Thane, the chairman of the committee, has called on entrepreneurs and businessmen to pay tax to the government so that it can work for the development of the industrial zones which create job opportunities for the people.

During the meeting, responsible personnel of the industrial zones and entrepreneurs discussed assistance to be provided by the government to the industrial zones.

Union Minister U Maung Myint, the vice-chairman of the committee, stressed the need to support the industries as the industrial zones are playing an important role in boosting the economy of the country.

Small and medium scale enterprise law has been put forward to the parliament and is expected to be enacted in near future, he said.—*MNA*

Students across the nation sit 2014 matriculation examination

Photo shows students coming out from their exam centre after sitting for the first day of matriculation exam.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—2014 matriculation examination is taking place at 1287 exam centres totally—1272 in home and 15 in abroad at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

Altogether 588,612 students including 99 disabled students and 139 students from Myawady Border Region are sitting in the exam.

Officials have opened exam centres for unhealthy students in Yangon at Yangon General Hospital, Waibargi Hospital and Central Women's Hospital and others at general hospitals in their respective townships.

Director-General U Myo Nyunt of Myanmar Board of Examinations Department under the Ministry of Education viewed the students at exam centres in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw.

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Emergency response course on 12-13 March in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Altogether 43 trainees and two observers from European Union are attending the 2-day preliminary course on foundation of Emergency Response Centre-ERC.

The course is organized by Anti-Human Trafficking Police Crops under the Myanmar Police Force.

Opening of the course was held on Wednesday morning at Jade City Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone No.2 with addresses by Police Brig-Gen Win Naing Tun of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Crops, Myanmar Police Force and Mr. Ronald Kobia, EU Ambassador to Myanmar.

Min Min Latt
(Mann Tekkatho)

Myawady's students sit matriculation examinations

MYAWADY, 12 March—High school students in Myawady of Kayin State started sitting matriculation examinations on Wednesday.

On the first day of this year's university entrance exams, 847 students—330 schoolboys and 517 schoolgirls—sat for Myanmar Language at BEHS No (1).

Tun Tun Oo-
Myawady Border Town

Farmers earn more income

Photo shows thriving long bean plantation seen on 11 March, 2014.

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—"Farmers in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area along Yangon-Mandalay old highway grow long bean mostly using Taiwan strains among the two strains with the brands of Taiwan and Myanmar Aeroplane. Within 70 days farmers can pluck it and send it to the markets. During summer time, there are few bean growers and thus who grows long bean earns a good income." said farmer Ko Zaw Min who is engaged heavily in growing long bean.

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ZAWTIKON CANAL BENEFITS 2827 ACRES: *Kachin State government allotted K 40 million to construction of Zawtikon canal in 2013-2014 FY. In addition to the state government's fund, Border Area Development Fund contributed K 6 million to the project which was implemented by Mohnyin Township Irrigation Department. The construction completed on 23-2-2014 and it was handed over to department concerned to supply water to 2827 acres of 379 farmers.—NLM-001*

Myanmar-Laos Friendship Bridge under construction

YANGON, 12 March—The construction of Lao-Myanmar Friendship bridge spanning Mekhong river started on 16 February 2013. The bridge is located in Kenglatt sub-township in Tachilek district in eastern Shan State. According to the press release of the Ministry of Construction, it can withstand 75 tons of load with the length of 691.2 meter. The bridge is a reinforced concrete type.

Soe Win (SP)

Traffic Rules Course for locals

TATKON, 12 March — Road Administration Department conducted a course concentrating on traffic rules in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. About 600 locals attended the two-day course on 8 and 9 March.

The trainees are allowed to apply motor cycle driving license.

Tin Soe Lwin
(Tatkon)

Japan calls Crimea's move to join Russia "problem"

Shotaro Yachi (L front), Japan's top bureaucrat of its National Security Council, is seen at Narita airport near Tokyo on 12 March, 2014, before leaving for Russia. KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 12 March — The recent move by Ukraine's Crimea region to become part of Russia is a "problem," a Japanese government spokesman said on Wednesday, reiterating Tokyo's opposition to Moscow's intervention in the country.

Japan also sent the top bureaucrat of its National Security Council to Russia to discuss the crisis in Ukraine, where the Crimean parliament says the Black Sea peninsula will declare its independence if residents vote yes in a referendum later this month, amid strong opposition from US-led Western nations.

"We wonder whether (the move) is in line with Ukraine's Constitution. There is a problem in terms of territorial integrity," Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato told a Press conference.

Kato was referring to the adoption on Tuesday by Crimea's regional legislature of the "declaration of independence" that will be effective if residents vote in the upcoming referendum for splitting off from Ukraine and joining Russia as an autonomous republic.

Japan has expressed its hope that parties concerned will seek a peaceful solution to the Ukraine crisis by respecting the nation's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Kyodo News

Japan ranks 127th worldwide in female parliamentarians

NEW YORK, 12 March — While Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has vowed to empower women, the country continues to rank poorly in the number of female parliamentarians — placing 127th, far below China, South Korea and North Korea, in a UN global survey released on Tuesday.

"It is going to require a very substantial rethinking in Japan about how we do politics and that is really the challenge of the prime minister," Anders Johnsson, the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a global organization of national parliaments, told *Kyodo News*.

IPU and UN Women jointly launched the Women in Politics Map 2014 based on data up to 1 Jan, 2014. Compiled annually, the map tracks women's political progress and last year reported that Japan ranked slightly higher at 122. Abe took to the global stage last September during the annual General Assembly session at the United Nations, pledging to seek greater participation by women in his country and also around the world.

Kyodo News

Japan OKs dispatch of 4 SDF planes to help search for Malaysian jet

TOKYO, 12 March — Japan decided on Wednesday to dispatch four of its Self-Defence Forces planes to join international efforts to search for the Malaysia Airlines passenger plane missing since last weekend.

Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera told a meeting with senior officials of his ministry that Japan is sending two *C-130* transport aircraft of the Air Self-Defence Force and two *P-3C* patrol planes of the Maritime Self-Defence Force.

"We hope the SDF will make all-out efforts to help in the search using its extensive experience in search operations," Onodera said.

A C-130 transport aircraft of Japan's Air Self-Defence Force is pictured at the ASDF base in Naha, Okinawa Prefecture, on 12 March, 2014, before being dispatched to join international efforts to search for a missing Malaysia Airlines passenger plane. Japan decided the same day to dispatch a total of four planes of its Self-Defence Forces for the search. — KYODO NEWS

Prior to the mission, an eight-member advance team including SDF officers will head to Kuala Lumpur International Airport on Wednesday.

The dispatch comes in response to a request for cooperation from the Malaysian government.

Searches by several nations including Vietnam, China and the United States have so far detected no signs of the aircraft or any of its 239 passengers and crew from over a dozen countries.

Kyodo News

Search under way at New York building collapse, trains halted

NEW YORK, 12 March—A building collapsed in a largely residential block of Upper Manhattan on Wednesday and the New York City Fire Department was searching for anyone trapped in the debris, officials said.

Television images showed heavy smoke and dust rising from the structure at East 114th Street and Park Avenue in East Harlem, which reportedly collapsed at about 9 a.m. The fire department said that so far they have reports of 11 minor injuries, according to local television reports.

The New York City Police Department said it was investigating reports that the collapse may have involved two buildings.At the scene, fire engines were seen spraying water from high cranes into the rubble. Commuter trains were stopped on nearby tracks and passengers were ordered off the Metro-North Railroad cars at the Fordham stop in the Bronx, passengers said.—*Reuters*

*A victim is evacuated by emergency personal near an apparent building explosion fire and collapse in the Harlem section of New York City, 12 March, 2014.—*REUTERS

Japan, US discuss farm produce tariffs in Pacific free trade pact

WASHINGTON, 12 March — Japan and the United States began talks on Tuesday aimed at narrowing gaps over tariffs on some Japanese farm produce, an obstacle to an early conclusion of a US-led Pacific free trade pact.

A focus will be on whether trade officials from the two biggest economies in the envisioned Trans-Pacific Partnership can make progress in the sticking point ahead of President Barack Obama's visit to Japan in late April.

Hiroshi Oe, deputy chief TPP negotiator of Japan, and Wendy Cutler, acting deputy US trade representative, attended the meeting which is expected to wrap up Wednesday.

The US government has urged Japan to lift all tariffs on what Tokyo calls five sensitive produce categories — rice, wheat, pork and beef, dairy products and sugar in negotiations for the TPP. Cutler last week suggested the United States could be flexible on the Japanese demand, calling on Japan to provide market access that would be "meaningful" for US agricultural exports.

Japan and the United States have been also at odds over automobile trade in TPP negotiations but Oe and Cutler are expected to concentrate on market access issues this time.

Hiroshi Oe (R), deputy chief TPP negotiator of Japan, and Wendy Cutler, acting deputy US trade representative, hold talks on tariffs in relation to the envisioned Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade deal, in Washington on 11 March, 2014.— KYODO NEWS

Japan, the United States and 10 other countries have struggled for an early signing of a TPP after missing the primary deadline at the end of last year.

Kyodo News

Gun and grenade feud kills 14, mostly women and children, in Pakistan's Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 12 March — Rival gangs opened fire and lobbed grenades in a notoriously violent district of Pakistan's financial hub, Karachi, on Wednesday, killing 14 people, including eight women and three children, police said.

Karachi, a city and port of more than 18 million people, is home to many militant groups, including the Pakistani Taliban. Many political parties there have armed wings to fight turf wars.

More than two dozen people were wounded in the violence which erupted in Lyari, one of South Asia's most dangerous neighborhoods, where rival gangs have been fighting for years for control.

A brother of a gang leader was killed by police on Tuesday night.

"In reaction, gangsters came to a market on Wednesday morning in Lyari and opened indiscriminate fire, killing women and children along with the men," senior police officer Abdul Khalique Shaikh told *Reuters*.—*Reuters*

Missing jet may have strayed toward Andaman Sea

KUALA LUMPUR, 12— Malaysia's military has traced what could have been the jetliner missing for almost five days to an area near India's Andaman and Nicobar islands, hundreds of miles from its last known position, the country's air force chief said on Wednesday.

After a series of at times conflicting statements, the latest revelation underlined that authorities remain uncertain even where to look for the plane, and no closer to explaining what happened to Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 or the 239 people on board.

The flight disappeared from civilian radar screens shortly before 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur, as it flew northeast across the mouth of the Gulf of Thailand bound for Beijing. What happened next is one of the most baffling mysteries in modern aviation history. Malaysian air force chief Rodzali Daud told a news conference that an aircraft was plotted on military radar at 2:15 a.m., 200 miles northwest of Penang Island off Malaysia's west coast.

It was not confirmed that the unidentified plane was Flight MH370, but Malaysia was sharing the data with international civilian and military authorities, Rodzali said. "We are corroborating this," he added.

"We are still working with the experts, it's an unidentified plot." According to the data from Rodzali, if it was the missing plane it would have flown for 45 minutes and lost only about 5,000 feet in altitude.

There was no word on which direction it was headed and still no clue what happened aboard, prolonging the agonizing wait for news for hundreds of relatives of those on board.

A position 200 miles northwest of Penang, in the northern part of the Strait of Malacca, would put the plane roughly south of the Thai holiday island of Phuket and east of the tip of Indonesia's Aceh province and India's Nicobar island chain. Indonesia and Thailand have said their militaries detected no sign of any unusual aircraft in their airspace.

The position is hundreds of miles west of the point where the Boeing 777-200ER dropped off air traffic control screens. Malaysia has asked India for help in tracing the aircraft and New Delhi's coast-guard planes have joined the search.

Reuters

Former Croatian PM convicted of graft, sentenced to 9 years in jail

ZAGREB, 12 March — A Croatian court on Tuesday sentenced former Prime Minister Ivo Sanader to nine years in jail after convicting him and the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) of corruption.

The Zagreb county court said that Sanader, who was then the leader of HDZ, and four other people siphoned money from state institutions and companies from 2003 to 2009 for the party and for themselves.

HDZ, now in opposition, has governed Croatia for 16 of its 22 years of independence. Tuesday's verdict made the conservative party the first political party sentenced for corruption. Sanader was told to return some 2 million euros (nearly 2.8 million U.S dollars) while HDZ was ordered to pay nearly 3.8 million euros back. Sanader denied the charges and said the charges were politically motivated. HDZ said it would appeal the verdict. Along with Sanader and the HDZ, the four others including HDZ former treasurer, accountant and spokesman, were sentenced to one or three years in prison respectively.—*Xinhua*

***Deputy Commander of Vietnam 918 Air Brigade, Senior Lieutenant Nguyen Tri Thuc (R) looks for the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, that disappeared from radar screens in the early hours of Saturday, off Con Dao island 12 March, 2014.—*REUTERS**

Once-genteel Caracas plaza is ground zero for protests

CARACAS, 12 March — An elegant 1940s square in an affluent area of the Venezuelan capital has become a charred battleground at the heart of violent protests against President Nicolas Maduro's government.

A couple of months back, Plaza Altamira was hosting book fairs, food festivals and open-air concerts around its landmark obelisk. Children played, and lovers sat round a fountain in one of Caracas' most pleasant open-air spaces.

Now though, the protesters have made the square their base of operations, with a militant hard core battling security forces most evenings.

The clashes are part of wider unrest that has claimed 22 lives around Venezuela.

By day, locals clamber round razor wires, smashed grates and barricades of smoldering trash. Street cleaners normally manage to open access for traffic on each side by mid-morning.

But as dusk nears, the square becomes a no-go zone for residents as hooded protesters begin to line up against police and troops awaiting them. Some wear menacing Guy Fawkes masks, made popular by the graphic novel and movie "V for Vendetta," that have become a symbol of global protest.

Then come hours of street fights as the demonstrators pelt security lines with stones, fireworks and petrol bombs, to try to reach a nearby highway to block rush-hour traffic in a favored tactic of Venezuelan protests.

Reuters

Anti-piracy work strengthens New Zealand military ties

WELLINGTON, 12 March — The deployment of a New Zealand navy frigate in the US-led anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden had improved relationships and interoperability with NATO and forces from other nations, New Zealand Defence Minister Jonathan Coleman said on Wednesday.

New Zealand had a direct interest in protecting international shipping lanes with a large volume of its trade carried by sea, Coleman said in a statement on the return of *HMNZS Te Mana* after a three-month deployment in the Gulf of Aden. "The deployment of *HMNZS Te Mana* was a valuable opportunity for the Royal New Zealand Navy to work with the US-led Combined Maritime Forces and with NATO," said Coleman.

"*HMNZS Te Mana* built strong relationships and enhanced interoperability with a range of international partners, including Spain, Denmark, Japan, the US and Australia." The vessel's crew had conducted 94 boardings to check for evidence of piracy and the ship's helicopter had flown 81 sorties gathering aerial imagery of the maritime environment.—*Xinhua*

Three die while climbing Mt Daisen

TOTTORI, (Japan), 12 March — Three climbers have died while climbing Mt Daisen in Tottori Prefecture, western Japan, police said on Wednesday.

Junichi Fujiwara, 65, Akiko Yamamoto, 53, and Sumito Fujio, 67, failed to return from their day trip to the 1,729-meter mountain on Sunday, prompting a local mountaineering club to report to the police.

Fujio's body was recovered on Tuesday from near the top of the mountain, but the bodies of the two others have not yet been retrieved because of bad weather, according to local authorities.

Kyodo News

Gov't body postpones video tracking of passersby at Osaka station

OSAKA, 12 March — A government technology laboratory said on Tuesday that it has postponed the start of video tracking of individual passersby at a major train station from the originally scheduled April, citing "voices of concern" raised by citizens.

The National Institute of Information and Communications Technology's project aimed to capture the faces of people and their movements with around 90 cameras installed at JR Osaka Station as part of research to work out evacuation measures in a disaster.

The institute said it would process the video data on people in such a way as to make it impossible to identify individuals. A civic group voiced opposition, citing privacy.

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A participant in a memorial service for Japanese nationals interned as enemy aliens in Cowra, eastern Australia, during World War II reads a panel explaining the history of the internment on 9 March, 2014.
KYODO NEWS

Chilean new president vows to enhance ties with LatAm, Asia Pacific countries

SANTIAGO, 12 March — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet, who was sworn in Tuesday for a second four-year term, vowed to strengthen relations with major Latin American and Asia Pacific countries.

Chile needs to "restore understanding and cooperation with Brazil and Argentina" and improve relations with neighboring Peru and Bolivia, Bachelet said in an outline of foreign policies.

"Chile must value the diversity that characterizes Latin America and effectively tackle the challenges presented by our relations with neighbours," said Bachelet, who was president from 2006 to 2010.

The Union of South American Nations (Unasur) should serve "as a meeting point for South American integration initiatives", and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) should serve as mechanism for political coordination, she said.

Bachelet also sought to reinforce political, economic and cultural ties with Asia Pacific countries such as China.

The Chilean president voiced the hope that the Pacific Alliance, a regional trade bloc founded in 2012 by Chile, Peru, Colombia and Mexico, could serve as a platform for bolstering ties with Asia Pacific nations.

Xinhua

The city is shrouded by sand and dust in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 12 March, 2014. A cold front hit the province and local meteorologic bureau has issued an alert for strong wind.—XINHUA

UN refugee chief warns world powers not to forget Syria conflict

WASHINGTON, 12 March — The head of the United Nation's refugee agency said on Tuesday it must be ready in case Ukraine's crisis causes refugees to flee Crimea, but his biggest worry is that "a total disaster" could occur if the international community diverts its attention away from Syria's conflict.

Antonio Guterres, the head of the UN's High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), said in an interview that little progress was being made in efforts by the United States and Russia, now at loggerheads over Ukraine, to bring Syria's warring sides together after the collapse of talks in Geneva last month.

"In the moment in which we need the most relevant countries in the world to be able to come together to narrow their differences and to try to find a way to move into peace for Syria, this tension around Ukraine will obviously not help," Guterres told *Reuters* while visiting Washington to discuss Syria's refugee crisis.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Antonio Guterres speaks during a news conference in Amman 28 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

"I hope that those that have the most important responsibility in world affairs will be able to understand that forgetting Syria will be a total disaster," he said. Tensions between Washington and Moscow have risen over Russia's bloodless seizure of Ukraine's Crimea region, which has brought US-Russian relations to one of their lowest points since the Cold War. The United States and European allies have threatened sanctions against Moscow, which has said people in Crimea, a small majority of whom are ethnic Russians, should have the right to secede by voting in a referendum to be held on Sunday.

Guterres said his agency was preparing for the possibility of refugees from Crimea and had moved teams inside Ukraine to monitor the situation.

Reuters

Kerry vows US role in rebuilding Japan after March 2011 disaster

TOKYO, 12 March— US Secretary of State John Kerry pledged a continuing US role on Tuesday in helping rebuild the areas and lives devastated by the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan's northeast and triggered the Fukushima nuclear disaster exactly three years ago.

"Like so many members of her family, Ambassador (to Japan Caroline) Kennedy has always understood the vital importance of advancing a cause greater than one's self...And that's why the United States will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with our Japanese friends as they rebuild their lives and communities," Kerry said in a statement.

He said that during his two visits to Japan as secretary of state, he was "deeply impressed" by the strength of the Japanese people in overcoming the disaster, adding he joins other Americans in sending their thoughts and prayers to the Japanese people.

Kennedy said in a message posted on Twitter, "In my prayers today: The women and men of Tohoku who are rebuilding their communities."

In a statement issued by US Forces Japan, Commander Lt Gen Salvatore Angelella, said, "The Tohoku region's road to recovery will be a long one, but there has been much progress achieved already."

"As we, too, pause to reflect and honour the memory of the victims and their families, we pledge our continued friendship and support to our Asia-Pacific cornerstone alliance partner," he said.

"Through Operation Tomodachi, our already strong alliance was enhanced beyond just one of partnership, but one forged in trust and respect. This experience serves as the foundation of our work today and into the future," he added.

Operation Tomodachi was the name given by the US military to its efforts to assist Japan with search and recovery and logistics immediately after the disaster. Tomodachi is the Japanese word for friend.

Kyodo News

Ashton to visit BiH on Wednesday

SARAJEVO, 12 March — European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton will visit Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) on Wednesday, EU officials said on Tuesday.

Ashton is expected to meet with high-level BiH officials and talk about bilateral issues in the Balkan country, including recent protests over factory closures.

She said ahead of her visit that the EU would provide help to "truly benefit citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

Peter Sorensen, the EU special representative to BiH, noted it is important for Ashton to get first-hand experience in BiH.

Protesters and police clashed violently on 7 Feb in several cities in BiH, with over 200 injured and the presidential building set on fire.

The protests, which began on 5 February in Tuzla, were triggered by factory closures, local media reported. Protests have since continued though in smaller numbers.

Xinhua

Brazil's opposition presidential candidate slams current economic policy

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 March — Brazil's opposition presidential candidate Eduardo Campos criticised on Tuesday the current economic policy, demanding greater transparency.

Campos, the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB) candidate, accused the government of President Dilma Rousseff of artificially keeping inflation under the target rate of 4.5 percent.

"You cannot sweep it all under the rug as was done (before) and then have the people deal with the problem later on," said Campos, one of Rousseff's major rivals in the October presidential election.

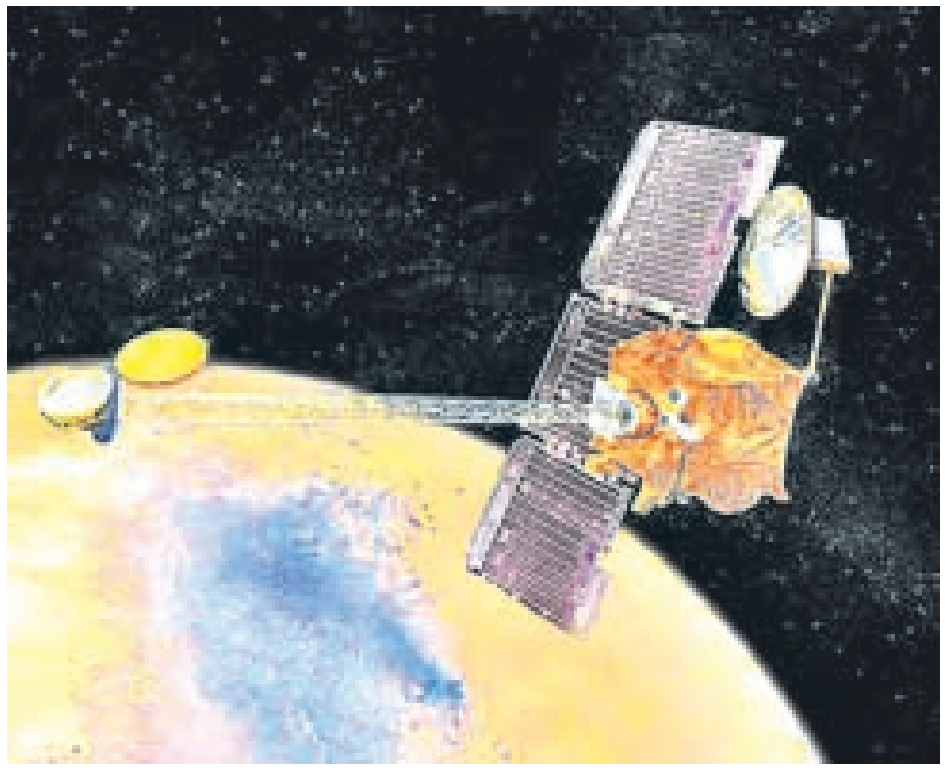
Campos criticized the government for halting the inflation rate, saying it wasn't normal for Brazil to have low growth along with high inflation and interest rates.

The country "cannot withstand" a system in which industry scarcely grows while food prices and rents continue to rise, said Campos, who currently serves as governor of northeastern Pernambuco state.

Acting out of his normal discreetness, Campos has recently begun to openly slash at Rousseff, which has been regarded as part of a campaign strategy for the election.

Xinhua

NASA's Mars orbiter suffers computer glitch



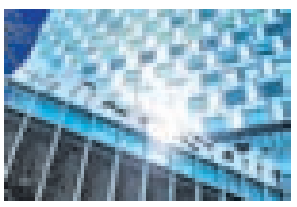
WASHINGTON, 12 March — US space agency NASA said on Tuesday its scientists are working to restore the long-lived Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter to full operations after the spacecraft suffered a computer glitch on Sunday. The Mars orbiter put itself into a precautionary safe standby mode on 9 March after an unscheduled swap from one main computer to another, NASA said.

"The spacecraft is healthy, in communication and fully powered, " Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Project Manager Dan Johnston of NASA 's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said in a statement. "We have stepped up the communication data rate, and we plan to have the spacecraft back to full operations within a few days," Johnston said.

So far, the spacecraft's science observations and its relaying of communications from NASA's two active Mars rovers have been suspended, the agency said. The rovers continue to use NASA's Mars Odyssey orbiter as a communications relay, it noted.According to NASA, the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter has experienced unplanned computer swaps triggering safe-mode entry four times previously, most recently in November 2011.

The root cause of the previous events has not been determined, it added.The spacecraft has also experienced safe-mode entries that have not involved computer swaps. The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter entered orbit around Mars eight years ago. The primary mission is scheduled for only two years, and the spacecraft is now on its third extension that began in 2012. —*Xinhua*

Microsoft appoints activist investor Mason Morfit to board



The Microsoft logo is seen at their offices in Bucharest on 20 March , 2013. **REUTERS**

SEATTLE, 12 March — Microsoft Corp said on Tuesday it appointed Mason Morfit, president of activist investor ValueAct Capital, as a board member.

The world's largest software company offered Morfit a board seat in August, following months of lobbying by ValueAct for a say on how Microsoft is run. Under the agreement struck last summer, Morfit had the option of joining the board at the first quarterly board meeting after November's annual shareholder meeting.

ValueAct bought a $2 billion stake in Microsoft last April and immediately began agitating for change. In August, longstanding chief executive Steve Ballmer announced his retirement, which went into effect last month when insider Satya Nadella was named as CEO and co-founder Bill Gates stepped down as chairman.

Microsoft's board now has 11 members, including Ballmer and Gates.

Reuters

A portrait of the Twitter logo in Ventura, California on 21 Dec, 2013. **REUTERS**

Twitter crashes second time in nine days, blames software glitch

BOSTON / SAN FRANCISCO, 12 March — Twitter Inc crashed on Tuesday for the second time in nine days when a software glitch stalled the popular messaging service for about one hour. The company apologized to its 250 million users in a status blog, saying it had encountered "unexpected complications" during "a planned deploy in one of our core services."

The outage began around 11 am Pacific time and service had "fully recovered" by 11:47 am, the San Francisco-based company said. The stock rose as much as 3.7 percent before Twitter confirmed the glitch, but gave up most of the gains to end 0.25 percent higher. The outage occurred just as Twitter co-founder Biz Stone took the stage in Austin, Texas, to speak at the South by Southwest Interactive festival, the annual gathering of tech enthusiasts that helped propel Twitter to national fame in 2007.—*Reuters*

US judge freezes assets of Mt Gox bitcoin exchange boss

WILMINGTON, (Delawar), 12 March — A US federal judge on Tuesday temporarily froze the US assets of Mt Gox chief Mark Karpeles and allowed alleged victims of the shuttered bitcoin exchange to demand evidence of what they claim is a massive fraud.

The market for the digital currency was rocked last month when Mt Gox, once the world's largest bitcoin exchange, ceased operations, and soon after filed for bankruptcy. Mt Gox said it may have lost 750,000 bitcoins, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, in a hacking attack.

The freeze on Karpeles' assets, issued by Judge Gary Feinerman in Chicago, also applies to Mt Gox's US affiliate and the Japanese parent company, Tibanne, according to Christopher Dore, an Edelson attorney who represents US customers of the bitcoin exchange.

The judge's order did not apply to the Tokyo-based Mt Gox KK, which was shielded from litigation after it filed for bankruptcy protection in Japan and the United States. Mt Gox suspended withdrawals on 7 February, leaving customers unable to recover their funds. In a bankruptcy hearing on Monday, parties suing Mt. Gox said there are growing concerns that Karpeles moved millions of dollars of bitcoins in recent days based on information gleaned from the Internet.

Dore represents Gregory Greene, an Illinois resident, who brought a proposed class action over what he claims is a massive fraud. Mt Gox blamed the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in bitcoins on a flaw in the software algorithm that underlies the digital currency."The main thing we hope to achieve is to finally see what the web of things that Karpeles has put together over the last few years and to start unwinding it as to where things are and what happened," said Dore.

Bitcoin is bought and sold on a peer-to-peer network independent of central control.

Its value soared last year, and the total worth of bitcoins minted is now about $7 billion.

Investors were warned on Tuesday that the lure of a quick profit trading the volatile currency should not blind them to bitcoin's risk of theft, fraud and significant losses, according to an alert by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Dore said the judge's order freezing Karpeles' assets will expire in 14 days, when the parties return to court to decide if it should be extended.John Murphy, a Baker McKenzie attorney for Mt Gox KK, the bankrupt company, declined to comment. Dore said the US affiliate, Karpeles and Tibanne were not represented at the hearing.

Reuters

Alibaba buys ChinaVision stake for $804 million; gains TV, movie content

HONG KONG, 12 March — China's largest e-commerce company Alibaba Group Holding has agreed to buy a controlling stake in ChinaVision Media Group Ltd for $804 million, giving it access to TV and movie content as competition in the world's biggest Internet market becomes increasingly cutthroat.

The pact, which sent ChinaVision's stock surging, comes amid a flurry of deals as Alibaba, social media giant Tencent Holdings Ltd and search engine Baidu Inc seek to expand into each other's turf. This week Tencent said it was taking a stake in China's No 2 online retailer JD.com, with the new partnership gunning for Alibaba's Achilles heel — its weakness in mobile.

Alibaba's acquisition of TV and movie content is aimed at retaining current users and attracting more, and comes on the heels of its launch of its Ali TV operating system last July as well as the launch of a mobile gaming platform this year. ChinaVision and Alibaba said they will establish a strategic committee to explore future opportunities in online entertainment and media-related areas.

Alibaba will, through a subsidiary, buy 60 percent of ChinaVision's enlarged share capital at HK$0.50 apiece, a discount of about 21 percent to its previous stock close. ChinaVision stock jumped by more than three times in value to around HK$2.27 in early trade. The stock was suspended on 25 February ahead pending an announcement.

Tencent, which had an 8 percent stake in ChinaVision, will see its stake diluted to 3 percent after the Alibaba deal.The agreement also comes as Alibaba prepares to launch an IPO. The company has been valued at around $140 billion, according to an average of 12 analysts' estimates. In the deal with ChinaVision, Goldman Sachs advised Alibaba, while Reorient Financial Markets Ltd was the financial adviser for ChinaVision.—*Reuters*

A worker walks past a logo of Alibaba Group at its headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, on 24 Aug, 2013. — **REUTERS**

US FDA approves first device to prevent migraine headaches

WASHINGTON, 12 March — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said on Tuesday it has approved the marketing of a medical device as a preventative treatment for migraine headaches.

The FDA said in a statement that this is the first transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) device specifically authorized for use prior to the onset of pain.

The device, to be marketed under the name Cefaly, is manufactured by STX-Med in Herstal, Liege, Belgium.

"Cefaly provides an alternative to medication for migraine prevention," said Christy Foreman, director of the Office of Device Evaluation at the FDA's Centre for Devices and Radiological Health.

"This may help patients who cannot tolerate current migraine medications for preventing migraines or treating attacks. "Cefaly is a small, portable, battery-powered, prescription device that resembles a plastic headband worn across the forehead and atop the ears, the FDA said.

The user positions the device in the centre of the forehead, just above the eyes, using a self- adhesive electrode.

The device applies an electric current to the skin and underlying body tissues to stimulate branches of the trigeminal nerve, which has been associated with migraine headaches.

The user may feel a tingling or massaging sensation where the electrode is applied, the agency said.

According to the FDA, Cefaly is indicated for patients 18 years of age and older and should only be used once per day for 20 minutes.

The FDA said the approval was based on data from a clinical trial in Belgium involving 67 individuals who experienced more than two migraine headache attacks a month and who had not taken any medications to prevent migraines for three months prior to using Cefaly.

The study found that those who used Cefaly experienced "significantly fewer days" with migraines per month and used less migraine attack medication than those who used a placebo device, the agency said.

The approval was also based on a patient satisfaction study of more than 2,300 Cefaly users in Belgium and France, which showed that about 53 percent of patients were satisfied with Cefaly treatment and willing to buy the device for continued use, it said, noting that no serious adverse events occurred during either study.

Xinhua

Israel's LabStyle launches mobile phone blood sugar monitor

JERUSALEM, 12 March — Israeli start-up LabStyle Innovations Corp on Tuesday launched a mobile-phone glucose meter for diabetics to monitor their blood sugar levels.

Called Dario, the meter plugs directly into a smartphone and has a software application that gives real time recording and analysis of blood sugar readings.

The product is initially being launched in New Zealand, Italy, Australia and the United Kingdom. It will at first be available for Apple's iOS and later for Google's Android platform. LayStyle said it was in the process of seeking insurance reimbursement approvals and expects the first approval by the end of June.—*Reuters*

SpiceJet to announce order for 42 Boeing 737 MAX planes

Employees work inside a travel agency office besides a model of a SpiceJet aircraft in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 14 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

HYDERABAD, 12 March — Indian budget airline SpiceJet Ltd SJET.BO will on Wednesday announce an order for 42 Boeing (BA.N) *737 MAX* jets, a source with direct knowledge of the matter told *Reuters*. SpiceJet has agreed to buy about 40 Boeing jets worth over $4 billion at list prices, industry sources had said in January, a move that could help the loss-making carrier as it seeks new investors.

The airline, controlled by billionaire Kalanithi Maran's Sun Group, is seen as a target for foreign investors after India loosened restrictions on investment by foreign airlines.

Reuters

Federal prosecutors open criminal probe of GM recall

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON/DETROIT, 12 March — Federal prosecutors are examining whether General Motors is criminally liable for failing to properly disclose problems with some of its vehicles that were linked to 13 deaths and led to a recall last month, according to a source familiar with the investigation.

The New York-based probe is in its early stages, and the source did not elaborate on the legal theory behind the potential criminal liability.

Federal investigators are reviewing information about how GM handled reports of problems with ignition switches that first came to light 10 years ago, according to the source.

The source did not want to be named because the probe has not been disclosed publicly.

GM declined to comment on Tuesday. Shares of GM closed down 5 percent to $35.18 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The federal probe by the US attorney in Manhattan adds to a growing list of US authorities examining the recall, which GM announced in February.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) previously opened an investigation into whether GM reacted swiftly enough in its recall. Earlier on Tuesday, Reuters reported that a US Senate committee chairman is seeking a hearing on the issue.

The US House Energy and Commerce Committee also ordered GM and NHTSA to turn over information about GM's ignition switch problems.

Reuters

The General Motors logo is seen outside its headquarters at the Renaissance Centre in Detroit, Michigan in this file photograph taken on 25 Aug, 2009.—REUTERS

Many major Japan firms to raise wages to meet gov't request

TOKYO, 12 March — Many major Japanese companies notified their labour unions on Wednesday they have decided to raise pay scales to conclude this year's spring wage negotiations, responding to strong calls from the government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe for such action to help end long-standing deflation. Toyota Motor Corp, which has a huge influence over other companies, will raise its average monthly pay scale by 2,700 yen and Honda Motor Co by 2,200 yen. Likewise, six major electronics firms including Hitachi Ltd and Panasonic Corp have decided to raise their wage scales by 2,000 yen per month, the highest hike on record. Although the management of those companies failed to fully meet labour unions' demands, the respective hike in pay scales will take place for the first time in six years, reflecting significant improvement in their business performances partly stemming from the yen's weakness that benefits exporters.

The moves are thanks to the government's rare and strong calls on companies to hike wages. Labour unions have seen some success during negotiations in this year's "shunto" spring labour offensive, with many of them winning a pay-scale increase.

The focus will now shift to whether such moves will spread to medium and small-sized companies as well as nonregular workers, a development considered necessary if the domestic economy is to withstand a possible downturn in demand as a result of a sales tax hike in April. On top of manufacturing companies, many firms in the service industry will also raise wages, with convenience store chain operator Lawson Inc moving to raise a pay scale for the first time in 12 years after agreeing to fully meet its labor union's demand for an average pay-scale hike of 3,000 yen per month.

Meanwhile, automakers Suzuki Motor Corp and Daihatsu Motor Co decided to forgo a pay scale hike due to concerns about the business environment including the uncertain outlook for emerging economies.

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Supporting education

The matriculation students have entered their battle of the final exam. This week will decide their future because the matriculation exam also decides the entrance of all universities in Myanmar. The better you score, the more promising campus you can join. It is no doubt that students, parents and teachers are in frenzy. Some asked for advices from soothsayers while some say marathon prayers. Do we really know how to support a child's education?

We used to switched off the TV, taking super care of the exam-sitting students, and so on and on for about a week. Is it enough?

It would be better we would help our children learn how to manage time without turning off the TV for just one week. We have driven our children deep into the digital world obsessively. We are responsible for creating future 'coach potato' generation.

The essence of education is knowing what is right and what is wrong basically. But we urge our children to score more marks in the exam. It means we are not supporting their education, but we rather are supporting them for just exams. We value more exam marks than education. We value more job opportunities than education. We value pride, money and positions than education. If so, should we say we are supporting our children's education?

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Techniques transfer for oil exploration discussed

Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung shaking hands with Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Talal M.S. Abdul Salam. **MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 March — Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung met with Mr Talal M.S. Abdul Salam, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

During the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening diplomatic relations and techniques transfer for oil exploration.

MNA

Umbrella hoisted atop Katka Kabaraye

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 March—A ceremony to hoist umbrella atop Katka Kabaraye Pagoda was held in Ywathitkon Village, Zeyathiri Township on Wednesday morning.

Nay Pyi Taw Pali Sayadaw, Taungdwin Gyi Vissano Sayadaw and Mandalay Masoyein Sayadaw led the congregation to hoist the umbrella atop the pagoda. The Sayadaws and attendees recited Namo Tassa three times to end the ceremony.

Ko Myint Than (Oxygen)

***Umbrella hoisted atop Katka Kabaraye Pagoda in progress.*—Ko Myint Than (Oxygen)**

Union Home Affairs Minister receives EU Ambassador

***Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives EU Ambassador Mr Roland Kobia.*—MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 March—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko met with Yangon-based EU Ambassador Mr Roland Kobia at the Minister's Office in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday afternoon.

At the meeting, they discussed cooperation matters.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and officials concerned also attended the meeting.

MNA

Watershed area of Inlay Lake needs to be conserved

***Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Maung inspects watershed area of Inlay Lake.*—MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 March—Watershed area of springs and its forests are to be conserved as land erosion of forested areas will be less than that of deforested areas said Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung during his inspection tour of Shan State recently.

The deputy minister also visited the sites in which goldmine will be established in Thazi Township in Mandalay Region. During his tour of southern Shan State, the deputy minister stressed the need to conserve forests, not to cut tress and not to expand farms in watershed areas.

MNA

Retired teacher died in fire

Hinthada, 12 March—A fire broke out at a house in 2nd Yaytakhon Street, Thonebinkwin Ward of Hinthada Township on Wednesday afternoon, leaving one dead.

The victim is a retired teacher, according to local authorities.

The fire destroyed three wooden houses and two thatch houses.

Ninety firemen of Fire Services Department put out the fire with five fire engines and the fire was under control at about 2 p.m.

The officials are investigating into the fire.

MNA

Earthquake

Nay Pyi Taw, 12 March—A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.5 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about 10 miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hrs 10 min 28 sec MST today.—*MNA*

Meiktila dwellers to get RC bridge soon

MEIKTILA, 12 March— Dwellers of Kyaungywa and Nyaunggon villages are eagerly taking part in the construction of road a bridge spanning Kyaungywa Creek on in Meiktila Township.

The 40 ft long, 18 ft wide RC bridge is being constructed to replace former wooden one which was built by Meiktila Township Development Department.

"Villagers contribute both cash and labours to construction of the bridge. Kyaungywa, Nyaunggon, Kyaukdaing, Thankyoya and Shartaw villages are located 8 miles (13 km) far from Meiktila. The work on construction of the bridge started on 20 February. It is aimed at ensure smooth transportation in every season," said the administrator of Kyaungywa Village.

Thein Kyaw Myint (Meiktila)

Gold price expected to be stable in Myanmar

YANGON, 12 March — Myanmar gold sellers are optimistic about gold price that it will hold steady after dramatic up and down last months.

While gold had been trading within the range US$ 1,254 to US$ 1,269 an ounce in January in the world market at it's high point, gold price in Myanmar market had also increased from K 659, 400 to K 664,000 a tical.

"Gold price is expected to be stable in our market because there is no increase in prices of gold these days though gold price climbs in the world market," said U Win Myint, Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

Gold reached at US$1,339 an ounce in the world market on Tuesday. However, gold price in Myanmar market reached just K 683,000 a tical, showing the stability of the gold market in Myanmar.

Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

Mayangon residents carry out sanitation tasks

YANGON, 12 March— Mayangon Township residents actively participated in carrying out sanitation tasks, digging the drains and paving streets on 10 March under the leadership of Ward Development and Supportive Committee to avoid water flood this rainy season.

Nyi Nyi (Thamine)

Myanmar women's golf team brings two prizes home

YANGON, 12 March— Myanmar women's golf team secured two prizes in the "29th Bangladesh Amateur golf championships 2014" at Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka of Bangladesh from 5 to 8 March.

May Oo Khaing seized the first prize while Yin May Myo stood fifth in women's individual handicap event.

Yin May Myo stood third with 152 strokes while May Oo Khaing took fourth with 155 strokes in women's individual two-day event.

In women's team event, gold medal went to Thailand, silver to Myanmar and bronze to Bangladesh.

Over 100 golfers from ten countries competed in the championships.

NLM

Campaign launched to disseminate census taking process knowledge

National census pamphlets distributed to people in Falam

MANDALAY, 12 March—Authorities gathered at an administration office in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay to launch campaign and put stickers to disseminate knowledge on nation-wide census taking process in 2014. Ward administrator U Hla Myint and Ward Development Supportive Committee Secretary U Ba Kyi urged officials to distribute pamphlets and put stickers at junctions and motor vehicles.

The officials carried out their tasks for census taking process from 30 March through 10 April.

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FALAM, 12 March — Falam Township Information and Public Relations Department has distributed pamphlets on the 2014-national census written in Chin language to local people. U Khwar Zakhan, Head of Falam Township IPRD, clarified the national census, including 41 questions for citizens.

Around 90 people including departmental officials and local people attended the talks on the national census. The national census will start on 30 March and end on 10 April.

Man Sein (IPRD)

Deputy Energy Minister briefs about oil spill response plan in parliament

Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo.

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March — Regarding the oil spill response plan which was one of the topics at the 24th day Pyithu Hluttaw session on Wednesday, Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo replied that oil spill prevention and response measures which are compliance are stated in the agreements between the ministry and oil exploration and production contractors to ensure full compliance with international practices for oil drilling.

He assured of preventive measures against environmental damage including oil spill, saying that oil rig, pipeline and centers in Kyaukpyu of Rakhine State have been designed to withstand the seismic intensity of 8 degree and seismic acceleration of 0.3 gram. He stressed the need to present preventive measures and cleanup plans to the government before serving as an oil port for 300,000-ton oil tankers. Vessels with marine insurance will be allowed to dock at Madaykyun deep-sea port, he added.

Another topic at the today's Pyithu Hluttaw was about the publication of books about laws, bylaws, orders and directives. Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway assured that books can be published more than the number of copies ordered by Hluttaw Office.

A report of the Bill Committee on the Bill amending the Political Parties Registration Law (State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No.2/2010) was submitted to and discussed at the today's Amyotha Hluttaw session.

U Khin Maung Latt from Rakhine State Constituency No (6) highlighted the importance of the 1982 Citizenship Law of Myanmar, calling for strict rules and regulations regarding the Political Parties Registration law. U Paw Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No (9) stressed the need not to allow those with no citizenship scrutiny cards to be included in the list of founders of a party.— *MNA*

International Media Conference on Challenges of a Free Press concludes

YANGON, 12 March— The final day of East-West Centre's International Media Conference on Challenges of a Free Press took place at UMFCCI Building in Yangon on Wednesday.

Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former ASEAN Secretary-General, Dr. Charles E. Morrison, President of East-West Centre, Ralph Cossa, President of Pacific Forum CSISu, Mr. Ni Siyi, Chief Editor of Xinhua News Agency, and U Moe Kyaw, Myanmar Marketing Research & Development Co., Ltd took part in the discussions on Relations with Superpowers (studying on the US, China and Southeast Asia).

"East Asia's economic development seems to be better than that of 21st Century Europe, but similarities to 19th Century Europe still remain. China is not ready to accept new standards and willing to recognize just the ASEAN Plus Three relations. Despite US's interest to boost relations with ASEAN, relations between China and ASEAN have already existed", said the former ASEAN Secretary-General.

Another topic discussed at the conference that started on Monday was Ethnic Media and Myanmar's Peace Process. Ethnic media groups stressed the need of assistance from the government and international organizations for promotion of the role of ethnic media in Myanmar and highlighted the importance of the people's voices on peace process in media.

In his discussion on the development of ethnic media, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut said plans are underway to put pages in ethnic languages in the state-owned dailies while broadcasting 15 programs in ethnic language for one hour each. The Broadcasting Law had been submitted to Parliament.

Participants in the roundtable discussion on Future of Myanmar Media called for sustainable investment and reliable market before the inflow of investment from abroad.

More than 50 programmes including talks, workshops and seminars focusing on challenges of a free press that Asia and Pacific region and the United States are encountering were available at the fourth International Media Conference that was held from 10 to 12 March. More than 400 participants from 31 countries took part in the 2014 Conference in Myanmar. East-West Centre organizes the international media conference every two years and the previous conferences were held in Bangkok, Hong Kong and Seoul.

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East-West Centre's International Media Conference on Challenges of a Free Press in progress.

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Shwe Lun Byan offers taxi service for convenience of travelers at Yangon International Airport

By: Min Khant Soe

Shwe Lun Byan Taxi Service is providing transportation service to passengers from Yangon International Airport to destinations of the passengers at reasonable fee.

The airport will see more passengers as domestic flights will be expanded as from 15 March. Therefore, it has planned to link with highway bus lines and to arrange bus tickets for passengers in the near future for the convenience of travelers.

Shwe Lun Byan Taxi Service was established in 1998 under the supervision of the Aviation Branch of the Yangon International Airport and the Yangon Region All-Bus Line Control Committee.

It has become a registered taxi service since 6 November, 2013.

Shwe Lun Byan is operating its service with 76 taxis. The private taxi service set strict rules for its drivers to be able to provide good services to customers.

Shwe Lun Byan is also providing services for highway trips.

Trs:AMS

Nay Pyi Taw FC claims 3-1 win over Tampines Rover

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Nay Pyi Taw FC of Myanmar gained a 3-1 win over Tampines Rover Club of Singapore at its second group match of 2014 AFC Cup at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

Nay Pyi Taw FC have had one win and one draw so far and it is expected to put through to the next stage.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan and, officials from Myanmar Football Federation and funs enjoyed the tournament.—*MNA*

Myanma Railways to print out new 100-kyat tickets

NAY PYI TAW, 12 March—Myanma Railways is planning to print out new 100-kyat tickets as current tickets have caused misunderstanding among the passengers.

Myanma Railways has got an idea to issue new 100-kyat tickets after finding out that the 200-Kyat, 300-kyat and 400-kyat tickets for AC trains and circular trains are convenience for the commuters.

The currently-used 100-kyat tickets will be abolished when the new one comes out.

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Defence lawyer tries to discredit US witness against bin Laden relative

New York, 12 March — A lawyer for Suleiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden on trial for conspiring to kill Americans, tried to discredit a US government witness on Tuesday, portraying the former jihadi as more interested in saving himself than in preventing horrific attacks.

The witness, Saajid Badat, admittedly plotted with shoe bomber Richard Reid, who attempted to detonate explosives on a flight to Miami in December 2001.

Badat has since renounced terrorism and cooperated with authorities in the United Kingdom and United States, where Abu Ghaith is on trial in Manhattan federal court. Prosecutors say Abu Ghaith was among top Qaeda leaders, serving as a spokesman and recruiter after the 11 September, 2001 attacks by hijacked jets on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon.

On Monday, Badat testified via video from an undisclosed location in the United Kingdom that he was plotting with the shoe bomber soon after 9/11, around the same time Abu Ghaith recorded videos warning of more airplane attacks.

Badat, 34, said he left the shoe bomber plot. But on Tuesday, he acknowledged under questioning that even after he withdrew, he did not alert authorities of Reid's plan. "It was okay for Richard Reid to kill, but not you?" asked Stanley Cohen, a lawyer for Abu Ghaith. Cohen was also speaking from the United Kingdom.

"It wasn't okay for anyone to do that," said Badat, lowering his voice. "I wasn't feeling right at the time."

Prosecutors contend that Abu Ghaith knew of the shoe-bomber plot, though Badat said on Monday he never spoke to Abu Ghaith about the plot and did not know if Abu Ghaith was aware of it.

On Tuesday, Cohen repeatedly asked Badat if he ever met Abu Ghaith at any of the Al-Qaeda training camps or guest houses where he stayed in Afghanistan. Badat said multiple times that he had "no specific recollection" of meeting Abu Ghaith.

A native of Gloucester, England, Badat was sentenced to 13 years in prison for the shoe bomber plot after pleading guilty in Britain to conspiring to harm an aircraft. His sentence was later reduced for his cooperation with UK and US authorities and he has since been released from prison.

On Tuesday, Cohen sought to portray Badat as someone willing to testify in terrorism-related trials to prevent his extradition to the United States, where he is under indictment for his role in the shoe bomber plot. Cohen asked Badat if he believed US law enforcement would refrain from bringing him to the United States as long as he cooperated with them.

"That's not my belief," Badat said.

Though it did not appear to have any direct bearing on Abu Ghaith's trial, Badat's testimony provided chilling details about life as an Qaeda operative.

In a December 2001 trip to Pakistan with Reid, Badat testified, he provided a shoe bomb to a group of four or five Malaysians involved in a separate plot, one of whom, he said, was a pilot.

"I think it was to access the cockpit, if that was proven to be difficult," Badat said, when asked why he gave a shoe bomb to the Malaysians. It was unclear what became of that Malaysian plot.

Badat also testified that bin Laden once asked him in a one-on-one meeting in late September or early October 2001 if he grasped the significance of the shoe bomber plot.

"The American economy is like a chain," Badat said bin Laden told him. "If you break one link, you will bring down the American economy."

Abu Ghaith is on trial for conspiring to kill Americans, providing material support and resources to terrorists and conspiring to provide material support and resources to terrorists. He faces life in prison.

The trial resumes on Thursday and is expected to conclude by the end of March.—*Reuters*

Man charged with mailing package bomb to 'America's toughest sheriff'

Washington, 12 March — Federal agents have arrested an Oklahoma man accused of mailing a package bomb last year addressed to Joe Arpaio, the controversial Arizona lawman who calls himself "America's toughest sheriff," officials said on Tuesday.

Gregory Lynn Shrader, 55, is suspected of dropping off the parcel, filled with gunpowder and other materials, at a US Postal Service mailbox in Flagstaff, Arizona, but the package was intercepted by state authorities before it reached Arpaio, according to the US Postal Inspection Service.

The device was later rendered harmless by police. Shrader was arrested last week and is being held without bond at the Tulsa County Jail, where he is awaiting release to the custody of US marshals, according to the county's website.

He was charged in a criminal complaint with one count of willfully making a threat through the US mail. Arpaio, the sheriff of Maricopa County, has drawn criticism for his aggressive stance on illegal immigration. He was the subject of a US Justice Department probe over his office's treatment of Hispanics and has been scrutinized for housing county inmates in a Spartan "Tent City" jail.—*Reuters*

Bomb explodes near Israeli Embassy in Cairo, no one hurt

Cairo, 12 March — A home-made bomb exploded in front of the Israeli embassy in Cairo on Tuesday, but no one was hurt, security sources and the website of state-run *Al-Ahram* newspaper said.

The office has not been used by Israeli diplomats for at least two years, following a September 2011 attack on the embassy.

Security sources said the explosion targeted a police car parked nearby, rather than the embassy itself and did not cause any injuries.

Egypt became the first Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.—*Reuters*

Policemen and members of the investigative team gather at the site of a bomb attack in front of the Israeli embassy in Cairo, on 11 March, 2014.
Reuters

EU marks 10th anniversary of Madrid train bombings

Brussels, 12 March — The European Union (EU) on Tuesday marked the 10th anniversary of the Madrid train bombings that killed 191 persons and injured at least 1,800 people.

"Ten years later, the physical and mental wounds of the victims who survived are still not healed," an official statement read, adding, "The EU stands firmly against and condemns all terrorist acts."

The EU has devoted 11 March to remembering all victims of terrorist attacks in Europe and elsewhere in the world.

Cecilia Malmstrom, EU home affairs commissioner, said, "We express our sympathy and solidarity with all victims of terrorism, their families and friends."

She said survivours of terrorist attacks and family members of victims can also be important partners to address problems of security and to build a more resilient society.

The European Commission in September 2011 launched the EU Radicalisation Awareness Network, which supports first-line local practitioners involved in preventing radicalisation and violent extremism across the EU.

Victims of terrorism play an important role in this network which includes a dedicated working group.

The Commission also provides funding to projects and actions for the aid and protection of victims of terrorism.

Xinhua

Runner-up in El Salvador presidential election wants vote to be annulled

A supporter of Norman Quijano, presidential candidate of the conservative Nationalist Republican Alliance party (ARENA), shouts as others carry placards during a protest regarding alleged electoral fraud near the Supreme Electoral Court in San Salvador on 11 March, 2014. —Reuters

San Salvador, 12 March — The runner-up in El Salvador's presidential election said on Tuesday he was asking the country's electoral tribunal to annul the tight contest after refusing to accept the outcome.

"We're going ahead and presenting a motion to have the elections on 9 March annulled," Norman Quijano, candidate of the right wing Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena), told reporters in San Salvador as squabbling over the vote continued.

On Sunday Quijano finished 0.22 percentage points, or less than 7,000 votes, behind Salvador Sanchez Ceren of the ruling leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), a former commander of rebel forces in El Salvador's civil war.

Claiming 75,000 lives, the 1980-1992 conflict pitted an alliance of leftist insurgents against a string of US-backed right wing governments and left the country deeply divided.

Sanchez Ceren would be the first rebel leader to become president if the election results are confirmed later this week.

The electoral tribunal called the outcome "irreversible" on Monday, but Quijano declared himself the real winner and the spat has raised concerns of a protracted dispute in El Salvador.—*Reuters*

Three-way ties vital despite Japan's tensions with neighbours

Tokyo, 12 March — Japan, China and South Korea need to hold a trilateral summit soon as three-way cooperation is "too significant to be jeopardized by any difficulties" between Tokyo and its two neighbors, the head of a regional body said on Tuesday.

Shigeo Iwatani, Japanese secretary general of the Seoul-based Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat, also told a Press conference in Tokyo that regional integration in Northeast Asia is "the ultimate goal" that the three countries need to achieve to ensure peace and stability.

"There is an irreversible momentum for trilateral cooperation," said Iwatani, a former Japanese Ambassador to Austria and Kenya who heads the secretariat formed in 2011 to promote cooperation among the three countries. No trilateral summit has been held since May 2012 as Japan's ties with China and South Korea have been strained over territorial disputes and different perceptions of wartime history. "Negative factors are too much highlighted and sometimes exaggerated out of proportion," said Lee Jong Heon, deputy secretary general of the secretariat, who attended the Press conference with Iwatani.

Lee, a former minister-counselor at the South Korean Embassy in Germany, called for "collective efforts" to improve the countries' relations.

In a rare show of unity, the three countries held a joint drill last week to study how to respond to disasters ahead of Tuesday's third anniversary of the massive earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan that triggered a nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant. Iwatani, who assumed the top post at the secretariat last September for a two-year term, said his organization hopes to launch projects to deepen understanding of history and security, and facilitate dialogue at various levels, especially among young people.—*Kyodo News*

Haze worsens in Indonesia's Riau Province

Jakarta, 12 March — The haze blanketing Indonesia's Riau Province was thickening, making air quality in several regions increased to alarming condition and increasing numbers of people were suffering from respiration problems, a senior Indonesian official said here on Tuesday.

Citing results of detection conducted by satellite, Indonesia's Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) Spokesperson Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said that forest fires were still continuing in Riau Province.

A total of 145 hotspots were detected as of Tuesday by the satellite, covering several regions in the province, including Meranti, Siak, Pelalawan, Dumai, Inhil, Rohil and Kuansiang.

Sutopo also said that the thick haze also affected the bio- conservancy area of Giam Siang in the province, endangering the lives of endangered animals inhabited in the area such as tigers, elephants and bears.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 12 March, 2014 shows the site where a road caves in and gas leaks on Renmin Street in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province. The road cave-in and gas leakage were found on Renmin Street early on 12 March, No casualties have been reported.—Xinhua

Philippine gov't to probe dumping of spoiled relief goods for typhoon victims

Manila, 12 March — The Philippine government vowed on Tuesday to look into reports that trucks of relief aids for victims of typhoon Haiyan only ended up at dump sites because they were already spoiled.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr said in a news briefing in Malacanang, the presidential palace, that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) will find out where the lapses could have taken place.

He said Malacanang wanted to know why the goods were not immediately distributed to the typhoon victims.

"If the goods already expired their palatability or useful life, it will be irresponsible to still distribute them," Coloma said.

Canned goods, biscuits and even rice were among the relief goods that were reportedly buried in separate occasions in central Philippine province of Leyte, considered as the worst-hit area, because they already expired and became spoiled.

Tons of relief goods were extended to millions of typhoon victims by international donors, non-government organizations and private groups here and abroad in the aftermath of Haiyan that struck more than half of the country's provinces on 8 November last year.—*Xinhua*

Indonesia's ruling party scales down target in parliamentary polls

Jakarta, 12 March — Indonesia's Democratic Party whittled down its target in the upcoming parliamentary polls in April, following a dip in its popularity as some of the party's top figures are involved in graft.

The ruling party now aims to pocket 77 seats at the parliament in this year's polls, Ferrary Romawi, a parliament member of the party said on Tuesday.

That is lower than the 148 seats obtained by the party in the previous election in 2009, when it secured overwhelming victory in the parliamentary election as well as the presidential polls.

"We still target to have 77 seats at the parliament. The change of strategy certainly occurs," he said at the parliament building.

Romawi said several provinces, including Aceh, Jakarta, East Java, Central Java, North Sumatra and South Sulawesi, were the main vote contributors for the party in the 2009 polls.

In 2004, after its establishment, the Democratic Party secured only 57 seats at the parliament, ranking the fifth among all contenders.

Indonesia is set to hold direct legislative polls in April, which will be followed by direct presidential elections in July.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will end his second five- year term in October and is not expected to join the contest according to the country's law.

Xinhua

A birthday party is held on 12 March, 2014, for Kumamon, the popular black bear mascot of Japan's southwestern prefecture of Kumamoto, in the prefectural capital Kumamoto City. Governor Ikuo Kabashima and many fans of Kumamon gathered for the event.
Kyodo News

Fire in Philippine capital city kills seven

Manila, 12 March — Seven people were killed in a predawn fire in Malabon City in Philippine capital region, Malabon Central Fire Station said on Wednesday.

The youngest decedent was only four year old, while the oldest was 52.

A certain Alvin Cruz-Santos was also injured due to first degree burn.

The fire started at around 3:20 am local time and burned around 100 houses in Tinejeros village, Malabon City of Metro Manila before it was extinguished at 6:29 am.

Some 200 families were left homeless and the cost of damage was pegged at around 2 million pesos (44,964 US dollars).

Investigation has been ongoing to determine the cause of fire.—*Xinhua*

Vietnamese DM says Vietnam-China border meeting constructive

Mong Cai, (Vietnam), 12 March — A border meeting between Vietnamese and Chinese militaries was creative, constructive and strategic, Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh here on Tuesday.

It was also of great significance to enhancing mutual trust, deepening border defense cooperation and benefiting the two peoples, he said.

The Vietnamese party, government and armed forces highly valued the Vietnam-China relationship, cherished the friendship between the two countries, and regarded China's development as Vietnam's opportunity, Thanh said when meeting Qi Jianguo, deputy chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

Xinhua

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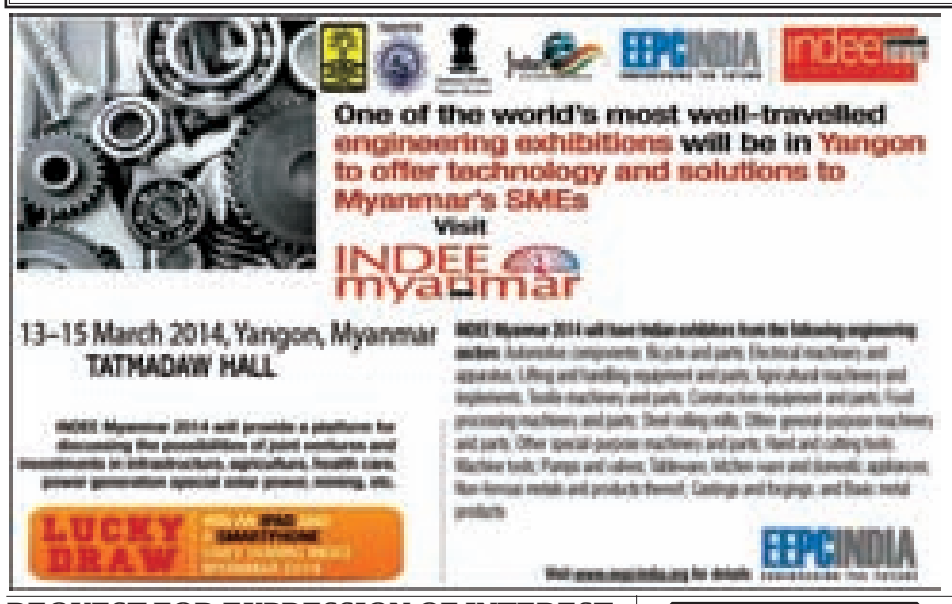

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development
Department of Rural Development
National Community Driven Development Project
IDA Grant: H813-MM

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Community Driven Development Project. The Department of Rural Development of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, which implements the National Community Driven Development project, intends to apply part of the proceeds for the hiring of the following individual consultant positions.

The contract will cover for a period of 12 months starting from May 2014 and will be extended based on the performance of individual consultant, need for the services and the availability of funds.

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2. Translator (C-9-2014)
3. Finance and Operations Consultant (C-11-2014)
4, Finance Assistant (C-12-2014)

The Department of Rural Development (DRD) now invites expressions of interest from qualified and experienced Myanmar Nationals for the above positions.

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Lebanon condemns cross-border attack from Syria

Beirut, 12 March — Lebanese President Michel Suleiman on Tuesday reiterated his call to feuding parties in Syria to avoid shelling Lebanese towns and villages close to the borders.

Earlier Tuesday four rockets fired from Syria hit the outskirts of the Nabi Sheet village in east Bekaa Valley, wounding three Lebanese nationals and causing damage to their house.

After the cross-border attack Suleiman asked the Lebanese army to take all necessary steps to defend frontier villages and innocent residents living there.

Lebanon has long been divided over the clashes in neighboring Syria. The country's Shiite Hezbollah and its allies back Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government, while the Sunni-led opposition supports the rebels. That's why local Sunni Jihadist groups have repeatedly launched cross-border rocket attacks against eastern Lebanon.—*Xinhua*

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(6/2014)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
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(5)	IFB-201(13-14)	Spares for SAFE Compressor	US$
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(8)	IFB-204(13-14)	Spares for CAT D3306 DI Engine	US$
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Tender Closing Date & Time - 9-4-2014,16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 13th March, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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DEPARTMENT OF HYDROPOWER IMPLEMENTATION
INVITATION TO TENDER

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2. Closing Date of Tender Acquisition - 9.4.2014(16:00) PM
Tender Submission Date - 9.7.2014 (10: 00) AM
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3. Tender Invitation Letter and Documents with detail informations shall be available at the following address.

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Department of Hydropower Implementation
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A K-9 unit of the Aviation Security Group of the Philippine National Police (PNP) inspects the baggages of passengers at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Pasay City, the Philippines, on 11 March, 2014.—Xinhua

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Invitation to Open Tender for Purchasing Printing Machines and Spare Parts

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(g)	Myanmar Double Cab	- 1 unit
(h)	Myanmar Single Cab	- 2 units

2. Opened Tender Forms are available from 13 March, 2014 to 23 March, 2014 between 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at the following addresses.

3. Opened Tenders are to be submitted in the presence of the Tender Committee on 23 March, 2014 between 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at the Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw. Those tenders exceeding the closing date will not be taken into consideration.

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Pharrell Williams was nominated for an Oscar this year for his rendition of Happy from Despicable Me 2.

Pharrell Williams: I'll never be as big as Jay Z

Los Angeles, 12 March — Singer and songwriter Pharrell Williams says he'll never be as successful as Jay Z and admits he was "deluded" to think he could compete with him.

Pharrell thought he could compete with the Holy Grail rapper when he released his first solo album. But he believes he was wrong and was trying to be someone he wasn't when he recorded his debut In My Mind in 2006.

"It was in my mind, but not in my heart. It was this caricature that I'd built in my mind, that fitted in with what Snoop and Jay were doing," contactmusic quoted Williams as saying.

"Some of the things I said on that record, all the bragging, it's not necessary. It doesn't say anything about you, apart from how shallow you are," he added.—*PTI*

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Connery, Bowie take sides on Scottish independence, Murray keeps mum

London, 12 March — Celebrities plunging into the debate on Scottish independence risk attracting public wrath from opposing sides in the run-up to the 18 September referendum. Some, like tennis star Andy Murray, have opted to keep quiet.

James Bond actor Sir Sean Connery, a long-time Scottish nationalist, advocates breaking the 307-year tie with England, supporting separatists' arguments that oil-rich Scotland can be a prosperous, independent nation.

English singer David Bowie, who lives in New York, has urged Scots not to break away, endorsing Prime Minister David Cameron's view that the United Kingdom is strongest together.

But Murray has kept out of the increasingly heated debate, saying at the weekend that he had been previously roasted for a comments seen as representing a political view.

Murray, who became the first Briton in 77 years to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon last year, drew criticism before the 2006 World Cup when he said he'd support anyone but England, a remark he has said many times since was not serious.

"I wouldn't personally choose to make my feelings on something like that public either, because not a whole lot of good comes from it," said Murray, adding his view was irrelevant as one of 1.15 million expatriate Scots not eligible to vote.

Reuters

Actor Sean Connery awaits the start of the US Open men's final match between Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Britain's Andy Murray in New York, on 10 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

Bayern's Robben a 'good diver', says Wenger

Munich, 12 March — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger described Bayern Munich's Arjen Robben as a "fantastic player and very good diver" after the winger won another controversial penalty against his side in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Robben was at the heart of the incident that Wenger said turned the last 16 tie when the Dutchman won a penalty which resulted in Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny being sent off in the first leg in London.

Bayern, who won that game 2-0, went through 3-1 on aggregate after a 1-1 draw in Tuesday's second leg, missing a last-gasp penalty which Robben also won in controversial circumstances.

"Robben is very good at getting something out of nothing, he is a great player as well as a very good diver, that's part of it," Wenger told a news conference.

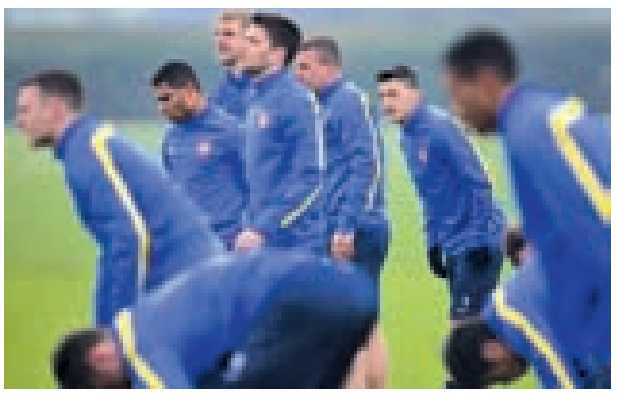
"He's a fantastic player, I would not deny that, he's one of the best in the world, but he gets in front (of the defender) and slows down and goes down, and he gets the free kicks.

"If he (the referee) gives him a yellow card the first time he goes down, he will not do it again."

Wenger said he was still bitter about the incident in the first leg.

"Overall, over the two games, the decision to send our keeper off in the first game had a huge impact, it was a bad decision.

"Even UEFA have come out and said they have to re-think that problem (the award of a penalty and a sending off)... Bayern are a good team, they played well but we still have regrets."



Arsenal's Mesut Ozil (3rd R) stretches during a training session at London Colney near London, on 10 March, 2014.—Reuters

Arsenal's coach Arsene Wenger during their Champions League round of 16 second leg soccer match against Arsenal in Munich, on 11 March, 2014.
Reuters

Arsenal's Ozil out for "a few weeks" — Wenger

Mesut Ozil's unhappy spell continued on Tuesday when the Arsenal and Germany midfielder suffered an injury against Bayern Munich that manager Arsene Wenger said is likely to keep him out for several weeks.

Ozil, the club's record signing, was substituted at halftime during the 1-1 draw in the last 16 second leg at the Allianz Arena which saw holders Bayern progress 3-1 on aggregate.

Local media reported Ozil had sustained a hamstring injury though Wenger did not confirm that. "It looks quite serious," said Wenger. "I don't know (how long Ozil will be missing) but for sure he is out (of the Tottenham Hotspur game on Sunday).

"We have to make a scan tomorrow to see how bad it is but he's out for at least a few weeks. I hope it's not too bad."—*Reuters*

Fenninger puts men in shade in World Cup warm-up

Lenzerheide, (Switzerland), 12 March — Austrian Anna Fenninger clocked the 16th fastest time of the women's and men's fields combined in World Cup downhill training on Tuesday.

Fenninger, who will battle it out with Germany's Maria Hoefl-Riesch for the overall women's World Cup title in the Swiss resort this week, was timed at one minute 33.01 seconds.

She was quicker than 10 male skiers who made the run, including downhill specialists such as World Cup winner Aksel Lund Svindal, Austrian Klaus Kroell and Olympic silver medalist Christof Innerhofer of Italy.

While the result was not significant — and noting that skiers often slow down towards the finish of training sessions to conserve energy — it showed how motivated Fenninger is after winning the Super-G gold medal at the Winter Olympics as well as three World Cup giant slaloms in succession.

The 24-year-old from Salzburg also complained to men's World Cup director Gunter Hujara, who is in charge of the women's competition, that he was treating the women too cautiously.

Hujara has ordered the women to wear race outfits that slow them down and mitigate against the risk of accident. "It was a strange decision," Fenninger said after finishing one and a half seconds slower than the fastest man on the day, France's Adrien Theaux.

Reuters

Austria's Anna Fenninger celebrates after winning the FIS women's giant slalom world cup alpine skiing race in Are, on 7 March, 2014.—Reuters

Djokovic and Li advance at Indian Wells

Indian Wells, 12 March — Normal service resumed at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells on Tuesday when Novak Djokovic safely booked his place in the fourth round of the men's draw and Li Na moved into the women's quarter-finals.

Djokovic had a little hiccup when he dropped the second set of his match with Colombia's Alejandro Gonzalez but was otherwise untroubled in winning 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

"I thought I played really well from the start," said Djokovic, a two-time champion at Indian Wells.

"Then suddenly I just had a big loss of concentration and allowed him to win the second set for no reason. I bounced back better in the third."

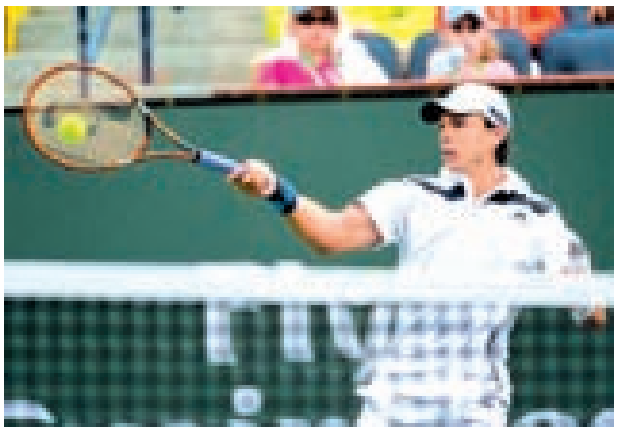
While the Serbian was not at his best, Djokovic did at least survive to fight another day in the Californian desert after the shock losses of world number one Rafa Nadal and Maria Sharapova on Monday.

Djokovic's next opponent is the big-serving Croatian Marin Cilic, who recorded his 20th win this season with a 6-4, 6-3 over Spain's Tommy Robredo.

"I obviously cannot allow myself to have these particular concentration lapses in the match at this level especially in the next match when I'm playing Cilic, a guy who is in really good form and I think has gotten better in last couple of months working with (Goran) Ivanisevic."

Li, promoted to the women's top seed after winning the Australian Open and in the absence of Serena Williams, beat Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak 6-1, 6-4 but only after a extraordinary final game where she struggled to close out the match. Li raced through the opening set in just over half an hour then recovered from 3-0 down to serve for the match at 5-4 when she suddenly got the wobbles.—*Reuters*

Novak Djokovic



Alejandro Gonzalez (COL) during his match against Novak Djokovic (SRB) in the BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Djokovic won 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Mandatory.—Reuters

Olympic champion Samkova suffers concussion in training fall

Prague, 12 March — Czech Eva Samkova, the Olympic snowboarding cross champion at the Sochi Games, suffered a concussion as well as shoulder and ankle injuries after a crash in training in Switzerland on Tuesday, news agency *CTK* reported.

The Czech news agency said the 20-year-old was taken to hospital by helicopter after a fall before a World Cup race in Veysonnaz. Coach Marek Jelinek said Samkova fell on a jump that had caused problems for a number of racers.

"It was nonsense, a stupid thing," *CTK* agency quoted him as saying. "Several other people got injured there."

He said Samkova "saw stars for 10 minutes" and suffered a painful ankle injury.

Reuters

Eva Samkova of the Czech Republic competes during the women's snowboard cross finals at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games in Rosa Khutor on 16 Feb, 2014.—Reuters

Anti-nuke protesters rally in New York on 3rd Fukushima anniversary

NEW YORK, 12 March — Roughly 50 protesters rallied on Tuesday in front of the Consulate General of Japan in New York to oppose the Japanese government's embrace of nuclear power on the third anniversary of the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

"We have a responsibility to speak up. This is not just about Japanese, this is a global issue," said organizer Ritsuko Higashi. The demonstrators handed a letter to a consulate representative before marching to Times Square with chants of "no nukes, protect the children," in Japanese. The letter demanded the closure of Japanese nuclear plants, independent oversight of containment of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi plant, an end to Japan's export of nuclear technology, transparency around decontamination, and compensation for the victims of the disaster.

Reporters surround protesters rallying in front of the Consulate General of Japan in New York to oppose the Japanese government's embrace of nuclear power on 11 March, 2014, the third anniversary of a massive earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan that triggered the Fukushima nuclear crisis.
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Similar protests were planned for Tuesday in other US cities including Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco. Consulate general representatives told organizers ahead of the protest in San Francisco that it would not receive a letter in person and asked protesters to mail it.

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S Korea to develop rural areas with tailored investment projects

SEOUL, 12 March — South Korea unveiled plans on Wednesday to develop regional economy, including rural areas, by boosting investment nationwide through various projects tailored to each region.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye chaired a joint meeting of the trade-investment promotion committee and the regional development committee, attended by around 200 heads of ministries, local governments, public firms and business lobby groups.

The tailored development strategy will grant more leeway to local governments, which will be enabled to draw up their own development projects tailored to each region that will be supported by the central government through deregulations and tax benefits.

In the past, the central government unilaterally applied a top- down development strategy to every region, failing to reflect regional specialties.

A presidential official said on the condition of anonymity that creative ideas will arise from each region to nurture their own growth engines, noting that local governments will be given more discretionary fiscal funds that can be used to develop their own regions.

The government designated 56 regional development blocs, excluding capital Seoul, to help them foster their unique industries and establish industrial complexes.

It will finalize the list of projects that will be supported by the central government till July among 2,146 projects and 15 special development projects offered by local governments. The government expected such deregulation and support will induce investment worth about 14 trillion won (13 billion US dollars) nationwide.

The usage of areas freed from the so-called "green belt" development restrictions will be deregulated further to allow for establishment of commercial and industrial complexes in the regions.

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6:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

6:25 am
2. Physical Exercise

7:00 am
3. News/Weather Report

8:30 am
4. India Drama Series

9:00 am
5. News/ International News

10:00 am
6. News

11:20 am
7. Sing & Enjoy

12:00 pm
8. News/International News/Weather Report

12:25 pm
9. Myanmar Video

3:00 pm
10. News

3:15 pm
11. TV Drama Series

4:15 pm
12. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Second Year (Myanmar)

5:00 pm
13. News

5:15 pm
14. Documentary

5:30 pm
15. India Drama Series

6:00 pm
16. News/Weather Reoprt

6:40 pm
17. TV Drama Series

7:00 pm
18. News

8:25 pm
19. TV Drama Series

8:35 pm
20. Current Affairs

9:00 pm
21. News
22. Documentary
23. Clever

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* Local News
* Unique & Motivating Chap Char Kut Festival
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Lotus braced for tough start to F1 season

MELBOURNE, 12 March — Last year's race winners Lotus are braced for a tough start to the Formula One season in Australia on Sunday, with their immediate target being just reaching the finish after a difficult time in testing.

French driver Romain Grosjean, who was regularly challenging for podium places last year, accepted the first few races would be hard but was optimistic the team would make up lost ground.

"We're not in a nice situation but it doesn't mean that it's game over," he said in a team preview for the race in Melbourne.

"For us, the weekend will be maximizing the time on track, aiming to finish the race and getting the best result possible," added Grosjean, who has a new team mate in Venezuelan Pastor Maldonado.

Lotus finished fourth overall last season and won in Australia with Kimi Raikkonen, who has since departed for Ferrari. The British-based team struggled financially towards the end of last year and missed the first test of the season because their car was not ready in time.

When they did turn up for the second and third tests in Bahrain, problems with the new Renault V6 power unit meant they got in far fewer laps than all the other teams in sessions dominated by Mercedes-engined rivals.

Lotus have also lost principal Eric Boullier to McLaren, with chairman Gerard Lopez taking over the role.

"There is a degree of frustration coming away from winter testing," said technical director Nick Chester.

"As was evident in Bahrain, we have much more work to do with the power unit itself to ensure that it is working correctly with the chassis."

"To be blunt, we are starting further back than we would like to be. I think that the first two races of this season will be very challenging for us,

however it also depends on the solutions that Renault Sport F1 will be able to bring to the table too," said Chester.

Despite that he was also optimistic that the E22 car, which tested with a distinctive split nose, would in time become "a very strong proposition".

Chester said solution to the problems encountered so far looked "fairly obvious", which should allow the team to make reasonably quick progress with improving reliability, although that could be a false dawn.

"Because of the low mileage runs thus far, the reality is that there might be issues that we have yet to discover, and which might crop up further down the line and compromise reliability in the first few races," he warned.

Lotus Formula One driver Romain Grosjean of France drives during the third practice session of the Brazilian F1 Grand Prix at the Interlagos circuit in Sao Paulo on 13 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

"Our target is to finish the race. As we have done so little mileage it is difficult to estimate where we will be at in terms of performance."

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