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True patriotism

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

President U Thein Sein felicitates Vietnamese PM

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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Nepalese Prime Minister for his election

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Baburam Bhattarai, on his election as Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.—MNA

Questions raised and answered, proposals discussed and submitted at first Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends ninth-day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.
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NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—The first Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session was held for the ninth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 385 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attended the session at which 11 questions were raised and answered, one proposal was under

discussion and two proposals were submitted.

On 30 August, Pyithu Hluttaw received the workers' organizations bill and the bill to amend Union Election Commission Law that have been submitted and approved by Amyotha Hluttaw. The bills are due to be under discussion the following week, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee will scrutinize the bills, and submit them to the Hluttaw together with its report for talks.

Those Hluttaw representatives wishing to take part in the

discussion are to register by 5 September, stating exactly the paragraph and subject of the bill they want to discuss.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing responded to four questions about irrigation.

U Soe Paing from Wuntho Constituency said that **Daungmyu Dam Project in Wuntho Township, Sagaing Region, is one of the special projects for which the green light has been given, but it has not been launched yet, asking if there is a plan** (See page 6)

Low pressure area abates

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—According to the observations at 12.30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area over west central bay and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal has become unimportant, said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA



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Uplift qualification and morale

Educational scope is broadened. Remarkable progress of advanced science and technology can be seen in all aspects across the nation. Well-versed and educated new generation youths are key resources in emergence of a peaceful and prosperous human society.

At present, the national education promotion 30-year long-term plan is under implementation. Tasks have been adopted in the basic and higher education sectors. Learning basic and higher education is playing a pivotal role in nurturing human resources. Thanks to extended opening of basic education schools yearly, school-going age children have easy access to basic education.

Implementing short-term and long-term projects of national education promotion is leading to creation of opportunity for the people to be able to pursue basic education and continuous emergence of highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia. At present, the government has built infrastructures for basic education schools, universities, degree colleges, colleges and other education institutions across the nation.

Computer networks and electronics systems have been fulfilled at the institutions in the entire nation with the aim of ensuring equitable development of learning opportunities in urban and rural areas.

In today's developed and competitive world, teachers and pupils are to join hands each other in striving for improvement of teaching and learning activities. Especially, teachers on their part are to make relentless efforts for uplift of their proficiency and morality. They must build themselves to be model teachers with best characteristics for students.

Building the future nation based on education sector is a bounden duty. Thus, teachers are to nurture new generation youths equipped with capability and high morale so as to continuously emerge qualified human resources.

River water warning

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—According to the 12.30 hr MST today, the water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo 655 cm has exceeded by 55 cm (about 1.8 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

Similarly, the water level of Thanlwin River in Hpa-an 760 cm has exceeded by 10 cm (about 0.3 foot) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 750 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Union FM felicitates Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—On the occasion of the 66th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam which falls on 2 September 2011, His Excellency U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.—MNA



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin being welcomed by Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Cong Phung at the reception to mark 66th National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 1 September.—MNA

Union Construction Minister makes inspection tour of roads, bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning inspected extension of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo road section, construction of box culverts and retaining walls.

He looked into damage of Ngalaik Creek Bridge on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road due to bank erosion and gave

instructions on construction of a bailey bridge as soon as possible.

After inspecting 80-foot Kyethmyaung Bridge, 120-foot Yongyi Creek Bridge and 60-foot long Lewun Bridge on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi Road, the Union Minister gave necessary instructions.

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Talks to be held at UMFCCI

YANGON, 1 Sept—Union Ministries and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry jointly organized to give an educative talk at RUMFCCI Office Tower on 4 September (Sunday).

On the occasion, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relation Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development Daw Myat Myat Soe will give talks on AEC 2015 implementation tasks, Deputy Director of Heavy Industrial Planning Department Daw Tin Tin Htoo on ASEAN economics community and small-skill and medium-skill industries, Daw Myo Myo Htaik, Deputy Director of Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce, on hygienic food in need of consumers. Any interested person may catch words in the event.

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Mobile medical team members of local field medical corp providing health care to flood victims at a rescue camp in Toungoo, Bago Region on 1 September.—MNA

Yangon Trade Exhibition-2011 opened



YANGON, 1 Sept—The Exhibition 2011 took place at Tatmadaw

Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here this morning. Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win, Minister for Planning and Economics U Than Myint, Minister for Transport U Aung Khin and Minister for Industry U Nyan Tun Oo attended the ceremony.

The exhibition let visitors see computer and accessories, electronic

and electric items, home decoration items, cosmetic and personal products, clothes and fashionable items, sanitation and kitchen wears, autos and spare parts, floorboards, modern furniture, foodstuffs, medicines and tour services, and various kinds of books. The exhibition will be thrown open to public from 9 am to 6 pm till 4 September.

NLM



Four people shot dead in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 Sept—Four people were killed when gunmen opened fire at a vehicle in Pakistan's northwest region Thursday. The attack took place in lower Kurram Thursday when the gunmen began shooting at the passenger vehicle, official sources told *Dawn*. The vehicle was going from the Alizai area to Parachinar when the shooting left four dead and one injured.

Local tribesmen later engaged the fleeing attackers in a gun-battle.

The injured man was admitted to the Kurram Agency Headquarter Hospital, the sources said.

Internet

Policemen gather near a damaged vehicle after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 21 Aug, 2011. A sticky bomb attached to a car carrying a security guard for the oil minister wounded him and a nearby shop owner when it went off in Baghdad's west-central Utaifiya District, a police officer at the scene said.—INTERNET

Baghdad car bomb kills three

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—A car bomb killed three people and wounded 20 others in Baghdad on Wednesday, and a roadside bomb elsewhere in the Iraqi Capital bomb wounded two more people, an interior ministry official said.

The car bomb exploded in the Jihad area of southern Baghdad at about 8:30 pm (1730 GMT), and the roadside bomb went off in the Adhamiyah District in the north of the city some 15 minutes later, he said.

The violence comes after al-Qaeda's front group in Iraq threatened to launch a campaign of 100 attacks, starting in mid-August, to avenge the death of Osama bin Laden in a US special forces raid in Pakistan in May. Violence is down across Iraq from its peak in 2006 and 2007, but attacks remain common. A total of 259 people were killed in violence in the country in July, according to official figures, the second highest monthly figure of 2011.—*Internet*



A man injured in a bomb attack at Umm al-Qura mosque has his wounds treated in Baghdad on 29 Aug, 2011. A suicide bomber posing as a beggar detonated his explosives inside a main Baghdad Sunni mosque on Sunday, killing at least 24 people, including an Iraqi lawmaker, and wounding more than 30 others, hospital and local officials.—INTERNET

N Korea, Russia consider naval cooperation

PYONGYANG, 1 Sept—North Korea and Russia plan to increase their naval cooperation, a Russian military spokesman said.

Senior commanders from the two nations have been considering such steps and the issue was discussed during the current North Korea visit of Adm. Konstantin Sidenko, commander of Russia's Eastern Military District, China's staterun *Xinhua* news agency reported, quoting Sidenko spokesman Lt Col Igor Muginov.

Sidenko and senior North Korean military commanders also discussed the possibilities of holding joint search and rescue exercises and humanitarian drills in the open sea, Muginov told reporters.

Among those Sidenko met was Ri Yong Ho, chief of the general staff of the Korean People's Army, the spokesman said. Sidenko also visited a KPA unit.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il visited Russia for a week last month, and later visited China.—*Internet*

JERUSALEM, 1 Sept—The Israeli military on Wednesday deployed a third Iron Dome battery near the southern port city of Ashdod, completing the operation sooner than planned, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said.

Defence Minister Ehud Barak thanked the security personnel for stationing the third operational Iron Dome battery prior to the start of the new school year. "This is part of the national emergency plan I declared several weeks

ago and a tangible method to defend Israeli civilians from rockets and missiles," he said.

According to Barak, stationing batteries will "revamp the security of Israeli residents who are still in need of shelters." Earlier this week, he said that nine Iron Dome batteries will be operational within the next two years. Two other batteries are already stationed near the cities of Ashkelon and Be'er Sheva.

Earlier this year, in March, Israel deployed its

first Iron Dome missile defence system in light of the recent rocket attacks in southern Israel. The Iron Dome system uses sophisticated radar, manufactured by Israel Aerospace Industries, to track incoming missiles, intercept and destroy them before they reach their targets. It also includes Tamir missile interceptors. Despite the effectiveness of the system, local analysts have complained because each Iron Dome interception costs from USD 10,000 to USD 50,000, in contrast with

the costs of Palestinian rockets as low as USD 500. In the winter of 2008-2009, Israel launched a surprise airstrike against the Gaza Strip which marked the beginning of a three-week military conflict between Israel and Hamas, killing nearly 1,500 people and leaving thousands more injured and displaced. Israel stated its aim was to stop rocket fire from and arms import into Gaza.

In 2010, the Israeli Security Agency reported a total of 150 rocket launches from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. It represented a significant drop from 569 launches in 2009, although 407 of them were launched during Operation Cast Lead.

Internet



The shattered windscreen of a vehicle is seen in Baghdad 2010. A car bomb killed three people and wounded 20 others in Baghdad on Wednesday, and a roadside bomb elsewhere in the Iraqi capital bomb wounded two more people, an interior ministry official said.—INTERNET

Dozens seek help after bromine leak in Russia

MOSCOW, 1 Sept—Twenty-four litres of toxic element bromine leaked Thursday from containers on a railway station in Russia's Urals, sending yellow fumes in the air and forcing more than 30 people to seek medical help.

The fuming red-



brown liquid with an "aggressive odour" was released into the air when some 8-10 five-litre glass containers broke in a rail carriage at the railway station in the industrial City of Chelyabinsk nearly 2,000 kilometres east of Moscow, the emergencies ministry said. Footage broadcast on national television showed clouds of yellow

smoke floating in the air, police in gas masks cordoning off the affected area and some residents wearing blue gauze masks.

The train car carried a total of 2,063 glass containers of bromine and was later hauled outside the city, the emergencies ministry said.

Internet

Health

Prolonging CPR doesn't help heart patients



A mannequin is used during a CPR demonstration. Increasing the time spent administering CPR to cardiac arrest patients won't increase their chances of survival, researchers said Wednesday, putting to rest one of the raging debates in emergency medicine.—INTERNET

OTTAWA, 1 Sept—Increasing the time spent administering CPR to cardiac arrest patients won't increase their chances of survival, researchers said Wednesday, putting to rest one of the raging debates in emergency medicine. "Our study definitively shows that there is no

advantage to a longer period of initial CPR," said Dr Ian Stiell, a senior scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI), one of the entities leading the study.

Paramedics and firefighters traditionally have provided only brief CPR while readying a defibrillator to jolt the heart into restarting.

But some experts over the years have said that a longer period of initial cardio-pulmonary resuscitation — for up to three minutes — may help increase a cardiac

arrest patient's odds of survival.

The scientists in the study, which also involved the University of Ottawa and the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC), said the new research settles the question once and for all. "I think it is better to be on the safe side and stick with the traditional shorter initial CPR approach," Stiell said.

The study found that increasing the time that paramedics and firefighters administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from

one to three minutes provides no additional benefit.

The results, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, analyzed medical data gleaned from some 10,000 US patients.

The researchers said that prompt CPR can increase blood flow to the brain and keep the body alive for a short time, but for patients with certain cardiac rhythms, the heart can only be restarted by providing electrical shocks with a defibrillator.—*Internet*

August sales likely rose despite hurricane

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—US retailers should report higher monthly sales in August, even though consumer confidence sagged and Hurricane Irene disrupted shopping along the East Coast during a key back-to-school weekend. US chain stores are expected to post a 4.6 percent gain in August sales at stores open at least a year, or same-store sales, based on analysts' expectations of sales at 25 retailers tracked by Thomson Reuters. Most report the sales on Thursday.

The tally includes warehouse club operator Costco Wholesale Corp, department store chain Nordstrom Inc and

clothing seller Gap Inc, and speaks to the strength of consumer spending, which accounts for roughly 70 percent of US economic activity.

August is the peak of the back-to-school shopping season, the most important period for US retailers after the year-end holiday season. Sales in recent months have held up despite weak economic indicators, offering hope of consumer resiliency in August and the rest of the year. "If August continues as June and July did, I think that could bode well for a solid (year-end) holiday. I'm

not saying that we're going to have a blow-out holiday, but a solid holiday," said Madison Riley, managing director of retail consulting firm Kurt Salmon. "The storm's impact is clearly a wild card heading into Thursday's reports," said Ken Perkins, president of Retail Metrics.—*Reuters*

Business News



A shopper loads his cart at a Costco Wholesale store in Arlington, Virginia on 6 August, 2009. INTERNET

Recession fears ease on factory, hiring data

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept—Factory activity in the US Midwest slowed just a bit in August and private employers continued to hire despite extreme financial market turmoil, easing fears the economy would fall back into recession.

Other data on Wednesday showed a strong rebound in demand for manufactured goods in July as orders for motor vehicles posted their largest gain since 2003, another suggestion a recession could be avoided despite some weak economic signals. The Institute for Supply Management-Chicago said its business barometer fell to 56.5, the lowest since November 2009, from 58.8 in July. However, the reading was above economists' expectations and indicated activity continued to grow. A separate report from payrolls processor ADP showed private employers added 91,000 new jobs this month after expanding payrolls by 114,000 in July.

The ADP figures come ahead of the US government's much more

comprehensive labour market report on Friday, which is expected to show a modest increase in employment, despite the dampening effect of a strike at Verizon Communications.

While the ADP report has a poor track record of predicting nonfarm employment, it offered hope businesses had not pulled back sharply on hiring despite a big stock market sell-off and a loss of both business and consumer confidence.—*Reuters*



People wait in line to enter a job fair at the Phoenix Workforce Connection in Phoenix, Arizona, on 30 Aug, 2011. INTERNET

Business

Health Brief

Silicone breast implants safe

BEIJING, 1 Sept—Silicone breast implants are safe, according to the chief scientist for the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Centre for Devices.

"We felt that way before the meeting, and we continue to feel that way after the presentations and discussions over the past two days," said Dr William Maisel Wednesday, chief scientist for the FDA centre.

However, there are risks to the implants, Dr Maisel continued, including ruptures, a hardening of the area around the implants, the need to remove the implants, scarring, pain, infection and asymmetry.—*Xinhua*

Anti-cancer virus injection, hope for cancer patients

BEIJING, 1 Sept—An engineered virus, injected into the blood, can selectively target cancer cells throughout the body, according media reports Thursday quoting a study in journal *Nature*.

The virus attacked only tumors, leaving the healthy tissue alone, in a small trial on 23 patients.

"We are very excited because this is the first time in medical history that a viral therapy has been shown to consistently and selectively replicate in cancer tissue after intravenous infusion in humans," said John Bell, a lead researcher and from the University of Ottawa. It is believed that the virus could be used to deliver treatments directly to cancerous cells in high concentrations.

Xinhua

Ancient humans used hand axes earlier than thought

Science

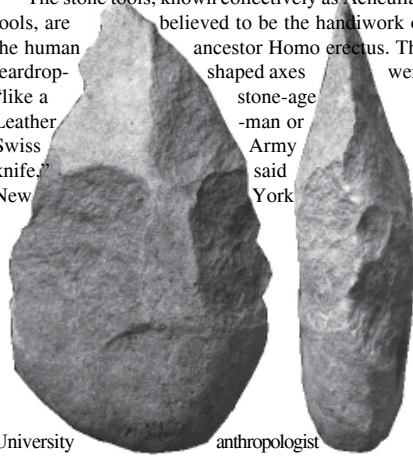
LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept—Ancient humans fashioned hand axes, cleavers and picks much earlier than believed, but didn't take the stone tools along when they left Africa, new research suggests.

A team from the United States and France made the findings after travelling to an archaeological site along the northwest shoreline of Kenya's Lake Turkana. Two-faced blades and other large cutting tools had been previously excavated there along with primitive stone flakes.

Using a sophisticated technique to date the dirt, researchers calculated the age of the more advanced tools to be 1.76 million years old. That's older than similar stone-age artifacts in Ethiopia and Tanzania estimated to be between 1.4 and 1.6 million years old.

This suggests that prehistoric humans were involved in refined tool-making that required a higher level of thinking much earlier than thought. Unlike the simplest stone tools made from bashing rocks together, the early humans who shaped these more distinct objects planned the design and then created them.

The stone tools, known collectively as Acheulian tools, are believed to be the handiwork of the human ancestor Homo erectus. The teardrop-shaped axes were "like a stone-age Leather Swiss Army knife," said New York



University anthropologist
This undated photo provided by the National Centre of Scientific Research shows ancient hand axes unearthed at an archaeological site at Lake Turkana in Kenya.—INTERNET

Christian Tryon. The axes were suited for butchering animals or chopping wood while the thicker picks were used for digging holes. Homo erectus walked upright like modern humans, but possessed a flat skull, sloping forehead and a smaller brain. It emerged about 2 million years ago in Africa. Most researchers think Homo erectus was the first to fan out widely from Africa.



Ford will present its Evos concept car at the 2011 Frankfurt auto show, using it to showcase a variety of different technologies.—INTERNET

Tech

Ford announces the cloud-connected Evos Concept car

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept—In advance of the Frankfurt Auto Show in September, Ford announced the Evos Concept, an automobile that communicates with the cloud many consumer friendly uses. By integrating a driver's daily schedule into the car, the Ford Evos Concept can automatically choose driving routes that are best suited for making a meeting on time. When integrated into home automation, it can communicate with lighting in a home and a garage door opener to trigger when arriving or leaving. The Ford Evos Concept can also continue playing specific music or news when a driver leaves or arrives at the house, if integrated into a home sound system.

Designed to help people with problematic allergies, the Ford Evos Concept uses filtration systems and advanced air filters to reduce the amount of allergens in the air. It also has the ability to suggest a course correction for a route with higher quality air. The Ford Evos Concept also uses heart-rate monitors built into the seat to measure the physical state of the driver and has the ability to turn off a driver's smartphone to keep attention on the road.

The car uses a lithium-ion plug-in hybrid powertrain, meaning the car runs on electricity until switching over to a gasoline-powered engine to recharge the battery while driving. By tapping into information within the cloud, the car self-adjusts usage of the gasoline engine based on current weather conditions, emission restrictions and the predicted route. This cloud integration would allow Ford's PHEV technology to stretch beyond the current range of 500 miles per trip. The Ford Evos Concept also has the ability to modify the suspension and throttle response to adjust to more strenuous driving conditions.—Internet

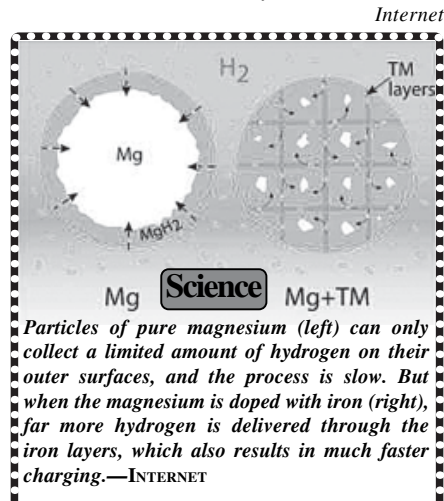
Mummies reveal Egyptians styled hair with 'product'

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—Ancient Egyptians might have been just as vain as humans today. They seem to have styled their hair with fat-based products to enhance their appearance and accentuate their individuality, new research suggests.

"Personal appearance was important to the ancient Egyptians so much so that in cases where the hair was styled, the embalming process was adapted to preserve the hairstyle," the researchers, based at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, write 16 Aug in the *Journal of Archaeological Science*. "This further ensured that the deceased's individuality was retained in death, as it had been in life, and emphasizes the importance of the hair in ancient Egyptian society."

The researchers studied hair from 18 mummies (15 mummified in a desert cemetery called the Dakhleh Oasis and three from museum samples of unknown origin) who lived around 300 BC in ancient Egypt. By taking a close look at the hairs under a microscope, the researchers noticed that nine of these mummies had an unknown substance coating their hair. Chemical analyses of the coating revealed it was made up of fatty acids from both plant and animal origins.

Internet



Particles of pure magnesium (left) can only collect a limited amount of hydrogen on their outer surfaces, and the process is slow. But when the magnesium is doped with iron (right), far more hydrogen is delivered through the iron layers, which also results in much faster charging.—INTERNET

Science

Skype now works with any home phone through new adapter

Tech

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept—While analog telephone adapters aren't exactly advanced technology these days, a version that works with Skype notes a mention. Skype announced the Freetalk Connect-Me home phone adapter, a piece of technology that acts as the middle man between a broadband Internet connection and an ordinary wired or cordless telephone. The adapter also allows the user to keep a traditional landline and switch between the two services. On the bottom of the device, users will find an Ethernet port as well as two ports for phone lines.

The device stores up to 100 numbers for speed dialing and is priced at \$39.99.

While a user can make free Skype-to-Skype calls, they will have to purchase a plan in order to call landlines from the Skype handset. While the initial \$39.99 adapter comes with 60 minutes of free landline calling, an more expensive \$59.99 model comes with 12 months of landline calls as well as 200 minutes of international calls. Pricing for the year-long phone service is identical to Magic Jack which is priced at \$19.99 per year.—Internet

An Apple staff demonstrates a new Verizon iPhone 4 at Verizon's iPhone 4 launch event in New York on 11 January, 2011.
INTERNET



Questions raised and answered...

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to build the dam. The Union minister in his reply said that the project lies near HseU Village, Wuntho Township, Katha District, Sagaing Region; that green light was given at Meeting 1/2008 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee to build the dam with the aim of protecting Wuntho and Kawlin against floods; that on completion, the facility will have a 135 feet high earthen embankment with a storage capacity of 64,660 acre feet to irrigate some 10,000 acres of farmlands for mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns; that feasibility study and measuring the area for the project have been carried out, and designs have been drawn for building two 4 ft x 6 ft outlet conduit and a 150 feet wide spillway; and that based on the budgets to be passed in order of priority by the government, the ministry will implement the project.

U Thaug Han from Yinmabin Constituency asked if there is a plan to put off the date to settle the monsoon agricultural loans to 31 March or to the end of the last week of March the following year in the light of the difficulties pea farmers are facing. The Union minister said that if the Myanma Agricultural Development Bank collects the loans for monsoon crops, cold season crops and pre-monsoon crops before the season, it will not be convenient for farmers to settle their debts, and if the bank collects the loans after the season, it will be hard for the bank to collect all the loans; that therefore, the bank collects the loans commencing January and February which is their harvest time and completes the process by the end of March; that the bank is responsible for ensuring that all farmers settle their loans in the same fiscal year in order that it can calculate the amount of loans and ask the Myanma Economic Bank for the loans for the next season in time; that all accounts can be balanced only if all the loans are settled across the nation in the same fiscal year; that if the date is put off to the end of March, the process of balancing the accounts on loans can be completed only after the fiscal year, and that makes a mess of accounting for the next fiscal year; that the bank has to manage the collecting of loans as different regions have different crop-planting seasons and harvest times and has to keep an

eye on the process to avert loss and misappropriation of the State funds; and that so the last date is put off from 15 February to the end of February.

U Kyaw Myint from Ayadaw Constituency asked if Ayadaw River Water Pumping Project (1) will be put into action, when the programme to link the power cable between Ayadaw River Water Pumping Project (2) and Ayadaw River Water Pumping Project (3), and when the project is due to be completed. The Union minister said that Ayadaw (1) Project is near Baunggya Village, Ayadaw (2) Project is near Magyeezauk Village,



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Shwe Maung (a) U Abdul Rawzak making question.—MNA

and Ayadaw (3) Project is near Thalebar Village in Ayadaw Township to pump water from the Mu River to benefit farmlands; that Ayadaw (1) Project is not on the State's list of priorities, and is not included in the list of hydropower projects implemented with State funds either; that so, no report has been submitted to the Special Projects Implementation Committee yet for funds; that Ayadaw (2) Project was launched in July 2002, and Ayadaw (3) Project, in September 2003; that the size of electric power for Ayadaw (2) Project is 20 MVA, and that for Ayadaw (3) Project, 45 MVA; that Ohndaw 230/66/11 KV 100 MVA power station is being built near Kantalu Village, Sagaing, for Ayadaw (2) Ayadaw (3), Hsintat, Pyawt Village and Tat Village projects; that the Water Resources Utilization Department signed an agreement in 2010-2011 to buy Ohndaw (230/66/11) MV 100 MVA power station; that a budget of 5.1 million US dollars was submitted for the project, but the government granted only 2.13 million US dollars as it has to prioritize many other projects; that so a budget of 2.97 million US dollars will be submitted

in 2012-2013 financial year; that the project will be completed cent per cent in 2013-2014 if the government grants the budget; that the government has to implement many projects in order of priority; and that the ministry will continue the project according to the amount of the budget.

U Tin Myint from Taze Constituency in his question said that the project to dam the Setonelone Creek to benefit over 10,000 acres of farmlands in Daze Township, Sagaing Region, is among the special projects, but it has not been launched yet, and so he wondered if the project



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Zaw Tun of Momauk constituency participates in discussion.—MNA

will be launched. The Union minister said that Sebadone Dam near Ai-ma Village in Daze Township, is designed not only to benefit farmlands but also to protect farmlands against the floods when right Kintet canal is swollen; that the Special Projects Implementation Committee gave the green light at its meeting 1/2009 to build a dam by damming the Sebadone Creek (Setonelone Creek), and upon completion the dam will have a 71 feet high earthen embankment, will be able to store 49,470 acre feet and irrigate 10,000 acres of farmlands; that feasibility study, ground measuring and geological survey have been carried out; designs for the dam, outlet conduit and spillway are being drawn; and that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will implement the project according to the size of the funds.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye answered four questions asked by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Aye from Homalin Constituency said that Homalin upstream the Chindwin River in Sagaing Region



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye answers queries.—MNA

has a population of nearly 300,000, and asked if it is planned to establish Upper Chindwin Regional College. The Union minister said that the youngsters in Sagaing Region who have passed matriculation examinations join Shwebo University, Kalay University and Monywa University; that those from Homalin, Lahe, Leshi, Hkamti and Phaungpyin townships who have passed matriculation examinations to join Monywa University; that designation of colleges for those youths is based on transportation and expenses; that 551 students from Homalin, Lahe, Leshi, Hkamti and Phaungpyin townships are to join Monywa University in 2010-2011 academic year; that an opportunity has been given to the youth across the nation to have university education by setting up University of Distance Education that is practised worldwide; and that therefore, at present there is no plan to open a college in the township.

U Shwe Maung (a) U Abdul Rawzak from Buthidaung Constituency said that at the first regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw, it was answered that the youths from Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in Rakhine State who have passed matriculation examinations and who meet the qualifications of a citizen can join universities, colleges and institutes. He asked what the government and related departments will do for those students to get citizenship scrutiny cards in time. He said that at the first regular session, it was answered that the government is taking measures for appointing resident teachers in the basic education schools in the two townships, and asked what measures the government is taking

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for appointing resident teachers who know local dialects, customs and traditions, and what the government can do to improve the education standard of Maungtaaw District in Rakhine State as low education standard poses hindrance to all-round development of the nation. The Union minister said that the youth from the two townships can join the university, college and institute where they want to pursue education; that they have to meet the set rate of marks for the educational institution concerned as well as the laws, rules and regulations set by the scrutiny board of the university concerned.

Regarding the second question, he said that the majority of the teachers in the basic education schools in Maungtaaw Township are residents; that the others are the minority who are serving duties temporarily in the township to which their spouses and parents are posted; that after completion of their tours of duties, those teachers will return to their regions; that some resident teachers of the 17 townships in Rakhine State are currently serving duties inside and outside Rakhine State; that similarly, there are teachers born in Buthidaung and Maungtaaw townships and are serving in other regions, and many teacher from other regions who are serving in the two townships; that under the Ministry of Education's policy of selecting trainees and appointing staff, it is impossible that all the teachers are to be residents; that the resident teachers of Rakhine State have to work in the regions according to their positions; that teachers of other Regions and States also have to work in different regions for smooth functioning of the education sector; that previously, residents were appointed as teachers in the educational institutions according to their applications; that trainees to the training course of the Education College are

selected in proportion according to sex and subject; that qualified trainees have priority to be appointed in their home regions; that anyone who meets the laws and rules and regulations can sit for the entrance Examination.

Regarding the third question, the



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U Kyaw Myint of Ayadaw
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Union Minister said that matriculation pass rates in the academic years are not stable; that pass rates are based on how hard students study; that Buthidaung Township got a matriculation pass rate of 19.95%, and Maungtaaw Township, 17.27% in 2009; 22.87% and 18.85% in 2010; 20.41% and 17.05% in 2011; that Maungtaaw Township has five basic education high schools, three high schools (branches), eight middle schools, one middle school (branch), one affiliated middle school, 16 post-primary schools, 125 primary schools, Buthidaung Township has three high schools, one high school (branch), two affiliated high schools, three middle schools, three middle schools (branches), 20 post-primary schools and 122 primary schools; and that Maungtaaw District has enough teachers and its education standard is not low.

Union Minister for Immigration and

Population U Khin Yi replied the three questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Zaw Ki Ahmed (a) U Aung Zaw Win of Maungtaaw Constituency asked about **when the government will exchange national scrutiny cards (pink card) with temporary national identity cards (white card) for Myanmar local Muslims in Maungtaaw District of Rakhine State.** In response, the Union Minister said that it is assumed that the usage of local Myanmar Muslim means Bengalis residing in the region. The existing law says that no one can apply for dual citizenship at the same time and if he or she wants to apply for Myanmar citizenship, he or she must legally forgo the citizenship of other countries. According to respective countries laws, they need not to be citizens of the said countries. They need to present certification that they have not registered at related foreign embassy relating to original race as its citizens, and they have not applied for passport. Article 3 of Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982) which is currently practicing prescribes that **“Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan national races and tribes permanently living in any region of the country before 1185 ME (1823 AD) as their original country are Myanmar citizens.”** According to the law, if anyone is not component of national races or tribes, he or she needs to submit certifications to strongly confirm as a citizen.

Issuing national scrutiny card is not based on race and religion. It is concerned with the competence of a citizen's features prescribed in Myanmar Citizenship Law which was passed on 15 October 1982. Detailed explanation about Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982) has been given on 26 August in replying to the question of Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Nyunt from Thingangyun Constituency. Only



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U Hsa Mu of Lahe Constituency
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when those concerned can present firm certification of their ancestors, will they get citizenship scrutiny card. Our service personnel will issue citizenship scrutiny card to those qualified to be a citizen. According to Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982) and Foreigner Registration Act (1940), those living in Myanmar need to have citizenship scrutiny card or associate citizen certificate or naturalized citizenship certificate or foreigner registration certificate or temporary identity certificate. Those who cannot show such card or certificates will be temporarily assumed that they are doubted citizens and need to have temporary identity certificate. In order to get any card, those who are in competence of the provisions of Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982) need to apply for citizenship with the recommendation of **“committee for scrutinizing citizen, associate citizen, naturalized citizen”** and according to (1983) Naturalized Citizenship Rules and Regulations 46. For the applicants, supervisory committees have been formed at region/state and township level.

From 24 November 2009 to date, 105,051 persons who are doubted citizens have been granted citizenship. In order to issue any kind of identity cards to halfblooded persons living not only in Maungtaaw of Rakhine State but also across the country, measures are being taken in accord with Law, procedure, and rules and regulations by arranging files taking time. Due to illegal migration and association of Bengalis from the neighboring country to the country, there are complications of population difficult to define who is who. So, it is needed to take time to cope with such issues because of national security and national affairs. Still, submitting the required certification is a key to changing of national scrutiny card.

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it was hard to handle migrations in western Rakhine State from neighbouring Bangladesh with dense population by the only Immigration Department; trans-boundary crimes and opposition organizations become involved in the situation due to increasing migration; so, Border Immigration Headquarters was formed with Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Immigration and National Registration Department tasked with three main duties—to safeguard the State, to ensure border region security and to control border region population—and with five goals; regional orders including migration, birth and child mortality, illegal border passage, making changes in census and construction of buildings were issued yearly with the permission of superior departments; Maungtau Township Peace and Development Council also issued Regional order No (1/2005) in 2005; nine

regions and 26 stations for population control were established and monitor illegal border passages, conduct surprise checks, block sea and Nat River entrances and patrol hill route; checking household registration certificate, rendering map and recording the buildings annually

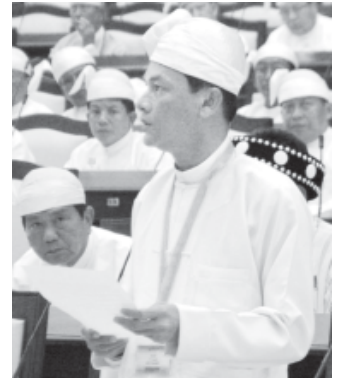


Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency (5) raising question.—MNA

take three months; household registration certificate, citizen scrutiny card and travel form (4) are used for investigation; if the illegal acts are found, they will be charged with Immigration Act; as the task of the Border Immigration Headquarters and that of



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10) submitting proposal.—MNA



Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo making clarification.—MNA

the Immigration and National Registration Department are different in nature, two kinds of household registration certificate are needed in the region; the household registration certificate of the headquarters is based on field survey and that of the department on the registration of respective households; that is why the facts in two household registration certificates do not
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Measures will be taken for smooth procedure flow at appropriate moment.

In response to the question raised by U Shwe Maung (a) U Adu Rawzak of Buthidaung Constituency that **“to travel to Yangon for health, social and economic matters, about 90 per cent of locals from Buthidaung and Maungtau of Rakhine State cost about K 30,000 for the distance from Buthidaung and Maungtau to Sittway and K 400,000 from Sittway to Yangon in an illegal way. He asked how the government will tackle such situation to drive it out, and how the government will take measures for law (immigration form-4) prescribed for foreigners that takes against local Myanmar Muslims who are living there for long time”**, according to the needs of security and national affairs, there are cooperative groups including respective departments running checks at required points along the route from Buthidaung and Maungtau to Sittway and Yangon so as to prevent illegal Bengali migration from the neighboring country. If there are any sufferers, they need to come forward with accurate attestation with exact time and place legally. Millions of pamphlets have been given out to fight bribery and corruption. Phone and fax numbers are shown in public making field trips, airing interviews on Myanmar TV and Myawady TV, on pages of journals and magazines, launching department-owned website. The sufferers can make complaints and door is opening to constructive advices.

So far, many locals from regions and states are cooperating in the form of asking confusion and reporting matters

needed to be changed. The ministry took actions like dismissal, demotion and transfer against 12 governmental staff who did not adhere to directive of the ministry as of 1 July. So, any cases that come along with right evidence will be investigated and take action if true. For emergence of good governance and clean government, efforts are being made in accord with the guidelines of heads.

Regarding the second question, illegal migration of Bengalis from the neighboring country has effect not only on adjoining region but also on inner part of the country including Kachin, Kayin, Shan and Mon states. Why travel form-4 is used is that migrants are not distinguishable and it is according to national security and affairs. That is why security is being tightened up. In traveling across the country, anyone is to submit overnight guest list and request to renew it. Action will be taken if he or she does not follow it. It is a system for national security. Action was taken against 278 migrants across the country from 2005 to 29, August 2011 despite efforts. So it is still necessary to take approach to such measures.

Using travel form-4 does not mean deterrence of travel. It is just for inspection measures in a systematic way. In the system, anyone can go around the township freely. If needed to travel to other township in a state, he or she is to have permission of township/district/state staff officers. To travel to other state, local authorities are reported with the permission of state staff officer.

The ministry has permitted those who have immigration qualifications to travel and extended their stay when they report on their purpose of education, health and social affairs. Therefore, for the state security and national concern, immigration form-4 is used to stop the illegal migration Bengalis and the

ministry is strictly carrying out the task as it is necessary.

Afterwards, Hluttaw three representatives discussed the proposal to supply irrigation water, build dams according to the geographical features of the regions for achieving the goal that Kachin State will become the fourth granary in Myanmar” submitted by U Zone Taint of Chipwe Constituency yesterday.

In his discussion to second the proposal, U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency said that if the State supply more irrigation water to catchment areas, farmers can overcome the impacts of the climate change and can apply from single to triple cropping patterns, encouraging environmental conservation.

Afterwards, U In Phone Hsan (a) U In Htu Phone Hsan of Machanbaw Constituency said that it is necessary to build iron-reinforce type concrete dam as earthen dams are eroded every year. He continued to say that he believed that if the State builds more dams and reservoirs in four districts and 18 townships in Kachin State to supply irrigation water to farmland, the goal of the State will be achieved.

U Zaw Tun of Momauk Constituency said that he seconded the proposal because it would benefit the people.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that in Kachin State, there are a total of 124 dams including three diversion dams of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, development dams, rural dams and UNDP dams, benefiting a total of 66906 acres of catchment area. Spending the budget of the State, the ministry is implementing Paungnat Dam project

in Shweku Township, Tarli Diversion Dam project in Momauk Township and Naungmi Diversion dam project in Hpakan Township.

Besides, the ministry has set 13 projects targets and now has done assessment and drawn designs. The projects are Gwayhtu Dam, Nantmi Dam and Nantmyinkha Dam (Washaung Diversion Dam) in Waimaw Township, Hsaungkha Diversion Dam, Takwin Diversion Dam, Kyarkykwin Diversion Dam in Moehnyin Township, Partein Diversion Dam in Bhamo Township, Hofai Dam, Matpan Dam, Lemaewahgyi Dam, Nantpalat Dam, Nanthpan Dam and Nantshe Dam in PutaO Township. The ministry has planned to implement the projects step by step in priority in considering the security, transportation, education and health matters.

The Hluttaw agreed to keep the proposal of U Zon Teint as a record as it is not necessary to vote his proposal. During the proposal submission session, U Sar Mu of Lahe Constituency submitted a proposal to **reduce the poverty in Leshe, Lahe and Nanyun townships in the Naga self-administered area** and U Maung Oo of Tatkon Constituency submitted a proposal to **permit establishing private companies in accordance with rules and regulations.**

Pyithu Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposals and declared that it will announce the date to discuss the proposals later, and asked the representatives who want to discuss the proposals to register this evening.

The ninth-day second regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw concluded at 1.50 pm. The tenth-day session continues at 10 am on 2, September, 2011.—MNA

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match each others; the headquarters will have to deal the situation with its staff and available censuses so that the population control measures will be completed hastily; it is why both indigenous national races and Indian/Bengali households have to hold two censuses; those who flee to Bangladesh illegally are those who go to the country without legal documents from illegal route; the reasons of fleeing to Bangladesh are to find jobs in the neighbouring country and third countries, to evade charges after committing crimes, to take part in opposition organizations, to pursue education, to cure diseases and to live in refugee camps; under 1951 Union of Myanmar Resident Registration Rule 26 (1) and Article (4) of Region Order No (1/1990), a family member have to inform the ward/village administrators that another family member flee to Bangladesh; if it is true, respective Border Immigration Headquarters region/station are reported; the respective region/ station then forms investigation team which inspects whether the person really flees to Bangladesh; if it is found true, the dossier is arranged with the report of a family, the report of ward/village administrator, statement of a family member, statements of two neighbours, statement of respective ward/village administrator and copy of the census; the dossier is then passed from region/station to the headquarters; the person who flee to Bangladesh is then identified and canceled from respective census; if he/she returns illegally, he/she is sued in accord with 1947 Immigration Act (current provisions) Article 3(2) and Article 13 (1); black list baby issue is one of many significant aspects in population control measures in Maungdaw region of Rakhine State because of racial conditions; illegitimate children are those born to unmarried parents, defected father, once-defected father who returns illegally, widow, divorcee and single and while the marriage dossier is hearing; the identification of illegitimate children contributes to legal marriage, decrease in illegal relationship with once-defected husbands, and decline in birthrate by widow, divorcee and single; according to 2009 data, there are 7289 illegitimate children; as they grow up, the problem will be more complex as they will still be unrecognized, breaching regional laws, married illegally, giving birth and their newborns will also unrecognized; so, the plan is under way to charge the respective guardians in accord with the law and to add them to respective census; foreigners and suspects have to hold travel form (4) in accord with 1950 Union of Myanmar Resident

Registration Rule Article 28 (1), regional order; Bengali who travels only with temporary identity card and without travel form (4) will be charged under Article (188) of Penal Code; and if the traveling Bengali breach Article 29 (1) of 1951 Union of Myanmar Resident Registration Rule, they will be charged under Article 6(1) and 6(2) of 1949 Union of Myanmar Resident Registration Act.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied to questions raised by six Hluttaw representatives.

U Mya Ohn of Kachin State asked **how can manage Phakant-Mogaung road section to ensure swift flow of commodities and smooth transport for all season use.** The Union Minister replied that Taukpa Kyethayay Zartimayay Construction Co Ltd is upgrading roads and bridges on 8-mile Mogaung-Pahok section of Mogaung-Karmaing-Phakant Road through BOT system. Pahok-Karmaing-Phakant section was upgraded by Khaingmarthaw Pandaing Construction Co Ltd through BOT system. The company re-trusted its works to the ministry concerned on 7 April 2011. Up to 31 May 2011, the road is constructed with two miles and six furlongs long asphalt section, 2 miles and 2 furlongs long gravel section and 49 miles and four furlongs long hard section.

As Phakant is a jade land, more damages were caused due to heavy machinery of jade companies and their bowzers. At present, some local entrepreneurs submitted applications to Kachin State government for carrying out road works through BOT system. The state government is still scrutinizing suitable company that can upgrade roads and bridges as quickly as possible. With the endorsement of the state government, the ministry will continue submission for the work permit and will urge the company to carry out better works of the road in the open season through BOT system.

U Aung Chit Lwin of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 11 asked **whether there will upgrade Khamti-Homalin**

road, Homalin-Phaungbyin-Pinlebu road, Homalin-Phaungbyin-Thekkekyin road, Kettha-Aungzeya road, Khanti-Tamakhan-Phakant road, Homalin-Naungpoaung-Namtaw-Shwepyimyint-Hsezin road or not. The Union Minister replied that 330 miles long Thetkeyin-Phaungbyin-

road is constituted with three miles long asphalt section, 17 miles and four furlongs long gravel section, eight miles and five furlongs hard section and 35 miles and seven furlongs long earthen section till 31 May 2011. Using the funds, the road is under maintenance and construction with RC conduits, brick



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 3 raising question.—MNA

Homalin-Khamti road links Kalewa and Khamti townships of Sagaing Region. Up to 31 May 2011, the road comprises five miles long asphalt section, 212 miles and four furlongs long hard road section and 112 miles and four furlongs long earthen road section.

One Road Construction Special Group and one district Public Works are carrying out works of the road. Spending the funds in 2011-2012 financial years, the earthen road was upgraded to four miles hard road section and four furlongs long asphalt section. The road was extended with 34 feet wide and 2 miles and six furlongs long earthen road works. The two-mile gradient section was reduced. The fund was spent on maintenance of 11 miles road section, clear of landslide debris on 72-mile section, construction of conduit, wooden bridge and gravel-filled drains.

The 65-mile Phaungbyin-Pinlebu



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency No. 9 submits proposal.—MNA

approach structures, wooden bridges and gravel-filled drains. In coming financial year, funds will be demanded for maintenance of the road.

The remaining roads namely Khamti-Tamakhan-Phakant road, Homalin-Naungpoaung-Namtaw-Shwepyimyint-Hsezin road, and Kettha-Aungzeya road are being undertaken by the Ministry of Border Affairs.

U Myat Ko of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 12 asked whether there is a plan to upgrade Hthamanti-Leshi road, Hsinthe-Hale road, Shimbweyan-Nanyun road and Nanyun-Panhsaung road in Naga Self-Administered Zone, and whether there is a plan to construct a road to link Lahe and Leshi. The Union Minister said that 56-mile Khamti-Hsinthe-Lahe road comprises 31 miles long asphalt section, 11 miles long gravel section, 12 miles long earthen section

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and two miles long Chindwin river in the zone. In 2011-2012, the fund will be spent on upgrading three miles long gravel section to asphalt section and building six bridges. The fund will be used on maintenance of 54 miles long section, clear of landslide debris on 11 miles long section, upgrading three miles and three furlongs long earthen section to hard one and maintenance of retaining wall at Nantsalein Bridge tower.

The 41 miles long Htamanthi-Leshi Road is formed with 19 miles and 2 furlongs long asphalt section, 12 miles 2 furlongs long gravel section and nine miles and four furlongs long earthen section. The fund allotted in 2011-2012 financial year was spent on construction of 12 feet wide gravel road and asphalt road, clear of landslide debris and filling soil at the eroded bank, construction of retaining walls, box culverts and pontoon to be passed from Pinma Jetty to Htamanthi Jetty in Chindwin river.

Ministry of Construction entrusted works of Shimbweyan-Nanyun-Panhdaung road to the Directorate of Military Engineers. It was 61 miles long hard road. In the hilly areas, six miles long asphalt sections for wheel routes were undertaken. A total of 45 bridges of under 50 feet long have been built. Spending the fund in 2011-2012 financial year, in addition to dredging the drains, clear of landslide debris and placing of gravel.

The funds will be demanded for upgrading three 8 miles and seven furlongs long Khanti-Lahe road and seven miles and two furlongs long Htamanthi-Leshi road and maintenance in 2012-2013 financial year. At present, Lahe-Leshi road will not be build.

U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No. 2 asked **whether there is a plan to substitute bailey bridge across Pin Creek in Yenangyoung Township with RC facility and he would like to know upgrading 29 miles and 3 furlongs long Gwegan-Natmauk section on Yenangyoung-Gwegan-Wetchok-Natmauk Road to the gravel road for the first phase and to the asphalt section for the second phase.** The Union Minister said that Pin Creek Bridge is 560 feet long and 12 feet wide in Yenangyoung Township. The bailey bridge can withstand 30-ton loads. The facility built in 1974 was 37 years old.

The bridge is located on Yangon-Pyay-Magway-Mandalay Road. Being a bailey bridge, the facility is weak in withstanding the commodities and vehicles. With the aim of ensuring convenience of increasing number of vehicles and swift flow of commodities, a plan has been adopted to build a two-way RC bridge that can withstand 75-ton loads. Permission for construction of the

bridge has been received from the government meeting No. 9/2011 on 3 March 2011. The fund will be demanded in the 2012-2013 financial year.

Up to 31 May 2011, 29 miles and three furlongs long Gwegan-Wetchok-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road comprises 3 miles and 4 furlongs long asphalt section and 25 miles and 7 furlongs long earthen section.

It was built under the regional development programme. As it is not owned by the Ministry of Construction, there is no plan to upgrade it.

U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No. 5 asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade Papun-Kamamaung in Papun District of Kayin State or not.** The Union Minister said that Papun-Kamamaung Road links Papun Township and Kamamaung Sub-Township of Papun District in Kayin State. It is 57 miles and four furlongs long facility. From 2004-05 to 2010-11 financial years, 25 miles and one furlong long section of it was upgraded to the asphalt facility. Up to 31 May 2011, the road is formed with 25 miles and one furlong long asphalt section, 30 miles and four furlongs long gravel section and one mile and seven furlongs long hard section. Ten miles section of 32 miles and three furlongs section will be upgraded to asphalt section depending on the fund in 2011-2012 financial year.

As such, there will remain 22 miles and three furlongs long section to be upgraded to the asphalt section. Therefore, fund will be demanded for maintenance of the road.

U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 3 asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade roads in Launglon Township to become better facilities or not.** The Union Minister replied that 25-mile Launglon-Kyauknimaw asphalt road section is included in Maungmakan-Kamyawkin-Launglon-Kyauknimaw Road. The fund is being spent on maintenance of the 21 miles long section in 2011-2012 financial year.

Up to 31 May 2011, 12 miles and four furlongs long Kyauknimaw-Shinmaw road section has been constructed with eight miles and three furlongs gravel section and four miles and one furlong long earth section.

The ministry also spend budget of the 2011-12 fiscal year on roadwork are being carried out on the 10-mile and 2-furlong distance to maintain the road and will upgrade the facility in the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr. Myat Nyana Soe read the report of the committee on the amended bill of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and Member of the Union Election Commission U Myint Naing submitted a proposal to approve the bill. A representative seconded the proposal and the bill was approved by the Hluttaw.

Afterwards, Member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Soe Myint read the report of the committee on the amended bill of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law and Member of the Union Election Commission U Myint Naing submitted a proposal to approve the bill. A representative seconded the proposal and the bill was approved by the Hluttaw.

Afterwards, U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency No. 1 read the amended bill of the Amyotha Hluttaw Law, and the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the bill.

The Hluttaw also made decision to approve the proposal that "The Union government is urged to amend (a) the Myanmar Companies Act, (b) The Myanmar Partnership Act, and (c) State-owned Economic Enterprises Law which are administrative laws of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development" submitted by U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency (9).

U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No (5) seconded the proposal that **"the Union government is urged to review existing laws which are administrative laws of nine organizations and 15 ministries to revoke, amend and replace"** submitted by U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10) yesterday, saying that it is found there are 51 laws that should be revoked, 111 laws that should be amended and 115 laws that should be kept on practice altogether 277 laws under the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Information and Ministry of Labour.

During the discussion, U Hsun Dok Kyint of Chin State Constituency No. (6) said that it is found that out of altogether 82 laws of four ministries, four should be revoked, 45 should be amended and 33 should be kept on practice.

U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 10 said that it is found that out of altogether 45 laws of five ministries, six should be revoked, 12 should be amended and 27 should be kept on practice.

Dr. Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. (4) said that it is found that out of the laws of the Supreme Court, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social

Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, 12 laws should be revoked, 36 should be amended and 33 should be kept on practice. He also discussed new laws that should be enacted. They are the Overseas Education Services Law under the Ministry of Education, the Health Research and Health Insurance Law under the Ministry of Health and the Nursery Schools Law, the Disability Rights Law and the Aged Care Law under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. He also seconded the proposal.

Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said that the Union Attorney-General explained yesterday the measures which have been taken for the proposal. To revoke, amend and to redraft laws, the Union Attorney-General's Office has been working together with the ministries concerned. The ministries concerned have also introduced their amended and new laws at the second regular session of the first Hluttaw.

Therefore, the Union Attorney-General's Office and the ministries have been working together to translate the proposal into action and will keep on place emphasis on advices to the Union Government. The Hluttaw declared that it approved the proposal.

U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency No. (9) submitted two proposals that **"the Union Government is urged to make efforts for development of jade and gems sector in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Union Government is urged to make efforts for development of mining sector."** The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the two proposals.

U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No. 10 submitted a proposal that **"the union Government is urged to reclaim more vacant land for farmland."** The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal.

The ninth day second regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 3.05 pm. The tenth-day session continues at 10 am 2nd September, 2011.

During today's session, eight questions were raised and answered, two bills were approved and one bill was introduced, two proposals submitted yesterday were approved and three new proposal were submitted.—MNA

KIO/KIA practises forced recruitment

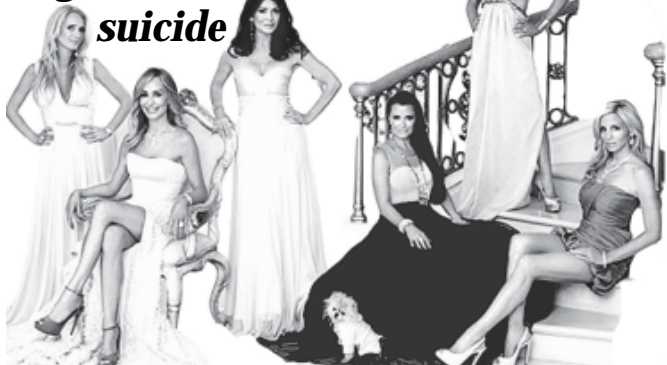
NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — KIO/KIA have forcibly recruited villagers in Dawphonyan Sub-Township into their forces.

KIO/KIA have forced local people to join them, proclaiming that one man from each household in lower Tarsai Village, upper Tarsai Village, Teinmakaing Village and Mongma

Village in Dawphonyan Sub-Township must join KIO/KIA and otherwise they are not allowed to live in the villages.

Such act of KIO/KIA exhibits that they showed a total disregard for the wishes of the local people desirous of peace and undermined the stability of Kachin State, and security and socio-economy of the rural people. —MNA

Revamped "Real Housewives" to go ahead after suicide



LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept—A re-edited version of reality TV show "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" will premiere on 5 Sept with a new introduction covering the suicide of cast member Taylor Armstrong's estranged husband, Bravo said on Wednesday.

The cable TV channel said it will also air several public service announcements to raise awareness about suicide prevention following the tragic death of Russell Armstrong two

weeks ago. "Bravo will proceed with the Monday, 5 Sept premiere date of 'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills,'" Bravo

Media president Frances Berwick said in a statement.

"Given that these episodes were filmed

months ago, the producers of the show taped a brief interview this week with several of the cast members to introduce the premiere. Re-editing of the episodes is still under-way," Berwick added.

She said Bravo had partnered with the Entertainment Industries Council to raise awareness about suicide prevention, and would provide additional information and resources on its website on support groups.

"Our thoughts continue to be with the Armstrong family during this difficult time," said Berwick.—Reuters

Aronofsky praises 'exciting' Venice lineup

VENICE, (Italy), 1 Sept—Darren Aronofsky knows the joy of winning the Venice film festival's top prize — and this year it will be his job to help award it.

The director heads the jury at the 68th Venice Film Festival, which opened Wednesday. He said he doesn't remember ever seeing such an "exciting" lineup.

Nearly half of the competitors are high-powered English-language films, a sign of Venice's growing prestige.

Aronofsky says Venice had been both beautiful and cruel to him. "Black Swan" opened last year's festival, and he won the Golden Lion in 2008 for "The Wrestler." "The Fountain" was less warmly received in 2006. Twenty-three films are vying for the Golden Lion, to be awarded Sept. 10. Aronofsky says he'll be looking for the films that affect him most "emotionally and intellectually."—Internet



Director Darren Aronofsky

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony shoot spoof online ads

LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept—Estranged couple Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony have shown off their funny side by shooting spoof online commercials for their new clothing lines.

The pair, who split on 11 July, are launching separate fashion collections with US department store Kohl's, and they are promoting the designs with a series of hilarious ads. All the films are set at Kohl's headquarters and show the actress/singer and her salsa star ex on their first day 'at work'.

In one clip, Lopez is seen performing her hit Jenny from the Block in a bid to convince a security guard to grant her access to the building, and in another she infuriates her colleagues at the store chain by repeatedly clicking her pen in the office. Anthony is shown struggling to operate the company coffee machine and attempting in vain to transfer phone calls.—Internet



Jennifer Lopez performs a dance routine with backing dancers on a film set in Los Angeles. Lopez and Marc Anthony have shown off their funny side by shooting spoof online commercials for their new clothing lines.

DreamWorks Animation, Chinese Online Video Site Youku Strike Deal for 'Kung Fu Panda' Films



It is the first time that DWA titles will be made available through an online platform in China.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—DreamWorks Animation and Chinese online video site Youku.com said Monday that they have reached a first-of-its-kind online distribution agreement for rights to the Kung Fu Panda franchise films in China.

It is the first time that DreamWorks Animation titles, currently distributed by Paramount Pictures, will be made available through an online platform in China. The companies didn't disclose financial details.

Both Kung Fu Panda titles are available for on-demand viewing on Youku Premium and will later debut on Youku's Hollywood Movie Channel after the paid viewing window closes, the companies said.

Internet

TI released from prison

ARKANSAS, 1 Sept—There's no word on why he was released, but rapper TI has been released one month early from a federal prison.

The Atlanta-based rapper was serving a weapons violation sentence.

Bureau of Prisons spokesman Chris Burke said the artist, whose real name is Clifford Harris



Rapper Clifford Harris

TI was released Wednesday morning from the Forrest City low-security prison in Arkansas.

The rapper was sentenced to 11 months in prison in October for breaking his federal probation after he was arrested in Los Angeles on drug charges. He was set to be released at the end of September, but prison authorities released him a month early. His attorney, Jonathan Leonard, confirmed TI was released but did not immediately say where his client is going.

Internet

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Vacancy Announcement

VA No. 019/UNDP HR/2011

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

Functional title : Gender Specialist

Level : NO-C

Type of Contract : Fixed Term

Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Senior Deputy Resident Representative, Gender Specialist will provide leadership on the gender equality and women's empowerment dimension of the Country Office's programme and implementation of the UNDP Myanmar Gender Strategy and Action Plan. She/he will work in close collaboration with the Programme Units, Operations team and other UN agencies, and stakeholders, ensuring successful implementation of UNDP initiatives on Gender.

Competencies Required: Advocates and promotes UNDP's mission, vision and values. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability, treats all people fairly without favoritism; demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards.

Qualifications: Masters degree in development studies, social science or related subjects with specialized course in Gender. At least 5 years of work experience in policy advice and programme management in gender field; preferably for the grass-roots level community development in Myanmar. Proven expertise in integrating gender and human rights perspectives into mainstream policies or programs; has good knowledge of UNDP's procedures and operational activities for development. Previous experience with the UN or international organizations would be an asset. Computer literate, fluency in both spoken and written English is a must. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

Candidates should clearly indicate the post title in their application, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualifications, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Detailed Terms of Reference is posted on the bulletin board at No. 6 Natmauk Road, Tarmwe Township, Yangon.

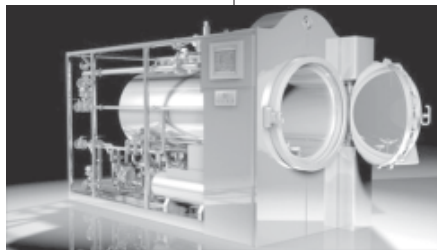
Applications should be addressed to: **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, UNDP, No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tarmway, Yangon** or apply on-line through application.mm@undp.org

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

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Closing date: 16 September 2011

Resomation founder Sandy Sullivan explains how the machine works.
 INTERNET



New body 'liquefaction' unit unveiled in Florida funeral home

GLASGOW, 1 Sept—A Glasgow-based company has installed its first commercial "alkaline hydrolysis" unit at a Florida funeral home. The unit by Resomation Ltd is billed as a green alternative to cremation and works by dissolving the body in heated alkaline water. The facility has been installed at the Anderson-McQueen funeral home in St Petersburg, and will be used for the first time in the coming weeks. It is hoped other units will follow in the US, Canada and Europe.
 The makers claim the process produces a third less greenhouse gas than cremation, uses a seventh of the energy, and allows for the complete separa-

tion of dental amalgam for safe disposal. Mercury from amalgam vaporised in crematoria is blamed for up to 16% of UK airborne mercury emissions, and many UK crematoria are currently fitting mercury filtration systems to meet reduced emission targets. "Resomation was developed in response to the public's increasing environmental concerns," company founder Sandy Sullivan told BBC News.
 "It gives them that working third choice, which allows them to express those concerns in a very positive and I think personal way." The installation was only made possible after the state legislature in Florida approved

Land Rover confirms new version of its Defender model

LONDON, 1 Sept—Land Rover will release an all-new version of its Defender model in 2015, it has confirmed. The carmaker has also released the first images of the concept car upon which the new Defender will be based, the DC100. This is set to make its public debut at next month's Frankfurt motor show.

The current Defender was first introduced in 1948 and has gone on to enjoy sales of more than two million around the world. Its basic design has changed little over the past six decades. Land Rover's director of design, Gerry McGovern, said: "Replacing the iconic Defender is one of the biggest challenges in the automotive design world; it is a car that inspires people worldwide.
 "[The DC100] isn't a production-ready concept but the beginning of a four-year journey to design a relevant Defender for the 21st century." John Edwards, Land Rover's global brand director, added that the company was "determined that the new Defender will be true to its heritage, while meeting the requirements of a changing global market". —INTERNET



The new version of the Defender will be based on the DC100 concept vehicle.—INTERNET

Bad sleep ups blood pressure risk



A lack of deep sleep has been linked to higher blood pressure.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—Elderly men who spend little time in deep sleep could be at risk of developing high blood pressure, according to US scientists.

A study on 784 patients, in the journal *Hypertension*, showed those getting the least deep sleep were at 83% greater risk than those getting the most. Researchers say they would expect a similar effect in women. The British Heart Foundation said it was important for everyone to prioritise sleep.

High blood pressure — also known as hypertension — increases the risk of heart attack, stroke and other health problems. Researchers measured the "sleep quality" of 784 men over the age of 65 be-

tween 2007 and 2009. At the start none had hypertension, while 243 had the condition by the end of the study. The patients were split into groups based on the percentage of time asleep spent in deep, or slow wave, sleep. Those in the lowest group - 4% deep sleep - had a 1.83-fold increased risk of hypertension compared with those in the highest group, who spent 17% of the night in deep sleep.

One of the report's authors, Professor Susan Redline from Harvard Medical School, said: "Our study shows for the first time that poor quality sleep, reflected by reduced slow wave sleep, puts individuals at significantly increased risk of developing high blood pressure. "Although women were not included in this study, it's quite likely that those who have lower levels of slow wave sleep for any number of reasons may also have an increased risk of developing high blood pressure." —INTERNET

Kids make excuses to eat junk food

LONDON, 1 Sept —Children use the same ploys as adults to justify eating junk food, research has shown. According to the new study, the use of Compensatory Health Beliefs — justifying something unhealthy by saying you will make up for it later — by young children could be contributing to increasing obesity levels. University of Derby doctorate student Atiya Kamal said: "Work must be done to address the issue and combat these beliefs among children." —INTERNET



Locals survey the damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene on Route 73 in St Huberts, NY, on 29 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Thief caught with ribs in trousers

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—A Pennsylvania, US, man has been charged for a second time with trying to steal a rack of ribs by shoving them down his trousers. Police said 65-year-old Donald Noone tried to hide about \$20 (+14) worth of ribs in his trousers. Police said he tried the same stunt on 22 May and pleaded guilty to retail theft and public drunkenness. — INTERNET

City introduces "tax meters" for prostitutes

Prostitutes in the German city of Bonn must carry a ticket purchased from a new parking meter-like machine while working the streets or face hefty fines from tax authorities in a scheme launched on Monday night.

In Germany, ladies of the night pay income



A prostitute walks on the street at Oranienburgen Strasse in Berlin's central district Mitte on 14 Sept, 2010.

tax — the level of which varies from region to region — but compliance is difficult to enforce with women seeking business on the street.

Germany's first "sex tax meters," from which prostitutes can purchase a ticket for 6 euros (\$8.72) per night, will ensure the tax system is fairly implemented, a city spokeswoman said.

"Inspectors will monitor compliance — not every evening but frequently," the spokeswoman told Reuters.

If caught without a valid ticket, offenders will first be reprimanded, then face fines and later even a ban. About 200 prostitutes work in Bonn. Due to protests from residents, city officials have limited the areas of operation to specific quarters.

But critics say this has made it easier for prostitutes to ply their trade. The city has erected what officials call "consummation areas," wooden parking garages where customers driving cars can retreat to with prostitutes.

Wooden iPad 2 sold for £110 to woman in McDonald's car park

Ashley McDowell, 22, thought she had picked up the bargain of the century with an iPad 2 for \$180 (£110)—unfortunately, she later found out she'd actually shelled out for a painted plank of wood.

Ms McDowell was approached by two men

to her car and she handed over her money without checking its contents, only to find she had been sold a piece of wood, with an Apple logo on the back.

It was also framed with black tape and had pasted icons for the California-based firm's

in a McDonald's car park in Spartanburg, South Carolina, who claimed to have bought



the cutting-edge Apple tablets at a knock-down price. They showed Ms McDowell a brand new iPad as a show of good faith and even knocked \$120 off the original price they quoted her of \$300, well below the listed price for the gadget. The duo then carried a Fed-Ex box

web browser Safari, an email inbox and an iPhoto icon. The duo even mocked up a fake Best Buy receipt for the iPad.

News Album

Man blows up beehive

Firefighters in Washington state said a beehive that exploded when covered in gas and ignited by a homeowner only damaged itself and its tree.

Lynden Fire Chief Gary Baar said the homeowner, whose

name was not released, covered the hive in gas at about 8:30 p.m. Sunday after one of his friends was stung by a bee and the hive exploded when ignited, *the Bellingham (Wash.) Herald* reported Wednesday.

Baar said there were no flames when



firefighters arrived 10 minutes later and only the tree was singed.

"No damage, except for a bunch of dead bees," Baar said. "The correct way to do that is to call a beekeeper."

Chinese private automaker Chery opens plant in Venezuela

HEFEI, 1 Sept—Leading private Chinese automaker Chery has opened a plant in Venezuela amid efforts to expand its overseas market, the company announced Thursday. The plant, located in Aragua in central Venezuela, officially started operation Monday and manufactures Chery's A1 and A3 passenger models, Chery said in a statement.

Chery has gained popularity among Venezuelan consumers since it entered the market in May 2006, said Zhou Biren, vice general manager of the company.

More than 10,000 cars have been sold in the country, he said. "The new plant will offer more and better products to Venezuelan consumers and help deepen economic cooperation and

traditional friendship between China and Venezuela," he added.

Earlier media reports said the company has an investment of 200 million US dollars and will be producing 20,000 cars annually.

Another Chery automobile plant has been under construction in Brazil since July in the city of Jacarei and is expected to start production in September 2013.

With a total investment of 400 million dollars, the

plant is expected to churn out 150,000 automobiles annually after reaching full operational status.

Xinhua



An At&T logo is seen atop a store in Beverly Hills, California on 31 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

One dead, 37 fell ill from food poisoning in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 1 Sept—One person died and more than 30 others were hospitalized after eating spoiled food in a southern Philippine village, police said Thursday.

The incident happened during a prenuptial banquet in Pito village, Malalag town, Davao del Sur province Wednesday night, according to Senior Supt. Vladimir Kahulugan, provincial police chief.

A 76-year-old man, relative of the would-be bride, died while 14 of the 37 hospitalized victims are in critical condition, Kahulugan said. The victims complained of stinging stomach pain and started vomiting after consuming the food. Officials suspect the food served was ill-prepared, causing the poisoning. Health authorities in the province are investigating the incident.—Xinhua

Why we lose sleep as we age

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept—A natural yellowing of the eye lens that absorbs blue light, discolours with age, which significantly increases the risk of developing sleep disorders, according to a new study.

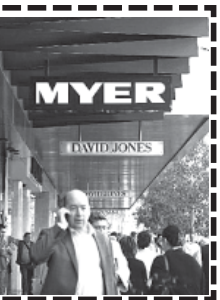
"The strong link between lens yellowing and age could help explain why sleep disorders become more frequent with increasing age," said Line Kessel, MD, Ph D, the study's lead author.

In the Danish study, 970 volunteers had their eyes examined by lens autofluorometry, a non-invasive method for determining how much blue light is transmitted into the retina. Blue light is a portion of the visible-light spectrum that influences the normal sleep cycle by helping initiate the release of melatonin in the brain. Melatonin is a hormone that helps signal to the body when it is time to be sleepy or alert. Volunteers were considered to have a sleep

disorder if they confirmed that they "often suffer from insomnia" or if they purchased prescription sleeping pills within the last 12 months.

Of those classified as having a sleep disturbance, 82.8 percent affirmed that they both suffered from insomnia and used sleep medication. Using this data, researchers calculated an inverse relationship between blue light transmission and the risk of having sleep disturbances: the lower the blue light transmission into the retina due to a yellowing of the eye lens, the greater the risk of sleep disturbances.—Internet

Pedestrians walk past David Jones department store in Melbourne, Australia on 1 Sept, 2011. The latest ABS Retail Trade figures show that Australian retail sales rose 0.5 percent in July.—XINHUA



Man City's flying start a mixed blessing for Hart

LONDON, 1 Sept — England goalkeeper Joe Hart admits Manchester City's sublime start to the season is a mixed blessing because he has been reduced to a spectator for long periods.

Although Hart has conceded three goals in City's first three Premier League matches, the 24-year-old has hardly been over-worked as Roberto Mancini's men have dominated possession and destroyed opponents with their free-flowing style.

Rampant City have scored 12 times and Hart has had to work hard on his concentration to ensure he doesn't slip up on the rare occasions he is called into action.

Although critics of Fabio Capello's inconsistent England might suggest otherwise, it's possible a lack of activity could also be a problem for Hart during England's forthcoming Euro 2012 qualifiers against Bulgaria and Wales.

England travel to Bulgaria on Friday having won 4-0 when the sides met earlier in qualifying, while Wales — visitors to Wembley on Tuesday — were easily beaten 2-0 in Cardiff in March. At least Hart will be well prepared if he becomes an unwilling fan again.—*Internet*

Pioli second coaching casualty of Italian pre-season

MILAN, 1 Sept —Stefano Pioli became the second Italy coach Roberto Donadoni, Zamparini decided he too had to act. Pioli had not even taken charge of a single match as he was only hired following the end of last season. Zamparini now wants Delio Rossi to return as coach despite firing him twice last season.

Just a couple of weeks after Cagliari sacked former



Stefano Pioli became the second coach to be fired before the new Serie A season.

INTERNET

Internet

Just a couple of weeks after Cagliari sacked former

Internet

Venus Williams pulls out of Open; 2 new faces win

NEW YORK, 1 Sept — Her 2011 US Open done and tennis future in doubt because of an immune system disease, Venus Williams rode away from Arthur Ashe Stadium in the back seat of a car a little before 5 pm Wednesday.



Venus Williams

US flag to celebrate her own upset.

Inside, one young American, Christina McHale, was preparing to speak at a news conference about reaching the third round with a surprise victory over a past Grand Slam finalist. Another, Irina Falconi, was on court, starting a match that would end with her waving a giant

As those events unfolded — the most stunning, of course, being seven-time major champion Williams' withdrawal shortly before her second-round match because of an illness she hadn't previously disclosed — it was possible to see a symbolic shift for US women's tennis.—*Internet*



Manchester City's goalkeeper Joe Hart catches a ball during a training session at The City of Manchester stadium.—*INTERNET*

City striker Bellamy rejoins Liverpool

LONDON, 1 Sept —Craig Bellamy rejoined Liverpool on transfer deadline day as the Wales striker ended his unhappy spell at Manchester City.

The 32-year-old spent last season on loan at Championship side Cardiff after a rift with City boss Roberto Mancini saw him excluded from the first-team squad. City have been keen to offload Bellamy but with a year left on his contract there were financial issues to sort out before Liverpool could complete a deal.

"Liverpool have to



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Chelsea sign Meireles from Liverpool

LONDON, 1 Sept — Chelsea signed Portugal midfielder Raul Meireles from Liverpool in the final moments before the transfer window closed on Wednesday.

Blues boss Andre Villas-Boas moved quickly to snap up Meireles after his club's £40 million bid for Croatia midfielder Luka Modric was rejected by Tottenham.

Meireles had to hand in a transfer request to force through the deal in time for the 2200GMT deadline and he will fill the gap in Chelsea's squad left by the departure of Israel midfielder Yossi

Benayoun to Arsenal.

"Chelsea Football Club is delighted to announce the signing of Raul Meireles from Liverpool on a four-year contract," a statement on the club's website confirmed.

Internet



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Rusty Roddick eases through after Russell run-around

NEW YORK, 1 Sept — Former champion Andy Roddick, who has not spent much time on the court this summer, got a good workout at the US Open on Wednesday in dispatching fellow American Michael Russell 6-2 6-4 4-6 7-5.

Roddick, the 2003 champion, has been battling back from an injury-

plagued season, bothered first by a sore shoulder and more recently from an abdominal tear that have led him to fall out of the top 20 for the first time in 10 years.

Feeling pain-free for now, Roddick broke the 33-year-old Russell in the final game with a passing shot that splashed at the feet of his approaching opponent, who had committed his eighth double fault at 15-30 to provide a double match point.

Russell, whose main claim to fame was reaching the round of 16 at the 2001 French Open and holding match points against defending champion Gustavo Kuerten before falling, remained winless at the Open with an 0-7 record.—*Internet*



Roddick celebrates his win over compatriot Russell during the US Open tennis tournament in New York.—*INTERNET*

S P O R T S

Stoke sign Palacios with Crouch next in line

LONDON, 1 Sept — Stoke signed Honduras midfielder Wilson Palacios from Tottenham on transfer deadline day and are also expected to seal a deal for his Spurs team-mate Peter Crouch before the window shuts.



Palacios, 27, agreed a four-year contract at the Britannia Stadium after being deemed surplus to requirements by Tottenham.

"This is a fantastic deal for the club because Wilson has proved himself to be a top class performer at the highest level," Stoke boss Tony Pulis said.—*Internet*

Stoke signed Honduras midfielder Wilson Palacios, from Tottenham.—*INTERNET*

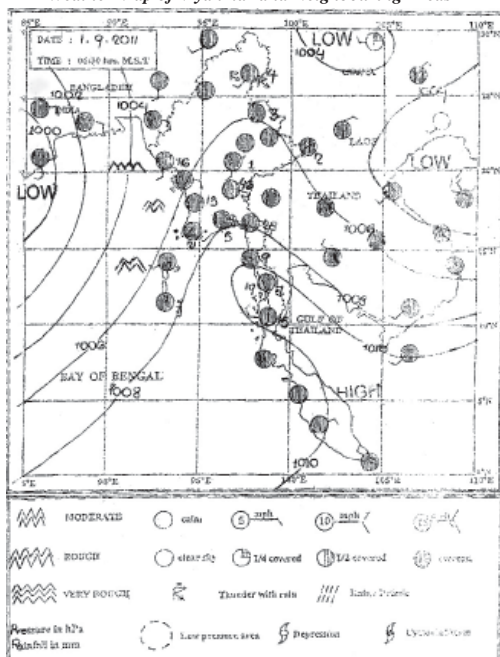
Tiger honoured at being Presidents Cup pick

VERONA, 1 Sept — Tiger Woods is honoured to be a captain's pick for the Presidents Cup and believes he earned the selection. Woods was at a charity event hosted by his former Stanford University roommate on Wednesday when he nodded yes after being asked if he thought he deserved the selection a week ago by US captain Fred Couples.

"I haven't played. Fred iterated that he

wanted me on the Presidents Cup team and he wanted me to play," Woods said before teeing off at Notay Begay III's tournament. "He's the captain. It's his prerogative of who he picks. They wanted me on the team and I'm honored to be a part of the team. It's a wonderful mix of younger guys and older veterans. I also wanted to play and go ahead and test what I've been working on."—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 2nd September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/97	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	23/73	12/54	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tanintharyi	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	30/86	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	32/90	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	22/72	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	24/75	Some rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, Scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggo (1.81) inches, Pyu (1.65) inches, Putao and Macthathun (1.57) inches each, and Thundaw (1.54) inches.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal has become unimportant. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Japan beat Thailand 3-0 at women's soccer Asian qualification for 2012 Games

BEIJING, 1 Sept.— Japan beat Thailand 3-0 at their opening match here in the Shandong Sport Center on Thursday at the women's soccer Asian qualification for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.



Players of Japan celebrate during a qualifying match of 2012 Olympic women football tournament in Jinan, capital of Shandong province, China, Sept. 1, 2011.

Japan beat Thailand 3-0.—XINHUA

Thailand, ranked sixth in Asia, bravely fulfilled their promise made at the pre-match press conference a day before the match that they would not be afraid of their first rival and left Japan, the newly-crowned world cup champion, a fruitless first half with a 0-0 tie. Japanese midfielder Kawasumi Nahomi finally scored a goal to help her side secure a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the second half. Tanaka Asuna took another chance to strengthened their advantage at the 75th minute. The score was changed to 3-0 as Thailand defender Kunupatham Kwanruethai disappointed her team by scoring an own goal 15 minutes after they conceded the second goal.

Sasaki, coach of Japanese team, by admitting that though they had sent the best members to the field at the first time, it was not easy for them to score goals at the first half."

"We know Japan wanted to score in the first 15 minutes and we worked all out to prevent that from happening for 60 minutes," said Piyakul Kawnamkang, coach of the Thailand team at the after-match press conference. "The quality of the Thailand team has been improved," responded Norio

Norio Sasaki acknowledged that it would not be easy for Japan to win the tournament even they had won the title of the world cup, but it was a good start to win the first match.

With six nations attending the 10-day round-robin tournament, only the top two finishers will be awarded the tickets for next year's London Olympic Games.—Xinhua



Friday, 2 September View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
- 7. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:20 am**
- 8. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:30 am**
- 9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education) (Level Women)
- 8:40 am**
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
- 11. Musical Programme

- 3:30 pm**
- 1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Delay) (Southern Myanmar & Nay Pyi Taw)
- 5:00 pm**
- 2. Dance of National Races
- 5:10 pm**
- 3. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:20 pm**
- 4. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education) (Level Women)

- 5:35 pm**
- 5. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm**
- 6. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 7. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 8. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm**
- 9. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 10. News
- 11. International News
- 12. Weather Report
- 13. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
- 14. TV Play honouring Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions "Ah Lin Kar Pankalay Lan Say Chin"
- 15. Song Lover

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (2-9-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(2-9-11 09:30 am ~ 3-9-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * My Native Town Meiktila
- * "Mudita Low Cost Housing Project" Press Conference

- * News
- * Fabulous Coiffure Hairstyle
- * News
- * A Day Tour On a Cart
- * News
- * Congratulation Ceremony of Malaysia (AAET)'s Competition Winner
- Overseas Transmission**
- * Opening
- * News
- * My Native Town Meiktila
- * "Mudita Low Cost Housing Project" Press Conference
- * News
- * Fabulous Coiffure Hairstyle
- * News

- * A Day Tour On a Cart
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Congratulation Ceremony of Malaysia (AAET)'s Competition Winner
- * News
- * Youth of the Future (Harry Ko Violinist Gitamate)
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Arhat's foot print on sacred Kyauk-Tha Lin hill
- * News
- * Famous Pagoda Festival in Shwebo
- * Myanmar Movies "Dancer and Drummer"

Kataññuta; gratitude towards the grateful; this is the way to auspiciousness

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo felicitates Vietnamese Vice-President

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plantations in Thakkawt Village in Theinbyuzayat Township.

Regarding the question raised by U Zayad Rawmam (a) U Htay Win of Rakhine State Constituency (7) “there are two sorts of household registration certificate for indigenous Myanmar voters in Buthidaung and Maungtaung Townships in Rakhine State issued by Immigration and Population Department and Border Immigration Headquarters; while the BIH conducts surprise check, those who visits another village are assumed as those who flee to Bangladesh and are charged without committing any offence; some hide away in the fear of those charges, with the possibility that their children born in this situation will not be illegitimate; how the State will help those people tackle that issue”, the Union Minister said that Maungtaung District has a significant geographical location sharing border with Bangladesh in land and water; the deprivation could happen as paddy production do not meet the demand of northern Maungtaung District including Maungtaung, Buthidaung and Yathedaung Townships if compared with its coverage, the population becomes denser and the birth rate outnumbers international standard at a breakneck speed; one-square-mile land in Maungtaung Township host 870 persons, that in Taungpyoletwe Sub-Township, 701, and that in the entire Rakhine State, 233 persons; the population density of Bangladesh which is adjacent to the region is 1217 persons in one square mile; disproportionate ratio of population density and land area could lead to a population burst in the future; then, unorganized youths may form the environment with bad behaviours and harm the society;

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NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Second Regular Session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for ninth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Today’s session was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 212 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Two Hluttaw representatives raised two questions which were answered by Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min.

Regarding the question raised by U Nai Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency (5) “whether the Tatmadaw will centralize over 600 acres of rubber plantations in Thaukkawt Village in Theinbyuzayat

Township and if it happens, how the farmers will be compensated”, the Union Minister said that in expanding battalions and regiments of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), it is instructed that croplands, farmlands, gardens, and forest reserves are not to be confiscated; if it needs to do so, the mere area of land needed for construction of the battalion is to be confiscated; since the site for construction is chosen, the directives are issued to confiscate only virgin and vacant lands averting croplands, forest reserves, holdings land, private farmlands, and housing compounds; battalions and departments under the ministry are following the directives; it is not true that the Tatmadaw will confiscate 600 acres of rubber

Value-added products made of timber, bamboo, rattan granted tax exemption

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar today issued Notification No. 33/2011 dated 1 September 2011. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Government
Notification No. 33/2011
Nay Pyi Taw
4th Waxing of Tawthalin 1373 ME
(1 September 2011)

1. Exercising Section 8, Sub-Section (d) of the Commercial Tax Law, the Union Government hereby grants tax exemption on proceeds of export for value-added products made of timber, bamboo and rattan as a token of its encouragement to boosting export.

2. The exemption of commercial tax mentioned in the paragraph No. 1 shall not be applied to the State-owned sector.
3. This notification shall be in effect from 1 September 2011 to 14 February 2012.

By Order,

Tin Myo Kyi
Secretary
Union Government