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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered Zone, departmental officials, local people in Ywangan Invitation for peace talks to end armed conflicts across nation for the sake of peace and stability stressed

True patriotism

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

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Union Ministers, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, deputy ministers, state ministers and departmental heads, yesterday morning left Taunggyi by car and arrived at Technological University (Taunggyi).

The Vice-President and party cordially greeted faculty members. After inspecting the site chosen for construction of the new building, they gave necessary instructions to officials.

The Vice-President viewed the project activities on biotechnology, mechanical, civil, information, electrical and communication and metallurgical technology departments at Project Show room (1) and (2) on the first floor. The acting principal and faculty members conducted them round the show rooms.

The Vice-President inspected learning of students at drawing room, e-library, language lab and computer room.

The Vice-President inspected mechanical design department, mechanical (power) department, electrical power department, civil engineering de-



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets those present in meeting at Bahtoo Hall of Ywangan Township in Danu Self-Administered Zone.—MNA

partment and science and metallurgy department in the campus of the university. The acting principal and Union Minister for Science and Tech-

nology U Aye Myint conducted the Vice-President round the departments. The Vice-President gave instructions on construction of library to contribute towards

raising learning habits of the students in addition to lecture halls and supporting building when the university is extended.

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Let's go through Auknatchaung Bridge

Byline: *Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)*
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Mind usually tends to be occupied by thoughts wandering around, past, present and future. Daw Than Nyunt, 72, residing in Maya Village, Bogale Township of Ayeyawady region, felt like missing her relatives and friends as she was gazing at Auknatchaung Bridge which was opened recently.

Her thoughts turned to actions and told her daughters sitting near her, "I greatly miss my late relatives and friends, looking at the bridge. I have somewhat mixed feelings on which day the bridge was opened. They had not seen these roads and bridges. We had to walk in the mud and sail in the rains to get to Kangan, Myatheindan and Singwin

villages. I just can't imagine what they would say if bicycles and motor bicycles are running back and forth along the road and on the bridge by the village."

U Saw Maung, 61 from Kangan Village of Bogale Township, while marching along Auknatchaung Bridge with his two grandchildren, told them, "I finally have a chance to stroll to

Bogale in pleasure. Things are radically different from our ages. We previously had to sail across this creek to buy things only when there is ebb and flow of the tide. Usually, we had had to walk in the mud and we could not imagine walking across the bridge. So, you too have to be try hard."

Ko Than Oo from Myantheindan Village,

whenever he comes across near Auknatchaung Bridge, wants to run back and forth along the bridge. He just cannot forget crossing Auknatchaung Creek with much difficulty to get to Bogale as there was no boat crossing the creek.

"How difficult?, Well,, it is an endless story. I once swam across the creek with the help of two

banana stems. Now, the bridge has made transportation convenient for everyone from surrounding villages including me. As the whole Ayeyawady Region has seen roads and bridges like these, all Ayeyawady dwellers can enjoy all the convenience of such facilities."

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PERSPECTIVES

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Turn out literates to increase number of intellectuals and intelligentsia

The 8th September of 2011 (today) is International Literacy Day. Improvement of a nation depends on development of knowledge whereas intellectual development is based on literacy.

In launching the literacy campaigns under the arrangements of the State, the literacy rate rose to 57 per cent in 1963. The 3-R's literacy campaign was launched in Meiktila District in 1964 for acceleration of literacy rate. As the literacy campaign had been extended yearly, Myanmar won Mohammad Reza Pahlavi awarded by UNESCO in 1971 and Noma in 1983 respectively due to its endeavours of literacy campaigns.

In viewing progress in the education sector, a plan is being implemented for ensuring enrolment of school-going age children and continuous learning of students. The school enrolment rate of five years old children has been increased to 98.37% in 2010-2011.

The basic literacy and continuous learning programme is being implemented for adult illiterates across the nation. The government is striving for raising literacy rate of the people in all aspects by opening self-reliant village libraries to enable the local people to have easy access to books and publications. Community Learning Centres are opened for accelerating Continuing Education Programmes.

Literacy and education promotion is a basic need for development of human resources in striving sustainable development of the nation. As such, all the people are to actively participate in broadening educational horizon of the people and turning out greater number of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Overpasses to be constructed at Hledan and Shwegondaing traffic lights

YANGON, 7 Sept—Engineer Department (Road/Bridge) of Yangon City Development Committee is taking measures to construct overpass at Hledan traffic lights in Kamayut Township, and Shwegondaing traffic lights in Bahan Township of Yangon Region. The department has started recording traffic volume in different periods and days and making surveys at those junctions.

Hledan traffic lights is a five-street junction and Shwegondaing is a four-street junction, both of which often see traffic congestion due to large traffic volume. The two overpasses will be first of its kinds in Yangon constructed by the YCDC in a plan to ease traffic jam.

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All this needs to be known

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

Myanmar, Australia to promote cooperation in agriculture

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Australian Ambassador Ms Bronte Moules and Regional Chief Coordinator Dr Gamini Keerthisinghe of Australia's Center for International Agricultural Research-ACIAR at the ministry, here,

at 4 pm yesterday.

They focused on promotion of mutual cooperation in development of rice and paddy sector and agriculture sector, and sharing technology by sending experts.

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Rice provided to flood victim households in Ayeyawady Region

YANGON, 7 Sept—A ceremony to provide supplies to flood victim households of Ward 1 in Kyaunggon of Ayeyawady Region was held at Yadanabon Monastery in Ward 1 of Kyaunggon on 5

September, attended by Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt.

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun, Deputy Speaker of the region Dr Htein Win, Region Minister for

Transport U Than Tun and Vice-Chairman of Max Myanmar Group of Companies U Ohn Kyaw presented bags of rice to the victim households.

They also provided rice to the victim households at Zawtika Dhammayon in

Ward 3 on the opposite bank of Kyaunggon.

Likewise, the Union Minister and party attended the similar ceremonies at Jute Baling Factory in Pinlon Ward of Kyonpyaw, and Tsetseik Village Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Ngathaingyoung Sub-Township of Yekyi Township.

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Union SWRR Minister meets UNHCR Resident Representative



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi receives UNHCR Resident Representative Mr. Bahairaja Panday.—MNA

received outgoing UNHCR Resident Representative Mr. Bahairaja Panday who had completed his tour of duty at the ministry here yesterday.

At the call, the Union minister expressed thanks for rescue works in floods of Rakhine State, rendering relief supplies to households migrated from Myainggung region of Kayin State and conducting disaster management courses so as to improve capacity of the staff of the ministry in 2008 and 2009.—MNA

Officials concerned clear debris for smooth water flow in wards facing floods on 28 August as torrential rain continued falling in Mandalay. Social organizations and officials concerned are rendering assistance to relief camps.—NLM



Myanmar to take part in 20th ASEAN Veteran Basketball Tournament

YANGON, 7 Sept — Myanmar Veteran Basketball Team left by air here to take part in the 20th ASEAN

Veteran Basketball Tournament to be held in Singapore from 7 to 11 September.

Under the sponsorship of Myanmar Basketball Federation, two above 40 and 50 men's Myanmar veteran basketball teams comprising selected veteran basketball players and executives of MBF will compete in the tournament.

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Nine killed, 45 injured in blast outside Delhi High Court



A nurse tries to assist as a policeman carries a woman, who was injured by a blast outside the High Court, towards a hospital for treatment in New Delhi on 7 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 7 Sept—At least nine people were killed and more than 45 others injured in a blast outside the Delhi High Court in the Indian capital Wednesday, a senior Home Ministry official said.

“Nine people have been killed while 45 people have been admitted to a hospital, some with serious injuries. The blast was of medium to high intensity and created a deep crater at the site of explosion at the reception area between Gate No 4 and 5 of the Delhi High Court. The blast occurred around 1015 am,” Indian Home Secretary RK Singh told the media.

A senior police official said that the bomb was kept in a suitcase near a counter where some 100 to 200 people were queuing up to get passes for entry

into the court complex.

“We are investigating how the brief case was placed there as it is not a controlled area. There were lots of people,” said Special Commissioner Dharmendra Kumar.

Delhi Police Commissioner BK Singh has rushed to the spot which has been evacuated as local TV channels aired footage of commandos taking over the building complex located near the iconic India Gate in central Delhi.

According to TV channels, Delhi Police suspect use of potassium nitrate in the blast.

In May this year, a blast took place in a parking lot near the cafeteria of the High Court. At that time, no body was injured.—Xinhua



A view showing the scene of a suicide blast in Helmand Province on 27 Aug, 2011. Four civilians were killed and 21 others, including many Afghan security forces, were wounded by a car bomb blast in the capital of southern Helmand Province on Saturday, said Dawood Ahmadi, spokesman for the provincial governor.—INTERNET

25 killed as twin blasts hit Quetta of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 7 Sept—At least 25 people were killed and over 55 others injured when a twin bomb attack hit Pakistan’s southwestern City of Quetta on Wednesday morning, reported local Urdu TV



An injured man sits on the blast site in southwest Pakistan’s Quetta, on 7 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

channel Geo.

Three children, two security personnel, a senior local paramilitary officer’s wife were reportedly among those killed in the attack. At least five cars including two vehicles of security forces and four buildings were damaged, said local media reports.

All the injured

attack yet. The twin bomb attack took place at about 9:00 am Wednesday before the office hour in front of the office of Quetta District Commissioner Naseem Lehri. The first bomb, which was fixed on a rickshaw parked in front of the commissioner’s office went off when the commissioner Naseem Lehri was on his way to the office in his car. The commissioner remained safe in the attack, said the reports.

As people rushed to the blast site, a suicide bomber under the help of two gunmen launched an attack at a local senior paramilitary officer’s living compound adjacent to the commissioner’s office. The unknown gunmen opened fire at the security people guarding in front of the compound.

Xinhua

District chief and two bodyguards killed in roadside bombing in E Afghanistan

JALALABAD, 7 Sept—An administrative chief along with two bodyguards was killed on Tuesday when his car ran over a roadside bomb in Sherzad District of Nangarhar Province with Jalalabad as its capital, 120 km east of capital City of Kabul, a spokesman for the provincial government said. “A bomb was placed along a road and was detonated by a remote control device when the motorcade of the Sherzad District administrative chief was passing by the area on Tuesday afternoon,” Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told Xinhua.

He said as a result of

the explosion, Sherzad District Chief Assel Ahmad and two of his guards were killed. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far but Taliban militants have been behind most suicide and roadside bomb attacks across the war-ravaged country.—Xinhua

people have been shifted to nearby hospitals. The injured people included a local senior paramilitary officer. Five of the injured people are in critical condition, said hospital sources. So far no group has claimed responsibility for the

Blast wounds seven Afghans

KABUL, 7 Sept—A bomb planted by militants in Logar Province, 60 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul, went off and injured seven people including four civilians on Wednesday, spokesman for provincial administration Deen Mohammad Darvish said.

“The anti-government militants planed an explosive device in provincial Capital Pul-e-Alam and remotely detonated it this morning as a result seven persons including four innocent civilians and three personnel of law enforcing bodies were injured,” Darvish told Xinhua.

He also added the blast took place while personnel of security forces including army and police were on routine patrol. Militancy has been rampant since May this year when Taliban militants announced to launch spring offensive in the war-battered Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Roadside bomb wounds three Afghan policemen

KHOST, 7 Sept—Three policemen sustained injuries as a roadside bomb struck a police van in Khost City, the capital of Khost Province 150 km southeast of Afghan Capital Kabul, on Wednesday, police spokesman in the Province said. “The tragic incident happened this morning as a result three policemen were injured,” Ziarat Gul told Xinhua. He put the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used against Taliban militants by Afghan officials for planting the mine, saying the enemies of peace organizing subversive activities want to destroy peace in the Province. Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.—Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier inspects the scene of a bomb blast in the north Baghdad District of Sadr City recently.

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**Message from Ms Irina Bokova,
Director-General of UNESCO,
on the occasion of
the International Literacy Day
8 September 2011**

This year, International Literacy Day places a special focus on the essential relationship between literacy and peace.

Lasting peace is founded on respect for human rights and social justice. Literacy, the foundation of all education and lifelong learning, is one of these rights.

Literacy is a prerequisite for peace because it carries multiple benefits, cutting across the human, cultural, social, political and economic spheres.

In today's knowledge driven societies, lack of literacy is more than ever synonymous with exclusion and marginalization.

According to the most recent figures (2009), 793 million adults lack basic literacy skills, the majority are girls and women. A further 67 million children of primary school age are not in primary school and 72 million adolescents of lower secondary school age are also missing out their right to an education, running the risk of creating a new generation of illiterates.

This unacceptable situation is holding back all efforts to reduce poverty and advance human development. It is an infringement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and a threat to peace and security. Literacy is a development accelerator and a force for peace.

First, literacy empowers individuals, equipping them with the skills and confidence to seek out vital information and to make informed choices that have a direct impact on their families and communities. Second, literacy is a condition for individuals to effectively participate in democratic processes, to claim a voice in community organizations, gain political knowledge and thereby contribute to shaping the quality of public policies.

Third, literacy programs strengthen mutual understanding by enabling people to share ideas and to express, preserve and develop their cultural identity and diversity.

No country can hope to establish lasting conditions for peace unless it finds ways of building mutual trust between its citizens through inclusive education systems that promote mutual understanding, respect, tolerance and dialogue.

It is crucial to integrate literacy in peace building processes in order to plant the seeds of peace, foster dialogue and reconciliation, and give youth and adults the skills they need to seek decent employment.

The 2011 International Literacy Prizes reward ground-breaking programs that show the central role of literacy in promoting human rights, gender equality, conflict resolution and cultural diversity. All programs highlight that even in the most difficult contexts; good quality literacy programs are working and bringing lasting change into the lives of youth and adults.

Investing in literacy programs is a sensible and essential development choice. Literacy is a key component of strategies to promote sustainable development and peace. It is central to achieving Education for All and the Millennium Development Goals.

The world urgently needs increased political commitment to literacy backed by adequate resources to scale up effective programs. Today I urge governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector to make literacy a policy priority, so that every individual can develop their potential, and actively participate in shaping more sustainable, just and peaceful societies.

UNESCO

**UNSG's Message on
International Literacy Day**

8 September 2011

This year's commemoration of International Literacy Day under the theme "Literacy and Peace" offers an important reminder that the critical tasks of preventing violence, calming tensions and ending conflicts all demand attention to this fundamental aspect of human dignity.

Literacy unlocks the capacity of individuals to imagine and create a more fulfilling future. It opens the way to greater justice, equality and progress. Literacy can help societies heal, advance political processes and contribute to the common good.

Despite progress, illiteracy continues to afflict millions of people, especially women and girls. In 2009, roughly two thirds of the world's estimated 793 million illiterate adults were female. That same year, some 67 million primary-school-aged children and 72 million adolescents were denied their right to an education.

The costs are enormous. Illiteracy exacerbates cycles of poverty, ill health and deprivation. It weakens communities and undermines democratic processes through marginalization and exclusion. These and other impacts can combine to destabilize societies.

International Literacy Day is an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the goal of ensuring that all people can read and write. In the process, we will enhance inherent individual dignity and advance the universal goal of peace.

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Health Tip: Some facts about angiodema

Angiodema is the medical term for hive-like swelling beneath the skin. It's often caused by an allergic reaction.

The US National Library of Medicine mentions these common triggers for angiodema:

- * Outdoor allergens, such as pollen.
- * Animal dander.
- * Exposure to significant heat, cold, sunlight or water.
- * Foods that cause allergies in many people, such as milk, nuts, shellfish or eggs.
- * An insect bite or sting.
- * Certain medications, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), blood pressure drugs, and certain antibiotics such as penicillin.

If someone has difficulty breathing in addition to the swelling, seek emergency medical treatment immediately.

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Nasal sprayers with the H1N1 swine flu vaccine are seen at Dodge Park Elementary School in Landover, Maryland, 9 October, 2009.

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Picture taken 2010 shows a rotating logo of German pharmaceutical giant Bayer in Berlin.

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Bayer drug unproven as stroke preventer

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—US regulators said Tuesday that Xarelto, a Bayer-made drug approved in July for preventing blood clots, is so far unproven for a new proposed use as a stroke preventer.

"There is a lack of substantial evidence that rivaroxaban will have its desired effect when used

as recommended in labeling," said documents released by the US Food and Drug Administration.

An advisory committee to the FDA would further discuss the latest findings on Thursday. "This review posted today has to do with the application for the new use and at this point does not impact the

already-approved use," said FDA spokeswoman Sandy Walsh.

Xarelto is currently on the market to reduce the risk of blood clots, deep vein thrombosis, and pulmonary embolism following knee or hip replacement surgery. Bayer's stock plunged nearly 12 percent by midday in US trading.—Internet

International Literacy Day

Dr. Khin Myoe Myint Kyu

International Literacy Day was created in 1966 at the World Conference of Ministers of Education on the Eradication of illiteracy, held in Tehran, Iran. At that meeting it was recommended that September 8, the date of the inauguration of the conference was proclaimed International Literacy Day and that every year on this day individuals, organizations, and countries throughout the world would renew their efforts to combat illiteracy and demonstrate their commitment to providing education for all. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) officially began observing International Literacy Day in 1967. UNESCO's prominent role as an international advocate for education has greatly enhanced the promotion of International Literacy Day and its annual worldwide celebration on September 8.

Myanmar has actively participated in literacy programmes since 1969. The underlying principles and strategies of the movement adopted by Myanmar are based on the characteristics of a mass movement, with community participation, utilizing local resources on a voluntary basis in a selected area or township or region throughout the year until the whole campaign area or township or region becomes literate. First and foremost, Meiktila District was selected as a pilot project area and the four townships in that area, Thazi, Mahlaing, Wundwin, and Meiktila, were included for implementing the programme of the eradication of illiterates. There, 3Rs (Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic) classes were opened throughout the year. As a consequence, Myanmar held her first International Literacy Day in 1969 in Mahlaing Township, Meiktila District. In 1970, the literacy programmes were expanded and 3Rs classes were opened in Sagaing District and Kyaukse District. Since the literacy activities were carried out energetically, the illiterates in those areas became literates and the ceremonies on International Literacy Day were held in those villages which gave the results of hundred percent literates. Year after year, the number of villages with hundred percent literates became larger and larger.

From 1972 onwards, the nationwide celebration

on International Literacy Day was held at the Dome of the Institute of Medicine (1), Yangon. The celebration also included an exhibition of photos, paintings, pamphlets, commemorative items, etc. from the sector of Burma's literacy campaign. Actually, a literacy drive is a budget-less campaign, though certainly a most resourceful one. It is a mass movement run by volunteers. None of those involved, from teachers in villages to members of the Central Literacy Committee, drew salaries or allowances. Since literacy movements were effectively carried out as a mass campaign, Myanmar won *Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize* in 1971. The remark made by UNESCO was as follows: Having examined the information provided on the 26 nominations received from governments or international non-government organizations which meet the requirements and criteria of the General Rules, have unanimously decided to award the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize for 1971 to the *General Literacy Supervisory and Coordinating Committee, Burma* (Myanmar), for the intensive literacy campaigns carried out with exemplary persistence and earnestness in an increasing number of areas, for the benefit of broad strata of the population, with the assistance of the whole student body.

Myanmar also received *Noma Prize* in 1983 on September 8, International Literacy Day for her enthusiastic efforts on literacy movements.

Later, literacy programmes were not only implemented for 3Rs but also extended for continuing education programmes. Non-formal education sector was spotlighted in Education for All (EFA) programmes. In 1990, international organizations became interested in the implementation of non-formal education. From 1990 to 1992, Myanmar Education Research Bureau put into action on *Township Education Development Project* which has taken account of both formal education and non-formal education sectors. In collaboration with Yangon UNICEF, Myanmar Educational Research Bureau also developed a *Non-formal Functional Literacy System* and implemented a pilot project at Nyaunglaypin, Daik U, and Kyaukdagar Townships in Bago District, and Nyaung-Oo,

Kyaukpadaung, and Taungtha townships in Mandalay Division. That pilot project had been operated for four years (from 1991 to 1995) and 3 basic literacy books and 32 functional literacy books were published as an outcome. Likewise, during that period, *Expansion of Skills-based Literacy Programme for Women and Girls Project* was carried out in cooperation with UNDP at Twante Township in Yangon Division. Another 32 books for women's empowerment were published as a result.

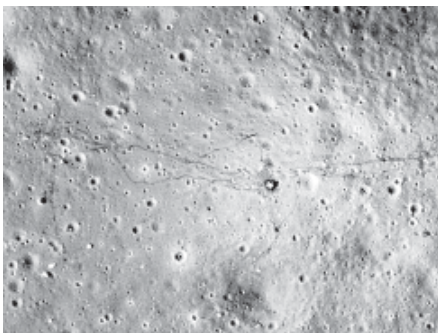
According to the decision made of Myanmar Education Meeting (1/96) held at the Department of Higher Education on June 16, 1996, the Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau has become the focal institution of non-formal education, and the ceremony of International Literacy Day was held at this department in 1996 and 1997. However, from 1998 to 2005 the ceremony of that day was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall, Yangon.

Starting from 2006, the annual nationwide celebration of International Literacy Day has been held at the Ministry of Education, Nay Pyi Taw. The aim of International Literacy Day is to focus attention on worldwide literacy issues and needs. Today, one in five adults is still illiterate and about two-thirds of them are women while 67.4 million children are out of school.

Literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy. Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy. These are the good reasons why literacy is at the core of Education for All (EFA).

A good quality basic education equips pupils with literacy skills for life and further learning; literate parents are more likely to send their children to school; literate people are able to gain access to continuous educational opportunities; and literate societies are better geared to meet pressing development.

Astronauts' tracks, trash seen in new moon photos



This August 2011 image made available by NASA shows paths left by walking astronauts, single lines, and lunar buggy tracks, parallel lines, from the 1972 US Apollo 17 moon mission. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter made this and other photographs of lunar landing sites from 13 to 15 miles above the moon's surface.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept.—A spacecraft circling the moon has snapped the sharpest photos ever of the tracks and trash left behind by Apollo astronauts in their visits from 1969 to 1972.

Images taken by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter from 13 to 15 miles up show the astronauts' paths when they walked on the moon, as well as ruts left by a moon buggy. Experts could even identify the backpacks astronauts pitched out of their lunar landers before they returned to Earth.

"What we're seeing is a trail," said Arizona State

University geology professor Mark Robinson, the orbiter's chief scientist. "It's totally awesome."

However, the photos were not close enough to

see individual bootprints, Robinson said. The pictures were taken two weeks ago and show the landing sites for Apollo 12, 14 and 17. The closest images are of the 1972 Apollo 17 site, the last moon mission.

Apollo 17 Commander Eugene Cernan wrote in an email to *The Associated Press* that the photo gives

him a chance to revisit those days, "this time with a little nostalgia and disappointment. No-stalgia because those special days are fondly etched in my memory and disappointment because it looks like now we will not be going back within the days I have left on this planet."—INTERNET

Science



A man plays a game on Sony Corp's PlayStation 3 game console at an electronic store in Tokyo on 27 April, 2011. INTERNET

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered...

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On arrival at Ywangan of Danu Self-Administered Zone, they were welcomed by the chairman of the Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered Zone and members and departmental officials.

In the afternoon, the Vice-President attended the meeting at Bahtoo Hall in Ywangan of Danu Self-Administered Zone.

It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Win Kyi, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Shu Maung, members of the Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered Zone, township level officials, social organization members and townsenders.

First, the administrator of Ywangan Township reported on population and habitation of national races. He also submitted reports on rainfall, land utilization, cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy in 2010-2011, cultivation of major crops, progress of construction, forest, electric, communication and mining sectors, undertaking of education, health, rural development and poverty alleviation, and regional development with the participation of local people.

Chairman of the Leading Body U Htoo Ko Ko reported that the leading body is carrying out regional development, political, economic and social tasks of Ywangan and Pindaya townships under the close supervision of the state government. He reported on requirements of education, health, social and transport sectors in the self-administered zone.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko reported on efforts for of State security, preva-

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views students learning at Ywangan Basic Education High School.
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crops such as paddy, groundnut, pigeon pea, maize, coffee, haricot bean and tea, use of fertilizer and good agriculture method.

Townsender U Than Oo presented a report on development of the region due to construction of Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan road, progress of education and health sectors, requirements, opening of brokerage in Kyon region for betterment of local people's market.

After fulfilling the requirements, the Vice-President delivered an address. He said that the majority of Ywangan Township is living in the rural areas and they are engaged in agriculture task as main business. Therefore, rural development tasks are to be carried out systematically to achieve remarkable success.

to develop agriculture tasks is to achieve economic progress based on agriculture sector with innovative measurements.

In the 2010-2011 fiscal year, Ywangan region had K 750,000 of per capita income. Such amount exceeded K 520,000 of per capita income targeted in Shan State and K 670,000 in the Union. The township is enjoying economic development to some extent. It is necessary to supervise the correct keeping of accounts and data.

Ywangan Township hit 29.15% of pass rate in the 2011-2012 matriculation examination. Despite exceeding 28.12% of the whole Shan State, the pass rate of the township was lesser than 35% average pass rate of the whole nation. Therefore, teachers, parents and students are to make more concerted efforts in their works. Responsible persons are also to strive for achieving success in realizing the compulsory primary education, enrolment of all school-going age children and continuous learning tasks being implemented by the State.

The government is uplifting proficiency of the health staff and providing treatment aid for promotion of national health care standards and making arrangements for systematic development of private health care services.

At present, emphasis is being placed on environmental conservation across the world. Myanmar systematically has carried out environmental conservation, and now the Ministry of Forestry has been reformed as Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry for accelerating the conservation of environments. The Vice-President explained legislative, executive and judicial bodies coming into shape in accord with the constitution, systematic realization of market economy, undertaking of eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation tasks, invitation for peace talks to end the armed conflicts across the nation for the sake of peace and stability of the nation, and safeguarding peace and stability of the State and national unity. He urged all the citizens to participate in the tasks to gain achievements in peace, stability and development of the State, national unity and national reconciliation. Shwe Than Lwin Co presented Sky Net TV receivers to Basic Education High School for best pass rate in matriculation examination in 2011, basic education schools in the township and township people's hospital through school heads of Myinkyadoe BEHS (Branch), Myaing BEHS (Branch), YeU BEHS (Branch), Ywangan (See page 7)



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects practical rooms of departments at Technological University (Taunggyi).—MNA

lence of law and order, peace and tranquility and public welfare.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein gave suggestions on implementation of economic tasks of the self-administered zone in April and May, prospects of regional economic development by effective utilization of natural resources of the region.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than reported on thriving of crops, extended cultivation of crops on vacant and virgin lands for development of economy, use of quality strains of

Development of rural regions will alleviate the poverty. In viewing the sown acreage of paddy plantations, the croplands are nine times larger than the farmlands in the township. Therefore, it is necessary to substitute quality strains of crops and paddy. Strenuous efforts are to be made for production of paddy to meet 100 baskets per acre in farmlands and 50-60 baskets in croplands.

Likewise, it is necessary to use quality strains of groundnut, edible crops and maize. There remains a vast area of vacant and virgin lands to be reclaimed in Ywangan Township.

The region blessed with favourable conditions

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered...

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BEHS (Branch), Ywama Post-Primary School, Zaydan BEPS, Myogon BEPS and Ywangan People's Hospital.

The Vice-President cordially greeted those present.

At Ywangan People's Hospital, the Vice-President inspected sites for staff quarters and extended building in the compound of the hospital. He comforted the patients and gave cash assistance.

At Ywangan BEHS, the Vice-President and party viewed learning of students and heard reports on number of students and conditions of buildings presented by the headmistress.

The Vice-President attended to the needs.

At Myaing Station Hospital, they were welcomed by the acting medical superintendent, doctors and nurses.



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo comforts patients at Ywangan Township People's Hospital.

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The Vice-President comforted the patients and inspected the operation theatre and X-ray room. He coordinated with officials to provide X-ray ma-

chine to the hospital.

They left there by car and arrived at Pindaya in the evening.—MNA

Let's go through Auknatchaung Bridge

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Poor transportation has also engraved in the mind of Daw San San from Kangan Village and Ko Kyaw Soe

and Ko San Min from Maya Village but they are now pleased with the bridge that they can evacuate through the bridge in case of natu-

ral disaster, walk to Bogale conveniently, send their children to schools in urban Bogale, wander around surrounding villages by motor bike, seeing unusual progress in education, economic, health and social affairs.



Auknatchaung Bridge on Bogale-Sathsan-Htawpaing-Amar Road in Bogale Township, Pyapon District.

on 25, June, 2011 and has become the third bridge inaugurated in the time of the new government of the Republic of Myanmar.

There are 16

bridges on Bogale-Sathsan-Htawpaing-Amar road section, of

which only five is under construction. Completion of all the bridges will mean direct link between Bogale and Amar. If then, what would be in Daw Than Nyunt's mind?

(Translation:TKK)

"Gazing at the bridge, I really miss my late relatives and friends from the village.

**Daw Than Nyunt
Maya Village
Bogale Township**



Auknatchaung Bridge on Bogale-Sathsan-Htawpaing-Amar Road in Bogale Township, Pyapon District.



"Whenever I cross near Auknatchaung Bridge, I cannot help thinking of running back and forth along the bridge."

**Ko Than Oo
Myatheinda
Village,
Bogale
Township**

Auknatchaung Bridge has benefitted 61834 locals of 13901 households from 12784 houses in 106 villages near the bridge. The bridge is of RC and bailey one, located on Bogale-Sathsan-Htawpaing-Amar Road in Bogale Township, Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Region. It is 466 feet in length with 13.6-ft-wide motor way and can stand 13 tons load inclusive of the weight of the vehicle. It was completed

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Maritime Customs Act and Road Transportation Customs Act.

Regarding the question raised by U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency **whether there is a plan to adjust the period of two years to any appropriate period for enjoying life insurance in body-lost cases if Myanma Insurance provides life insurance which will guarantee the future of marine workers earning**



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of Chibwe Constituency U Zone Taint raising question.—MNA

the livings at risk of life, the Union minister said in his answer that in March, 2011, many marine workers working at tiger-shaped rafts lost lives due to strong winds in the sea; if the tiger-shaped raft owners could buy responsibility insurance on behalf of the workers, families of the dead or missing workers might claim insurance cover; Fisheries Department contacted Myanma Insurance for enabling families of the deceased to take out insurance; the latter replied with available insurance covers for enabling tiger-shaped raft entrepreneurs to buy responsibility insurance; although the entrepreneurs paid for responsibility insurance, it was only eligible for motorized boats; and Myanma Insurance informed that it would provide new tiger-shaped raft owner responsibility insurance in cooperation with Fisheries Department.

Regarding the query raised by U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency **whether there is a plan to amend the law because only those who go oversea on duty of the State can change foreign currency at official rates and the others cannot, and it means the ordinary people are breaching the laws**, the Union Minister said in his reply that according to Section 5 of 1947 Foreign Currency Regulation Act, any person, organization or

department in Myanmar have the rights to hold foreign currency under the permission of foreign currency supervisor; they may apply for Foreign Exchange Acceptor & Holder License; legal organizations which are receiving the foreign currency are following the procedure; an ordinary traveller or labourer is allowed to exchange FEC 100 with US dollars; newly-recruited labourers are allowed to exchange FEC 200 with US dollars; persons with foreign currency bank accounts with adequate deposits are allowed to hold US 500 dollars; if a person needs to carry foreign currency more than permitted amount, he/she have to ask permission from foreign currency supervisor and foreign currency management board authorities with appropriate reasons; the plan is underway to allow the public to carry proper amount of foreign currency appropriate with the purpose of trip and to withdraw from their foreign exchange bank account; there is cases that the ordinary people illegally carry foreign currency as foreign currency for those on duty of the State among the oversea travellers with various purposes is exchanged at appropriate rates; after the foreign exchange rate is set, everybody will be able to exchange the foreign currency at the same rate; and the action is being taken in cooperation with International Monetary Fund.

Regarding the question raised by U Kyaw Win of Kanyidaunt Constituency **which measures can be taken to distribute Aungbarlay lottery ticket at the price of K 200 instead current market price K 350**, the lottery entrepreneurs are distributing the tickets at the price exceeding K 200, adding reputation price to original price, for covering costs for extra awards and distribution; the Aungbarlay lottery system is extracting 40 per cent of sell-off for revenue of the State and the remaining 60 per cent is distributed as prizes; unsold tickets are not returnable; it is found that lottery distributors are raising the price in order to cover the costs and to provide incentives; according to Myanmar's lottery system, the preparation for drawing lottery prizes has to be made after distributing the tickets; since the opening of Aungbarlay lottery, it is difficult for township offices of Internal Revenue Department to sell individual lottery tickets or books of lottery tickets; the wholesale system to those who are allowed to buy the books of lottery tickets at limited amount is used; the Internal Revenue Department is the department earning 90 per cent of revenue of the State; if it is to sell individual tickets, more staff will have to be used for retail sale, other tax collection works will be weakened, job opportunities for the grass roots will

be lessen, and other unwanted monetary disputes will emerge as the staff have to deal with a lot of cash; so, there is no plan to distribute the lottery tickets retail.

Three Hluttaw representatives raised three questions which were answered by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing.

Regarding the question raised by U Aung Kyaw Soe of Natmauk Constituency **whether the State has a plan to provide agricultural loans to farmers at the villages as the farmers are paying the cost of transportation in addition to service charges when they take agricultural loans from Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation**, the Union Minister said in his answer that Myanma Agricultural Development Bank had disbursed agricultural loans at the villages; according to resolution at government's meeting in 1993, the bank system was introduced to make the money safe from any dangers, corruption and misappropriation and to encourage the farmers to using banking system and to trust banks; the farmers are to receive money, to repay the money, and to open their own bank saving accounts; through this system, the farmers get entire loans as they have to receive by themselves at banks; there is no corruption and misappropriation because no agent is needed; they also receive receipts as they themselves repay money back to banks; the loan K 20000 was disbursed for an acre of paddy crops; the new government doubled the loan amount to K 40000 for the benefits of farmers; as the expenditure was bigger, the security is more needed to supervise; borrowing money at bank is safe; so, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank branches are following these procedures; the plan to open rural agricultural development bank branches at the villages with safe road security and smooth transportation was submitted to the government; if that is passed, the safer and smoother loan disbursement will continue to be implemented.

Regarding the question raised by U Aung Sein of Manaung Constituency **whether there is a plan to reclaim new farmlands as the emergence of new farmlands will help alleviate poverty of farmers in the township and there are potential 8000-10000 acres of virgin lands which can be reclaimed with use of heavy machinery such as excavators, bulldozers and backhoes with no impact on wildlife and environment**, the Union Minister answered that it is learnt that there is potential to reclaim 8000-10000 acres of farmlands if the



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik answers queries.

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virgin lands with 10-mile length and four-mile width southwest and northwest of Manaung Township in Kyaukpyu District in Rakhine State with no impact on natural forests for environmental conservation; the new government is striving for changing strains for increasing per acre yield, reaching new technologies and techniques to the hands of farmers and making more benefits for each crops and agricultural mechanization; the construction of remaining irrigation system and canal systems are prioritized to implement; the ratio of the arable farmland to population is appropriate in the township with the population of 100000 and the arable farmlands of 30000; the government is allotting funds to agriculture, defence, road transportation, education, health, science and technology sectors in order of priority; the reclamation of farmlands in Manaung Township will be recorded as the plan to implement if the budget is allowed and the machinery are at the position to distribute; depending on the machinery requirements of the township, power tillers, transplanters, and winnowing machines will be sold at reasonable price in special installment programme; the free courses will be conducted at Meiktila Agricultural Mechanization Training School; and the workshops for repair of the machines will be established in the township.

U Tin Win of Dedaye Constituency asked **self-reliant embankment (62.06 miles) of farmers which prevents 29,540 acres of farms from flooding in Dedaye Township of Ayeyawady Region is in ruin. It is difficult for farmers to carry out repair works by themselves, and whether there is a plan to transform the embankment as an irrigation embankment under the control of Irrigation Maintenance Department**. In response, the Union Minister said that

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length of the embankment maintained by the Irrigation Department in Dedaye Township of Ayeyawady Region is 38.85 miles long that can prevent 39,686 acres of farmlands from flooding, and length of the embankment by farmers is 7.3 miles long. Irrigation Department is taking measures for maintenance of own embankments as well as farmer embankments. The department gave makeovers to Hsakyin Hnakaungchaung farmer embankment in Dedaye Township, and has planned to take steps for maintenance of 7.3-mile-long the said embankment stretching from the end of Tamatakaw embankment to Kyondap Village. Arrangements are being made to transform the embankment as an irrigation embankment under the control of Irrigation Department and to upgrade it to the better one as soon as possible.

In response to the question raised by U Zone Taint of Chipwe Constituency that **mining companies are engaging in 20-acre small-scale gold block, using machineries illegally according to the needs of works, and it is found that the State faces loss of tax as the companies do not pay set amount of gold to the State. He asked whether there is a plan to carry out works with the use of machineries in 20-acre small-scale gold block**, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik said that according to initial finding of gold by local odd-job workers in gold blocks across the country, rich entrepreneurs are engaging in gold mining works individually or in groups, applying for license of exploration of goldmine. According to statistics, there are 479 small companies are engaging at 1452 blocks. The agreements and law say that using machineries is not allowed. Although the companies are carrying out exploration abiding by the provisions of law, some companies are working by using machineries. Action will be taken against those companies that violate law. It is assumed that the companies should not do such manners that lead to environmental degradation. Arrangements will be taken step by step for systematic inspection, holding discussion, keeping record and taking action by forming inspection teams.

Some companies working in goldmine exploration are breaching agreements from 2007-2008 to 2009-2010 financial years without paying set gold ratio to the State. So, the ministry is urging those companies not to do so. He urged the

representatives to pass on the information about paying set gold ratio to the State without fail based on mutual benefits when they reached their own region or state. As small-scale business does not need to make huge investment using machineries, there is no plan to allow the use of machineries in gold exploration at 20-acre gold block.

Daw Khin Than Myint of Ngapudaw Constituency raised a question that **the village-tracts in Ngapudaw Township of Ayeyawady Region always face the dangers of wild elephants in the open season, destroying farmlands, gardens and huts and threatening human lives. She asked whether there is plan to deal with wild elephants as some people suffered casualties**. In response, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said that wild elephants are being domesticated for forest works, travel and transport, and natural tour schemes. Learning the regions where conflicts between human and elephant happen, the ministry carried out domestication of wild elephants and sending them back to natural forest.

The staff members are giving educative talks to local farmers about prevention of head-on face with elephant groups, staying away from elephant sanctuaries, threatening the elephants by setting fire to rubbish after clearing elephant paths, setting fire to bamboo, hanging illuminated CD on elephant paths, burning pungent chili smell, making alarms. If there is any information about wild elephants reported by locals, staff members of Forest Department and Myanma Timber Enterprise together with local people with the help of local battalion and Myanmar Police Force are taking measures to drive away elephants to the forest and keep them in custody.

Humans need to avoid trespassing on the haunts of elephants as the conflict between elephant and human is due to struggle of life. It is needed to take measures for precaution of wild elephants and giving information. If there is any invasion to the villages by wild elephants, the ministry will take measures for driving away elephants to forests and reducing numbers of elephants if necessary.

The chairman Bill Committee submitted report of the committee regarding **Bill Amending Union Election Commission Law** sent to Pyithu Hluttaw on 30 August after being approved at Amyotha Hluttaw.

Regarding the bill, as there is no change in the report of Bill Committee and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives did not submit any amending proposals, decision of Hluttaw to approve the whole bill was sought in accord with Sub-rule (a) of Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 159.

As Hluttaw approved **Bill Amending Union Election Commission Law** proposal with the approval of Amyotha Hluttaw, it is agreed that Bill Amending Union Election Commission Law to be passed as Amyotha Hluttaw approved.

According to Sub-rule (a) of Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 154, U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency submitted **Farmland Bill 2011** to be discussed on 30 August. Secretary U Saw Hla Tun of Bill Committee read out report of the Bill Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw.

The date to discuss the bill will be announced and those who want to submit and discuss amending proposals with accurate expression of 'paragraph, sub-paragraph, content and sentence' can submit name lists not later than 9 September (Friday).

Three Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal raised on 6 September by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency about **required arrangement to be made to submit International-standard Workers' Rights Bill to third regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw**.

U Win Swe of Nyaungshwe Constituency in his discussion said that he seconded the proposal as the Constitution has prescribed "the Union shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of workers".

U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukkyi Constituency approved the proposal as Fundamental Rights and Duties of Public Workers Law (1964) is no longer agreeable to present situation.

Daw Su Su Hlaing of Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency discussed that Hluttaw approved the proposal regarding workers' rights submitted by Hluttaw representatives at first regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw and arrangements are being made to pass new laws if needed be. She asked for withdrawal of proposal as workers rights has been under the umbrella of the said laws in conformity with international-standard workers' affairs.

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi said that the ministry with workers laws is fully protecting workers rights in working rights, ensuring workplaces rights, relax time rights, education rights, parental rights, welfare rights when workers get ill, and compensational rights.

As part of realizing the speech by the President on 30 May said that 'measures will be taken to ensure workers rights in full', Workers Organization Bill was submitted to Amyotha Hluttaw and will also be submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw to be discussed. According to Article 24 of the Constitution, the bill aims to protect workers rights, to create amicable relations between workers and between employers and employees,

to freely and systematically form workers organizations. Furthermore, the bill is international standard one to protect rights of workers.

Bills of social welfare law, job



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and efficiency will be submitted to the next session. So, the proposal is no need to be accepted as a separate one as it has been discussed and is underway.

Four Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency about **law to protect the rights to express and publish freely opinions of mediamen**.

U Aung Myint Thein of Paungde Constituency discussed that law to protect the rights to express and publish freely opinions of mediamen should be prescribed in accord with 2008 Constitution fully supported by the people.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency discussed the proposal in all seriousness as he does not want the fourth pillar media freedom to lag behind others.

U Thauang of Mawlaik Constituency seconded the proposal, saying it is required to get the accurate news in time.

U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency said the section 21 (a) of the State Constitution prescribes that every citizen shall enjoy the right of equality, the right of liberty and the right of justice' and the section 354 (a) prescribes that every citizen shall be at liberty in the exercise of the following rights, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality: to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions'.

Therefore, media men have already got rights for press freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and

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they are welcomed to express their convictions and opinions without contrary to the laws. Therefore, the proposal needn't submit to the Hluttaw.

Regarding the proposal, Union Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan replied that the opinion of media men mentioned in U Thein Nyunt's proposal is extremely wide. Everyone has his own view over a particular subject and thus there would emerge a considerable number of opinions. The Union Minister said that he would like to compare the opinion with the torrent that torrents are beneficial to mankind if flow into rivers and creeks but harmful if flow out of rivers and creeks rampantly. Likewise, if press freedom is to be granted with a set of rules protecting the rights of freedom, there would be more disadvantages than advantages. But if opinions are allowed to express within necessary framework, such doing would bring advantages to the nation.

Freedom is a thing to be enjoyed without disrupting the society, the nation as well as the rights of other individuals. Freedom is to be practiced on principle and to be controlled with reasoning power. So, expression freedom is to be pursued only after balancing freedom and accountability and freedom and reasoning power.

Likewise, Article 354 of the constitution states "Every citizen shall be at liberty in the exercise of expressing and publishing freely their convictions and opinions. if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality". So, media men have the rights to express freely and at the same time have to take the responsibility for making sure that their expressions do not pose threat to national security and prevalence

of law and order. Even in the constitution, freedom and responsibility go hand in hand and if freedom is to be enjoyed, responsibility should be assumed too. And also the phrase "if not contrary to the laws enacted for public order and morality" is extremely important, some issues concerning morals of the people can be enacted as laws and some simply can not be done so and in such cases, moral responsibility should be taken with reasoning power. Some of the rules passed for the interests of the morals of the people are penal code 292, 293, 294, 298, 500, 509 etc. There are also provisions made for the children and all are to abide by such penal codes and rules.

Regarding rights of citizens including media men, the Union Minister quoted the President's speech to the first regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that they (the government) would amend and revoke existing laws and pass new laws if necessary for implementing the provisions in the constitution about fundamental rights of citizens in other words human rights issues. So, the Ministry of Information itself is also taking measures to submit to Hluttaw to amend, supplement, revoke existing laws and pass new laws about media so that media men can enjoy freedom of expression in accord with the constitution and genuine fourth pillar beneficial to the nation and the people can be established. He added that measures are underway to attach duties and responsibilities to press freedom and to be able to enjoy legal rights.

However, he stressed that media men should not hope to express and publish disorderly as they did in 1988 unrest. All are to bear in mind that fabricated news resulted from the misuse of freedom had led to catastrophic events across the nation. Now, the Information Ministry has asked suggestions and opinions from Union Attorney-General's Office concerning amendments to some laws. Before

they come into effect, the ministry is taking more relaxing measure using the rights in the existing laws for the freedom of media world. Those measures are aimed that actions of media men go right when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw pass media laws.

At present, all the media persons are urged to practise freedom, obligation, duty and responsibility and allowed to criticize individuals or private organizations or departmental organizations with positive attitude. However, some contradictions and difficulties were found among those of literary field, private and organizations in practising liberty and responsibility. Although media persons have rights to freely write their opinion, some media persons face problems due to their inappropriate writings encroaching others.

In relaxation of the media field, the 21-point literary scrutiny was reduced to the 12 points. These 12 points are equal to the standards of ASEAN and global countries. Today's journals, magazines and publications in Myanmar are divided into two groups. The group (1) comprising five subjects namely fine arts, sports, health, child and technology are relaxed through publishing and submitting system with liberty and responsibility within the framework of 12 literary scrutiny points. The system is to publish the works freely in line with the above-mentioned principles and then submit the works to the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division.

The remaining journals, magazines and publications included in the group (2) are allowed through submitting and publishing system to practise liberty and responsibility within the framework of 12 literary scrutiny points. The submitting and publishing system is to submit manuscripts to the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division for seeking permission. Only when not only practising freedom and responsibility but also realizing the publishing and submitting system for publications of the group (1) achieves success, will publications from the

group (2) be inserted into the group (1) step by step. Finally, the journals, magazines and publications will be granted through submitting and publishing system within the frameworks of prescribed law, discipline and ethics.

Many world countries have similar organizations scrutinizing the literature like that of Myanmar. Although laws and courts come into operations in Myanmar, press scrutiny still needs a role. If media persons face their problems at the court under the law, their losses may be heavier. In its control tasks, the Press Scrutiny and Registration Division may sometimes issue only warnings to the offenders and negotiate both sides. Therefore, the division scrutinizes inappropriate writings against the nation and the people under the law for the sake of those from the literary world and the people.

When the media laws would be promulgated in the future, the media persons would have to enjoy the rights of expressing their opinions with liberty, responsibility and reasoning power under the law. As such, the proposal of U Thein Nyunt is included in the tasks being undertaken by the Ministry of Information.

The hluttaw recorded the proposal as Representative U Thein Nyunt requested it.

Afterwards, U Kha Mong Mong Kwan (a) U Kha Mong Tan of Sunprabwan constituency proposed the hluttaw to suspend the discussion of **the proposal asking the state and region governments and Ministry of Mines to give licenses for small scale mining** and to record the proposal to be able to discuss the proposal at appropriate time. The hluttaw decided to record the proposal. The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw said the Bill Committee shall carry out the task in accordance with the rules and regulations and urged speakers of the region and state Hluttaws to learn and work in the interests of the State and the people.

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Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung said as the task for prevention of flood and taming the Ayeyawady's watercourse was gigantic, the ministry had planned to work together with other departments concerned to carry out the task depending on the budget for the task, and the ministry had laid down a plan to prevent towns along the river from the flood.

Afterwards, six representatives

raised questions to the Ministry of Construction and Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint answered them.

U Soe Han Lin of Ayeyawady Region constituency No. 1 asked the ministry **whether the government has a plan to upgrade the 20-mile long Ngayokekaung Road linking Ngayokekaung Taung and Ngayokekaung sub-township on Pathein-Mawtin road as an all-weather road.**

In his answer to the question, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said the earth road was reconstructed in opening season

every year and used only in the opening season due to the axis of the road and heavy rainfall.

He continued to say that as from 1990, the Ministry of Construction and Ngapudaw Development Affairs Department worked together to reconstruct the road yearly. From the 1995-1996 fiscal year to the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the Ministry for Construction had funded the yearly reconstruction of the road. From the 2002-2003 fiscal year to the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs had funded the reconstruction of the road. From the

2009-2010 fiscal year to the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the road was reconstructed under a regional development programme.

As the earth road was constructed under the regional development programme, Ministry of Construction had no plan yet to upgrade it.

Afterwards, U Hlaing Oo of Ayeyawady Region constituency No. 12 asked **how the 42-mile-long gravel road linking Labutta and Myaungmya could be upgraded to an all-weather road as the road was difficult to use in rainy season.**

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In his answer to the question, the Union Minister said the Labutta-Myaungmya Road was the district-to-district linking road and was 46 miles and two furlongs long. Up to 31 May, 2011, the road comprised 13-mile-long asphalt road section, 15-mile-two-furlong-long gravel road section, 17-mile-six-furlong-long hard road section and one two-furlong long bridge, he added.

He continued to say that in 1994, the 21-mile-six-furlong long earth road linking Labutta and Pinlelay River was constructed; since Myaungmya Suspension Bridge was inaugurated in 1996, the Labutta-Myaungmya Road had been upgraded step by step yearly, and after Labutta Bridge (Pinlelay) was commissioned into service in 1998, the road had been upgraded to the all-weather road.

The road construction teams of the Ministry of Construction were working to upgrade the two-mile-four-furlong long road section to an asphalt one and to construct the 70-foot long iron-reinforced concrete bridge on Kyaukpyu Creek with the use of fund of the Ministry's budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, he said. Meanwhile, roadwork were being carried out on the four-mile long asphalt road section and the 15-mile-long gravel road section and 22-mile-long shoulders of the road were reconstructed.

He said that by the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the 15-mile-four-furlong long road section would be upgraded to an asphalt one, and works for upgrading of the road would be continued to carry out depending on the funds allocated by the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Regarding the question raised by U Maung Maung Aye of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (11) for the plan to build a bridge across Thakan creek between Padamyakon village and Thaphyan village as bridges are being constructed on Bogale-Setsan-Amar road, the Union minister replied that construction of 38 miles and five furlongs long Bogale-Setsan-Amar road in Bogale Township in Pyapon District of Ayeyawady Region started in 2008 as Road No-6 of Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project and creek crossing bridge construction works are being carried out simultaneously.

11 out of 16 bridges were built along the road and two bridges are under construction and there remained three bridges including Thakan creek bridge. The two under-construction bridges—1901-foot Setsan creek bridge and 546-foot Leik creek bridge—are being built with the contribution of the funds of 2011-12 fiscal year.

The remaining three bridges are

2100-foot Thakan creek bridge, 1600-foot Pathi creek bridge and 1300-foot long Kamarhauk creek bridge. Funds for construction of the remaining three bridges have not been received for 2011-12 fiscal year.

Preliminary engineering works such as finding road alignment, land survey and drawing are in progress for construction of Thakan creek bridge at mile post No. 8/4 between Padamyakon village and Thaphyan village. Depending on the funds for 2012-13 fiscal year, works will be done.

Regarding the question raised by U Tun Zaw (a) Ko Pauk of Bago Region Constituency No (12) who asked **whether there is a case that**

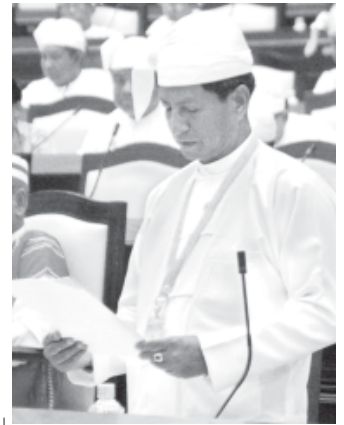


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overloaded vehicles were allowed to pass the Toll Gate in Taikkyi of Yangon Region on Yangon-Magway Union Highway which was under the operation of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited in the past and now under Max Myanmar Company which operates under BOT system through coordination on the basis of money at night although it maintains overload inspection with the use of scale in accord with the ASEAN standards in daytime and asked about the action to be taken against the case, the Union minister replied that Yangon-Pyay-Magway Union Highway is 340 miles and 2.5 furlongs from Yangon of Yangon Region to Magway of Magway Region. Max Myanmar Company took charge of the road after. Two groups—toll gate charge collecting group of Max Myanmar Company and Road-Bridge Security and Discipline Enforcement group of the Public Works are assigned duty at Taikkyi Toll Gate. The Road-Bridge Security and Discipline Enforcement group is making close supervision on running of vehicles with load in accord with ASEAN standards at the toll gate in cooperation with the staff of township engineer's offices of Taikkyi and Hlegu Townships and has responsibilities not to allow overloaded vehicles to pass the gate. With the aim of getting good practices for trucks prior to launching commodity

transport among ASEAN member countries in 2015, starting from September 2009, giving educative talks, holding discussions with drivers, delivering pamphlets and making clarification to truck associations are being conducted and supervision and giving educative talks are being carried out by Road-Bridge Security and Discipline Enforcement team at Toll Gates where scales are available.

Max Myanmar Co set fixed gate pass charges at Taikkyi Toll Gate and Road-Bridge Security and Discipline Enforcement team comprising a staff officer and members is giving education talks to truck drivers not to overload the trucks, to follow ASEAN standards,



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Dr Htay Naing of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (7) who asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade the 28 miles and six furlongs long Shwelaung-Wakema-Kyonmange road with three 100-foot bridges which was built in 1990 on self-reliant basis in Myaungmya District as a tarred one for smooth transport, thereby contributing towards regional development as the only two-mile long road section from Wakema to Shwelaung is a tarred one and the remaining road section is gravel one,** the Union minister replied that the road linking Shwelaung in Myaungmya District of Ayeyawady Region to Wakema and Kyonmange is being maintained by the Ministry of Construction. The road is 28 miles and five furlongs long. Up to 31 May 2011, tarred road section is two miles long, gravel road section 11 miles and five furlongs long and hard road section 15 miles.

Three reinforced concrete bridges—1900-foot Shwelaung bridge, 3020-foot Wakema bridge, 220-foot Lanthamaing bridge—and four above 100-foot wooden bridges—Kyonsein, Bobay, Paiktan and Hnetkya bridges—were built along the road. The hard and gravel road is a all weather one but there has been damages on the road in rainy season yearly.

During 2011-12 fiscal year, two furlongs long road section is being upgraded as a 12 feet wide tarred one with funds. Under normal maintenance funds, road works and maintenance of bridges are being carried out.

Depending on yearly funds, roads of Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Projects in Ayeyawady Region are being upgraded.

As Shwelaung-Wakema-Kyonmange road is a main road for the region, upgrading work will be carried out depending on yearly road-bridge funds and normal maintenance funds.

Regarding the question raised by U Soe Win of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No-2 who asked **whether**

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Soe Win of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (2) raising question.—MNA

giving information, making drivers to take the pledge not to overload the truck, informing owners that their overloaded trucks passed the gate through telephone. In taking responsibilities to check the trucks not to be overloaded, truck drivers and conductors have to sign the pledge that they did not pay any cash.

Regarding the report that overloaded trucks were allowed to pass the Taikkyi Toll Gate at night through coordination on the basis of money, an inspection team held discussions with officials concerned and truck owners at All Bus Lines Control Committee Office in Natalin from 7.20 to midnight on 22 July 2011.

According to the investigation, the inspection team found 33 staff of Max Myanmar Co and an officer and 12 service personnel of Road-Bridge Security and Discipline Enforcement team not guilty of taking money for gate pass of overloaded trucks at Taikkyi Toll Gate at night.

So staff of Max Myanmar Co and Road-Bridge Security and Discipline Enforcement team of the Public Works are discharging duties systematically at night and in daytime in accord with ASEAN standards and it was wrong that overloaded trucks were allowed to pass the Taikkyi Toll Gate through coordination on the basis of money.

Regarding the question raised by

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(from page 11)

there is a plan to upgrade Thabaung-Pathein road for smooth transport as the road is damaged and it takes three hours to reach Pathein by car, the Union minister replied that 27 miles long Thabaung-Pathein road is consisted of 10 miles and three furlongs long road section from Pathein to Shwemyintin jetty and 16 miles and five furlongs long road section from Shwemyintin jetty to Thabaung. Up to 31 May 2011, tarred road section is four miles and two furlongs long, gravel road section 15 miles long

and hard road section 7 miles and six furlongs.

It took long time to reach Pathein from Thabaung by water in the past. Now Thabaung can be reached from Pathein within two hours in rainy season by car. The government upgraded 16 wooden bridges as concrete ones and built 2140-foot Pathein bridge and 360-foot Kyaukchaung bridge. Now seven wooden bridges are being upgraded into reinforced concrete ones and measures are being taken for smooth transport at any time.

Under normal maintenance funds for 2011-12 fiscal year, upgrading of road sections and maintenance of Pathein bridge and bailey bridges are being carried out and plans are underway to

speed up upgrading and maintenance of roads and bridges along the road depending on capital funds and normal maintenance funds.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Zaw Myint Pe read out the report of the committee on **private school registration bill** reviewing the discussions of the Hluttaw representatives. On behalf of the Union government, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye tabled a proposal to approve the bill, and a Hluttaw representative seconded it. Next, the Hluttaw approved it.

Member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Khet Htein Nan read out the report of the committee reviewing the **Bill Amending the Amyotha**

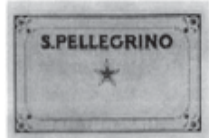
Hluttaw Law. U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency No 11 submitted a proposal to approve the bill, and a Hluttaw representative seconded it. The Hluttaw approved paragraphs 1 to 3 of the bill and the amended paragraph 4.

Later, the 13th day second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw was adjourned at 1.20 pm, and the 14th day meeting continues at 10 am tomorrow.

At the Hluttaw, the Union ministers concerned replied to eight questions raised by Hluttaw representatives. The Hluttaw approved one of two bills and another one was amended and approved.

After the meeting, already-formed four committees and newly-formed eight committees held meetings.—MNA

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One civilian killed, another injured in KIA's landmine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept— One innocent civilian was killed and another one injured in the explosion of a landmine planted by KIA (Kachin) group in Waingmaw Township of Kachin State on 3 September.

Searching for the lost bull, Maung Lwan Ze of No (3) Ward in Waingmaw and Maung Branmai of Bibra village in Waingmaw Township

on 3 September afternoon stepped on the mine planted by KIA (Kachin) group near Tabak creek. Maung Lwan Ze died of leg, abdomen and face injuries. Maung Branmai sustained face and chest wounds. The injured was admitted to Waingmaw Township People's Hospital and given medical treatment.

Not only indigenous

national races of Kachin State but the entire people demand KIA to return to legal fold and to join hands with local people in the interest of the state and the Union.

They want no more mine blast, forced recruitment, extortion, destruction of the State's projects, killings, and planting mines in public places.

MNA

Villagers pull one-ton crocodile out of creek in Philippines

MANILA, 7 Sept— Villagers and veteran hunters have captured a one-ton saltwater crocodile which they plan to make the star of a planned ecotourism park in a southern Philippine town, an official said on Monday.

Mayor Edwin Cox Elorde said dozens of villagers and experts ensnared the 21-foot male crocodile along a creek in Bunawan township in Agusan del Sur province after a three-week

hunt. It could be one of the largest crocodiles to be captured alive in recent years, he said, quoting local crocodile experts.

Elorde said the crocodile killed a water buffalo in an attack witnessed by villagers last month and was also suspected of having attacked a fisherman who went missing in July. He said he sought the help of experts at a crocodile farm in western Palawan province. "We were nervous

but it's our duty to deal with a threat to the villagers," Elorde told *The Associated Press* by telephone. "When I finally stood before it, I couldn't believe my eyes."

After initial sightings at a creek, the hunters set four traps, which the crocodile destroyed. They then used sturdier traps using steel cables, one of which finally caught the enormous reptile late Saturday, he said.

Internet

Mental health of Australian children deteriorated in decade

CANBERRA, 7 Sept—A study showed on Tuesday psychological well-being of Australian children has deteriorated, with increasing number of children has mental disorder, and teenage self-harm attempts almost doubling in a decade. The For Kids' Sake report, commissioned by the

Australian Christian Lobby, showed child abuse or neglect have risen by about 250 percent, with the number of children in out-of-home care has more than doubled between 1997 and 2009. The report's author, Sydney University family law professor Patrick Parkinson, also found one in

four people aged 16-24 has a mental disorder, and 6500 children are using anti-depressants. Other signs of social breakdown include the number of women aged 15-24 hospitalized for acute alcohol intoxication increased 52 percent from 1998 to 2005.

Xinhua



The suspect, seen at a window of the court, is believed to be in his 50s.—INTERNET

Man 'seizes child hostage' outside Sydney court

SYDNEY, 7 Sept—A man with a backpack which he says contains explosives is holding a child at a courthouse in a suburb of Sydney in Australia, local media say.

Police have sealed off the area in Parramatta, with one official saying that there is "a hostage situation". Some reports say the man is holding his 11-year-old daughter. Details of the incident remain sketchy.

This comes a month after a fake bomb was strapped to a teenager at her home in Sydney. Bomb

experts took 10 hours to remove the device from the neck of 18-year-old Madeleine Pulver. Officers later described the device as a very elaborate fake.

A suspect was detained in the US, and is awaiting extradition to Australia.

Police confirmed on Tuesday that an operation was on-going, after streets outside the family courthouse in Parramatta had been sealed off. A command centre has been set up at the scene and police negotiators have been called in.—Internet

Donate blood

Norwegian octogenarian nabbed for drunk driving in wheelchair

A man, who was visibly under the influence of alcohol, has been arrested in Norway for driving the wrong way down a highway in his electric wheelchair.

According to the police, the 84-year-old man took to the road near his home in the southern Norwegian town of Porsgrunn and passed through a 184-

metre tunnel before turning around and taking the same tunnel again.

The man was stopped by two motorists who called the traffic police, after which his driver's licence was confiscated on the spot and blood test was taken – the results of which are yet unknown.

"He was visibly

drunk," the Herald Sun quoted Kjell Ove Ljosaak, a local police official as saying.

Since motor vehicle laws do not apply to wheelchairs, the police are looking for a way to cancel the man's license.

"He can also expect a fine since highways are off-limits to pedestrians and wheelchairs," Ljosaak added.



Performer Huo Bingbing performs with a shark in an aquarium in Beihai City, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Man makes cash telling jokes for \$1

An out-of-work New York man said he found a way to bolster his finances by telling jokes for \$1 a laugh in the city's Central Park.

Jason Schneider, 26, known as Jason the Joke Guy to park-goers, said he first decided to spend the day telling \$1 jokes with a money-back laughter guarantee in April and he made \$140

during his first 6 hours, the *New York Daily News* reported Monday.

Schneider, who said he failed to find steady work after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 2007, said he takes his humorous profession seriously.

"I write 20 jokes a day, and maybe two are good enough to use in the park. And of those, maybe one will stick," he said.

"What do you call Chewbacca when he's working with clay?" one of Schneider's jokes begins. "Harry Potter."

News Album



An albino hedgehog sits on a palm of a zookeeper in the Botanical Garden (Dendrarium) in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi.

Grandson, 6, makes life-saving 911 call

A Massachusetts man said he credits his 6-year-old grandson's cool head with saving his life by dialing 911 when he collapsed from diabetic shock.

Charles Henderson, 47, said he collapsed last month at his Haverhill home and his grandson, Zach Powers, kept calm and called 911 when he was unable to reach his grandmother by phone, WBZ Newsradio and WBZ-TV, Boston, reported Monday. "We hit a couple buckets of golf balls, went to the store and we came home. One thing led to another and, apparently, I went down," Henderson said. Powers said he knew what to say when he called 911.

"I told them where to go and they had a radio for the things. I told them my yellow house next door," the boy said.

Audrina Patridge wears sunscreen at night

LONDON, 7 Sept — Actress Audrina Patridge prefers wearing sunscreen at night in order to save herself from undergoing plastic surgery in the future.

The 26-year-old is confident the preventative measures will allow her to age gracefully.

"I do wear sunblock a lot more than I ever have because I'm 26 now, so I am starting to notice the sun damage

and more freckles on my arms or my chest. I'm very conscious so I wear sunblock on my face every day, and when I dress up at night, I just put you

Actress Audrina Patridge

don't even know the

difference," contactmusic.com quoted Patridge as saying.

"I haven't really considered (surgery). Right now I'm just all about preventing it and using products. So I'm really trying to avoid the whole facial surgery thing. So I wear sunblock, I moisturise, and I wash (my face) on a daily and nightly basis," she added.

Internet

Madonna to release new album in 2012



US pop star and director Madonna

LONDON, 7 Sept —Pop star Madonna has confirmed she will release her 12th studio album next spring. It will be a follow-up to 2008's "Hard Candy".

The singer said she has started working with producer William Orbit.

"I've started a little bit of work in the studio and then when I go back to New York I'll be recording until the end of the year," contactmusic.com quoted her as saying.

When asked what fans can expect from her latest offering, she replied: "More good music."

The first single from the record is expected to be released in February with the LP out a couple of months later.

Internet

Kate Bosworth dating Michael Polish?

LONDON, 7 Sept—Actress Kate Bosworth is reportedly dating director Michael Polish.

The couple were seen posing together on the red carpet at the 37th edition of Deauville American Film Festival in France, reports contactmusic.com.

Bosworth split from "True Blood" actor Alexander Skarsgard in July last year, and just after a month of the break-up, she was spotted with Polish during a Coldplay concert in Los Angeles.—*Internet*

Robbie Williams 'short-listing songs for next album'

LONDON, 7 Sept—Robbie Williams has started choosing songs for his new album, and his right-hand man Chris Briggs has flown all the way to Los Angeles to help the singer through a heap of songs recorded by him. The 37-year-old English singer who has first been paired with hitmaker Guy Chambers by A and R legend Briggs, to create his mega-hit 'Angels', has since trusted Briggs' opinion above anyone else in the business.—*Internet*



Actress Kate Bosworth

Filmmakers underestimating audiences' intelligence

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept —Colin Firth has claimed that filmmakers 'underestimate' viewers by not giving them enough intelligent and thought provoking movies.

Talking at Venice Film Festival the 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy' actor insisted that the studios don't consider stretching the appetite of the viewers.

"I do think there is a



Colin Firth

tendency to underestimate audiences, Contactmusic.com quoted him as telling the Guardian.

"I do think there is an appetite to be stretched," he added.—*Internet*

A model cases a show-creation by FCUK during a runway of Melbourne Spring Fashion Week (MSFW) at City Square in Melbourne, Australia on 5 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

Arsenal woe as Vermaelen out for four weeks

LONDON, 7 Sept — Arsenal defender Thomas Vermaelen faces up to four weeks on the sidelines after undergoing an operation on his injured left ankle, the club confirmed on Tuesday. The Belgian international went under the knife in Stockholm on Monday after sustaining the injury during Arsenal's 2-1 victory over Udinese in a Champions League play-off last month.

It had been feared that Vermaelen, who missed eight months of the campaign last year after damaging an Achilles, faced a lay-off of up to two months. However Arsenal gave a more optimistic as-



Arsenal defender Thomas Vermaelen

essment of Vermaelen's likely recovery period in a statement.

"Thomas Vermaelen is expected to be back in training with the first-team squad in around a month," the statement said. "Vermaelen has undergone a minor procedure to remove an inflamed plantaris tendon from his left ankle.—Internet

Acushnet chief says technology debate healthy



Brandt Snedeker tees off on the 17th hole during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament.—INTERNET

NORTON, 7 Sept — Acushnet chief Wally Uihlein believes the relationship between manufacturers and ruling bodies is "180 degrees improved" from where it was 20 years ago.

That doesn't mean the two sides do not — nor should not — disagree on technology issues. "I really

think we need to let the ruling bodies define the issues and the manufacturers, in the spirit of those ruled upon, need to continue to provide the tension, which ensures the dialogue is open and progressive," Uihlein said.

He spoke last week at the Bay Club, where he introduced Acushnet's new ownership, a Korean consortium called Alexandria Holdings. The new Acushnet chairman is Gene Yoon, who said that all operations at Acushnet's headquarters of Fairhaven, Mass., will stay the same.—Internet

Cole settling in well at Lille

PARIS, 7 Sept — Lille defender Franck Beria said on Tuesday that the French champions' latest signing, England international Joe Cole, is settling in "very quickly" at his new club.

"He is very committed, very professional, and is integrating very quickly. He is a very simple and modest character so we have all taken to him straight away," said left-back Beria at a press conference at the club's training base just outside the city.

"(Cole) is still a charismatic guy, all you need to do is look at his past, the career he has had, the trophies he has won." He is still hungry and is really keen to relaunch his ca-

reer. He is going to bring a lot to the team."

Cole, 29, has won three English Premier League titles with Chelsea but endured a disappointing 2010/11 season after moving to Liverpool, where he started just nine games. The London-born midfielder has won 56 caps for England, but has not represented his country since last year's World Cup. He joined Lille on a season-long loan on transfer deadline day.—Internet



Joe Cole

Federer eager for Tsonga rematch

NORTH YORK, 7 Sept — Roger Federer, sent spinning to a landmark Wimbledon defeat by Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, gets another quarter-final crack at the explosive.

Frenchman in the last eight of the US Open.

Five-time champion Federer, who must win at Flushing Meadows to extend his streak of eight straight years with at least

one Grand Slam title, says he's eager to tackle Tsonga — who followed up his sensational All England Club upset with a victory over the Swiss in the fourth round of the Montreal Masters in August.

"It's something I'm looking forward to," Federer said of his chance to turn the tables on Tsonga. "I live for playing the big matches, live for playing a guy who is explosive, has got some firepower. I like to play those kind of players, especially now that we're in the deeper stages of the tournament."—Internet



Roger Federer

Pitch frustrates France in Romania

BUCHAREST, 7 Sept — France extended their unbeaten run to 13 games but struggled to a 0-0 draw against Romania in a match spoiled by the appalling state of the pitch at the National Arena.

The official unveiling of the 55,000-seat venue attracted a sell-out crowd but there was little for the fans to get excited about with chances at a premium for both sides.

France coach Laurent Blanc will be concerned by the display of his team after making five changes to the line-up that won in Albania on Friday, and

with Bosnia and Herzegovina beating Belarus, the French lead at the top of Group D is now just a single point with two games remaining.—Internet



France's Karim Benzema (R) vies with Romania's Vlad Chiriches during their Euro 2012 qualification football match. INTERNET

A homecoming the Aussies do not want to miss

NORTON, 7 Sept — Robert Allenby was more dejected than angry after the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship. He finished out of

the top 50 for the second straight playoff event. Time is running out for him.

Only this had nothing to do with the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million prize. "It's about a tournament that doesn't pay a dime," Allenby said.

Allenby is among three Australians — Geoff Ogilvy and Aaron Baddeley are the others — who care more about going to Royal Melbourne for the Presidents Cup than to East Lake for the Tour Championship and a shot at golf's biggest payoff.



Geoff Ogilvy of Australia

Internet

Spain, Italy qualify for Euro 2012

LONDON, 7 Sept — Spain and Italy sealed their places at Euro 2012 with two qualifying games to spare on Tuesday while England moved closer to next year's finals after beating Wales in a game at Wembley overshadowed by the death of a Wales fan. David Villa and Alvaro Negredo scored twice as defending champion Spain thrashed Liechtenstein 6-0 to secure top spot in Group I, and substitute Giampaolo Pazzini's 85th-minute strike earned the Italians a narrow win in Florence that clinched their first place in Group C.

The 2010 and 2006 world champions join already-qualified Germany and the two co-hosts in the finals. The Netherlands maintained its perfect record in Group E with a 2-0 victory in Finland but still needs a point to guarantee first place, like England, which beat Wales 1-0 in Group G through Manchester United winger Ashley Young's goal.

However, England's victory was

marred after London police said a Wales fan had died after an assault was reported outside the stadium before the game.

Internet



Italy's midfielder Daniele De Rossi, right, and Slovenia's midfielder Aleksander Radosavljevic fight for the ball during their group C, EURO 2012 qualifying soccer match.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Zidane junior trains with Madrid first team

MADRID, 7 Sept — Enzo Zidane, the 16-year-old son of France great and current Real Madrid director of football Zinedine, trained with the Spanish giants' first-team for the first time on Tuesday.

Enzo, a left-sided midfielder, usually plies his trade with the Juvenile C team in the Madrid youth set-up but on Tuesday he was given the chance to show his worth alongside the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and Mesut Ozil as coach Jose Mourinho and his father Zinedine watched on.

Enzo, named after Zidane's hero, the former Uruguay star Enzo Francescoli, was born in France but has spent the past 10 years in the Spanish capital.

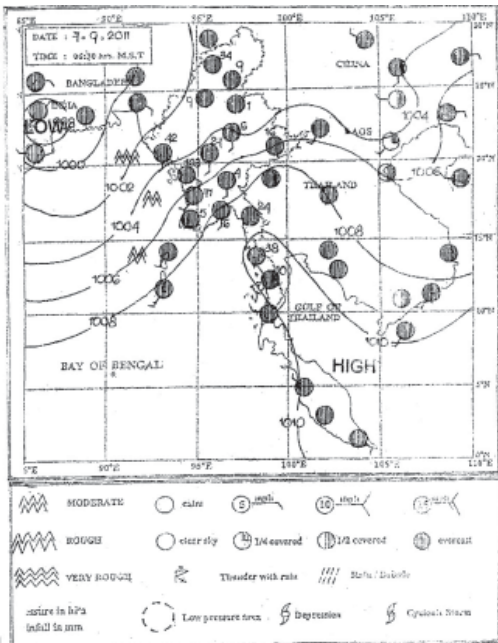
His father said last year that he would

decide which of the two national teams his son plays for when the teen is called up. Enzo Zidane had already caught the eye of the coach of Spain's Under-16 squad last year, but never made it into the team.—Internet



Former football international Zinedine Zidane's son Enzo (C) takes part in a football game in June 2011.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 8th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	20/68	13/55	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	29/84	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
9	Magway	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
13	Rakhine	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	29/84	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, and Magway Regions, fairly in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy fall in Chin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were MraukU (10.55) inches, Kyaukse (6.46) inches, Kyaukpada (6.26) inches, Palewa (3.50) inches, Thandwe (2.96) inches and Bago (2.84) inches.

Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Four die, eight injured in apartment fire in northeast China

CHANGCHUN, 7 Sept—Four people died and eight others were injured Wednesday after a drunk man, who was disillusioned over a love affair, set fire to an apartment he rented in the northeastern city of Changchun, local police said.



People who got injured in an apartment fire receive medical treatment in a hospital in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 7 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

Altogether 39 residents of the building in the city's Kuancheng District were evacuated after the suspect, Le Changxin, set fire to his clothes in his rented room early Wednesday, police said. The four died while hospitalized. The eight others are receiving treatment, police said.

The suspect and the apartment owner, Wang Zhidong, have been detained, police said. Police continue to investigate.

MNA/Xinhua

Plane crash kills 36 in central Russia

Moscow, 7 Sept—A YAK-42 passenger plane carrying 37 people crashed Wednesday after taking off near central Russian city of Yaroslavl, killing 36 people aboard, according to local media reports.



The crashed plane belongs to Yak-Service airlines.—MNA/Xinhua



Thursday, 8 September
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun 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. Dances Of National Races
- 8:20 am**
8. Dance Variety
- 8:30 am**
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Women)
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Musical Programme
- 9:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
3. Cute Little Dancer

- 4:30 pm**
4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Botany)
- 4:45 pm**
5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
6. Songs Programme
- 5:20 pm**
7. Teleplay (Policy)
- 5:35 pm**
8. Science and Environment
- 5:45 pm**
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Women)

- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
12. Myanmar Series
- 6:40 pm**
13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 16. International News**
- 17. Weather Report**
- 18. 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Music)**
- 19. Documentary**
- 20. TV Drama Series**

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (8-9-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(8-9-11 09:30 am ~ 9-9-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The History of MraukU Pagoda
- * News

- * 15th Anniversary Graduation Ceremony of NUAC
- * News
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Instruments "OBOE"
- Overseas Transmission**
- * Opening
- * News
- * The History of MraukU Pagoda
- * News
- * 15th Anniversary Graduation Ceremony of NUAC
- * News
- * VCD Centre

- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Instruments "OBOE"
- * News
- * Youth and Fashion (Yawai Aung, Sandi Myint Lwin)
- * News
- * Large Parasol "A Souvenir of Patheingyi"
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Zaw Paing and Moe Hay Ko"
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Yangon Expo 2011
- * Myanmar Movies "The True Love"

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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 13th day

Nine questions raised and answered, one bill approved, one bill submitted, two proposals discussed, one new proposal submitted for record



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attends 13th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—The second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 13th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 382 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attended today's session.

At the session, nine questions were raised and answered; one bill, approved; one bill, submitted; two proposals, discussed; and one new proposal, submitted to put into record.

At questioning and answering section, four Hluttaw representatives made questions related to the financial sector which were answered by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

Regarding the question raised by U Aye Naing of Sinbaungwe Constituency **whether there is a plan to amend existing foreign exchange regulation act and rules, and maritime customs laws which are not commensurate with the current age**, the Union Minister answered that existing

foreign exchange regulation act (1947) is one of administrative laws of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue; to accelerate the economic development of the State and to be commensurate with the requirements of current age, the provisions in the act which do not match with the age are submitted to Union Attorney-General's Office for comments; and the plan is underway to submit to the Union government; the laws being managed by the Customs Department are 1978 Maritime Customs Act, 1942 Road Transport Customs Act, and 1992 Custom Rate Act; the law amending committee has been formed to amend the first two laws to be commensurate with the current age; being a 109th member of World Customs Organization, the Customs Department need practice norms adopted by the organization in Kyoto Convention; the legislation is needed for defining rates equal with WCO's last rates; being a ASEAN-member nation, Myanmar obliges to adopt laws matching with ASEAN Single Window system which uses information and communication technology for smooth trade, with international agreements and with ASEAN regional agreements; Maritime Customs Act needs amending and is being drafted in consultations with scholars; and so, actions are being taken for amending the laws and rules in

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NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept —The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 13th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here this morning.

The session was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

During the session, U Nyunt Hlaing of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 4 asked **whether a Union-level ministry could take responsibility for maintaining banks of the Ayeyawady River and digging diversion tunnel in Zalun located on the banks of the Ayeyawady for the tasks is huge. Zalun had experienced change of the river's watercourse and landslides yearly as the banks had been eroded by the river, he said.**

In his answer to the question, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said that dykes had been built in Zalun to prevent flood from the river, and there was an island in the river in the east of Zalun.

He continued to say that since the change of the river's watercourse in 1994, landslides had happened as the town was located outside the meandering pattern of the river, the bank was eroded by the river and the soil is sandy and deep cliffs of the river.

Therefore, the strong current in the flood season and immediate decrease of the river's water-level had caused landslides, he added. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems had undertaken measures to manoeuvre the

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends 13th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.

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watercourse from the 1999-2000 fiscal year to the 2003-2004 fiscal year, spending 64.90 million kyats, he said. Besides, the ministry had spent a total of 281.7 million kyats from the 2004-2005 fiscal year to the 2011-2012 fiscal year on prevention of landslides due to erosion, and so far, 346.6 million kyats had been spent on the work.

He said it was difficult to carry out the task for maneuvering the watercourse in full swing because the task cost huge amounts of money as it was carried out against the nature.

To prevent Zalun from flood from the Ayeyawady River, dykes were built and Santan Dyke (Ayeyawady-Hinthada) was located between

the mile post Nos. 25/1 and 25/3, and the Irrigation Department had carried out the task for maintain the banks in April and May, 2011, and maintenance tasks were carried out yearly, he said. U Thila Dyke had been built about 1200 feet west of Santan Dyke in 1993, he added.

He continued to say that the task for prevention of the landslides along the banks of the River included building stone revetments and was gigantic. The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems had planned to spend 50 million kyats on building the 285-ft long dyke at Nanntawgyun Jetty in Zalun.

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