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Our Three Main National Causes

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



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends 16th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The second regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the sixteenth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 387 Hluttaw representatives.

One proposal was recorded, nine questions were answered two proposals discussed and two new proposals submitted at today's session.

U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura

Constituency submitted the proposal that **Pyithu Hluttaw welcomes preliminary peace agreements between Shan State government and groups of "Wa" Special Region (2), and Shan State government and groups of Mongla Special Region (4) and signing of preliminary agreements to work in collaboration for peace and progresses of the regions concerned and environs.** The Hluttaw accepted the proposal and confirmed it as honourable achievement.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied to queries raised by five representatives.

In his reply to question of U Aung Kyaw Oo of YeU Constituency about **government's measures for resolution of erosion of Aungmingala Ward of YeU in the west of Mu River as it has been about 30 years that Mu River has worn away the ward, causing about 300 households homeless yearly and the remaining households are at the brink of destruction in coming years for no efforts have still been made for conservation of waterways of Mu River,** the Union Minister said that Kindat Diversion Weir constructed in 1997 could somehow control the flow of Mu River; that after construction of Thanphanseik Dam in 2001, the flow of Mu River has been totally under control; that bank erosion in YeU is not attributable to massive inflow of water from upstream of Mu River, but heavy rainfall in the region and inflow of water from canals and streams flowing between YeU and Kaboe Dam, 15 miles upstream the town; that according to records of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, wooden weirs were constructed in 1985-1986 to reduce the erosion of Aungmingala Ward and similar measures were taken in 2001 and that later on, no report was made to the

ministry from the region and thus no preventive measure was taken against erosion of Aungmingala Ward of YeU.

He continued that his ministry has instructed the directorate to immediately contact with local authorities concerned and provide necessary assistance in case of bank erosion to ensure fewer damages; that in case of severe conditions, it is needed to immediately report to region/state governments concerned and to cooperate with Ministry of Transport for repair works and added that Hluttaw representatives may seek help from local authorities in case of bank erosion in own regions.

U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency asked **government's measure for maintaining of Pyapon bank for long-existence of Pyapon as bank erosion occurs yearly on Pyapon side due to sand banks at its opposite side, and as a result three wards were moved in 1968, retaining walls were eroded in 1975, and the market and residential wards are being affected by erosion which recently has worn away 100 feet of the garden along 7000-ft long bank and prayer hall at Thazi Pagoda, and the bank erosion is still in critical condition despite the efforts of local residents for prevention against erosion.**

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (12-9-2011)

Kawthoung	7.87 inches
Kayan	3.78 inches
Yangon (central)	3.59 inches
Myeik	3.31 inches
Theinzayat	3.03 inches
Nyaungdon	2.84 inches
Launglon	2.84 inches
Bago	2.79 inches
Thayawady	2.68 inches
Minbu	1.62 inches

International Day of Democracy 2011



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Practise good habits of public ethics

In striving for modernizing the nation, education-centred human society is to be built. While gathering development momentum, efforts are to be made for ensuring peace and stability of the nation. Sound foundations are to be built for unity and amity of the people.

Constantly turning out highly-qualified human resources plays a key role in strengthening the nation with political, economic and defence might. Strenuous efforts are to be made for development of human resources across the nation including new generation youths. It is necessary not only to develop modern science technologies but also to improve arts subjects in the education sector.

Basic education plays a crucial role in the education sector. In addition to academic matters, students are to be equipped with the spirit of adoring the nation and true patriotic spirit. We must also develop them into intellectuals and intelligentsia with high reasoning power.

In building the continuous learning society in line with the Myanmar education goal, the role of teachers is the most important. They are to set sight on nurturing their pupils equipped with high morality, thinking power and good habits.

Educational staff members are to abide by code of conduct for teachers. Emphasizing successful realization of education policies and effective academic tasks, public ethics are to be provided to all students.

Youths, the one-fourth of population of the nation, are invaluable strength of the nation. As the government is implementing the plan for all-round development of the youths, all the teachers are to broaden the horizons of the new generation youths equipped with literature and knowledge capabilities for enabling them to enjoy glittering future.

Operating RG drilling machines at full capacity discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—A meeting to operate RG sinking machines at full capacity for sinking tube-wells in arid regions of central Myanmar was held at the hall of Water Resources Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation this afternoon.

Director-General U Kyi Htut Win of WRUD and officials held discussions with Vice-President Yin Yongjing and officials of RG Petro-Machinery (Group) of the People's Republic of China on progress of sinking tube-wells, operating of the RG machines at full capacity and sending technicians from China for development of drilling technology.

The department imported 12 RG drilling machines from China in 2010-2011 financial year. The machines are being used in the tasks of water availability for agricultural purpose and drinking purpose in arid region. So far, 26 tube-wells have been sunk in Nay Pyi Taw, Pyawbwe and Yamethin regions successfully.—*Tin Htwe*

Union A&I Minister on inspection tour of Shwetaung Research Farm



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views horticultural farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Meiktila.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing together with Deputy Minister U Ohn Than, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Development Committee and Hluttaw

Representatives held a meeting with staff growing 130 acres of hybrid paddy strain and hybrid sunflower-10 in

Shwetaung Research Farm in Wundwin Township yesterday.

Managing Director of Myanmar Agriculture Service presented reports on producing of hybrid paddy strain by Department of Agricultural Research, Department of Industrial Crops Research and Myanmar Agriculture Service.

The Union Minister viewed the hybrid sunflower-10 farm, leaving instructions to advance the agricultural sector, and to win confidence of local farmers by nurturing quality paddy strains.

MNA

CBM Governor receives JICA officials

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein of the Ministry of

Finance and Revenue received Professor Dr Fumiharu Mieno and party of JICA Mission at the hall of the CBM, here, this afternoon.

They discussed cooperation in banking services. Also present at the call were heads of departments.—MNA

TRFL Department D-G signs Condolence Book for demise of former President of the State Council Vietnam

YANGON, 12 Sept—Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint signed Condolence Book opened at the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, at No. 72, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, here at 4 pm today, for the demise of His Excellency Mr Vo Chi Cong, Former President of the State Council of Vietnam on 8th September 2011.

MNA



Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint signs Condolence Book for the demise of former President of the State Council of Vietnam Mr Vo Chi Cong.—MNA

MFF, MPEA to organize talks

YANGON, 12 Sept—Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association will jointly organize the educative talk with the sponsorship of Parami Foundation at the hall of the federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township, here, at 2 pm on 17 September.

Writer Atta Kyaw will give talks on change and golden practices.

Enthusiasts may attend it.—MNA

RUMFCCI President leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 12 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and Central Executive U Myo Thant left for Bangkok of Thailand by air this morning to participate in the pre-meeting for the 4th GMS Business Summit and the GMS-BF Trade and Transport Facilitation

Contacts for Anti-Trafficking in Persons

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law was promulgated on 13 September 2005. During the six years period, action was taken against 2043 human traffickers—818 men and 1235 women—in 731 trafficking in person cases. A total of 1298 human trafficking victims—164 men and 1134 women—were rescued and they were handed over to their families.

For information on trafficking in persons, dial 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 0949555666 in Muse, 0949555777 in Mandalay and 0949555888 and 0949555999 in Yangon.—MNA

Working Group Meeting to be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

They were seen of at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung.—MNA

Texas fire destroys 1,554 homes, 17 people missing

BASTROP, 12 Sept— Drawn to the quaint Central Texas town of Bastrop by the promise of life in a quiet, wooded area, Frank Davis moved into his new home two Saturdays ago. The next day, he and his wife evacuated when a monster wildfire moved

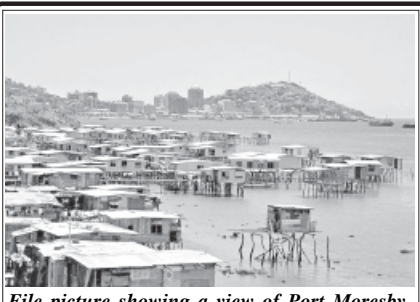
in. Now, there's nothing left. "The fire was so hot, there are even panes of glass that melted," said Davis, a 47-year-old home remodeler who came to Bastrop from Austin, about 30 miles away. "It's all gone."

The number of homes destroyed by a still-raging wildfire here rose on Sunday to 1,554 and will increase further as emergency crews enter areas where the

blaze has been extinguished. Seventeen people remain unaccounted for, but officials believe they could simply be out of town. Bastrop County officials joined by Democratic US Rep Lloyd Doggett sought to provide new information to hundreds of residents evacuated a week ago, when blustering wind whipped up by Tropical Storm Lee swept across parched, drought-

stricken Texas — helping to spark more than 190 wildfires statewide that killed four people.

The worst of the fires is the one in Bastrop that has consumed more than 34,000 acres. Crews have now contained more than 50 percent of the blaze, paving the way for people to begin returning home and trying to rebuild their lives from the remains of the smoldering rubble.—*Internet*



File picture showing a view of Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea. A French diplomat working for the European Union in Papua New Guinea has been airlifted to Australia after a shark attacked him when he was kite-surfing off Port Moresby.—INTERNET

Shark savages French diplomat in PNG

PORT MORESBY, 12 Sept—A French diplomat working for the European Union in Papua New Guinea was airlifted to Australia on Monday after a shark attacked him when he was kite-surfing off Port Moresby.

Thomas Viot, 30, was bitten by what he believed was a two-metre (6.5 feet) tiger shark at a reef off the PNG capital on Sunday afternoon.

"I managed to ride back with my kite-surf, it was bleeding very badly and I don't know how but I managed to ride back," Viot told AFP from hospital in Port Moresby ahead of being evacuated to Brisbane.

"I lost a lot of blood and the leg needs to have surgery."

The EU economist has been in PNG for two-and-a-half years and said

there were always "plenty" of sharks at the reef, but he did not see the creature before it struck. He vowed to return to kite-surfing once he had recovered.

"It's not my first surfing accident... I got attacked by a stingray at the beginning of the year, and I always go back," he said. "By a shark, this was the first (attack) and I hope the last."—*Internet*



A fire fighting crew from the Lassen National Forest in Calif, clean up hot spots after the destructive wildfire in Bastrop, Texas, on 10 Sept, 2011. INTERNET

A British man was killed and his wife kidnapped in an attack at a luxury beach resort in northern Kenya by suspected Somali extremists, officials said on Sunday. INTERNET



British man killed, wife kidnapped at Kenya beach resort

NAIROBI, 12 Sept—A British man was killed and his wife kidnapped in an attack at a luxury beach resort in northern Kenya by suspected Somali extremists, officials said Sunday.

The attack took place overnight Saturday at a tourist lodge in the Kiunga marine reserve on the Lamu archipelago off Kenya's northern coast, a Kenyan police official said.

He said officers had launched a massive

manhunt for the abductors, using speedboats and helicopters, and police suspected the attackers were Shebab extremists from Somalia.

"We have launched a massive security operation but we are experiencing difficulties because they might have escaped using a speedboat," said the official who declined to give his name. "We suspect it involves the Shebab."

A spokesman for Britain's Foreign Office

said that "two British citizens were attacked at a beach resort north of Lamu near the Kenya, Somalia border. One was killed and another was kidnapped."—*Internet*

Indonesia road smash kills 19

JAKARTA, 12 Sept—A horrific smash between a bus and an overloaded minibus killed 19 people in Indonesia's east Java Province on Monday with police saying they suspected the drivers were speeding.

Mojokerto police chief Prasetyo Utomo

said both drivers were killed in the accident, which occurred in Mojokerto District at 03:30 am (2030 GMT).

"The majority of the victims, 17 of them, were inside the minibus. One of the victims is a seven-year-old girl," Utomo

"We suspect the bus and the minivan were speeding. And the minivan was over capacity, it should have seated 10 people."

Indonesia has a poor road safety record with drivers frequently flouting the law.

Internet



File picture of heavy traffic in Jakarta. A horrific smash between a bus and an overloaded minibus has killed 19 people in Indonesia's east Java Province with police saying they suspected the drivers were speeding. INTERNET

Death toll reaches 15,782 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 12 Sept—The devastating earthquake and tsunami in March have left 15,782 people dead and 4,086 others unaccounted for in Japan by Sunday, which marks the sixth-month anniversary of the twin disasters, according to the National Police Agency. The disasters affected people in about 12 of Japan's 47 prefectures and more than 2,000 people remain missing in Miyagi Prefecture alone. A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific coastal areas of northeastern and eastern Japan on 11 March, triggering an enormous tsunami. Heavy casualties and extensive damage have been caused by the twin disasters, which also triggered the world's worst disaster at the Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant since Chernobyl accident in 1986.—*Xinhua*

Asian stocks tumble amid Europe debt worries

Business



An investor monitors stock market activities at the Doha securities market on 11 September, 2011.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 12 Sept—Asian stock markets fell sharply Monday, with sentiment soured by renewed anxiety about Europe's debt problems and heavy Wall Street losses before the weekend. Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average lost 2 percent at 8,562.47 as the index hit fresh six-month intraday lows.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index shed 3.2 percent to 19,231.69. In Australia, the S&P/ASX 200 plunged

3.5 percent to 4,048.60. Benchmarks in New Zealand and Singapore also retreated. Financial markets in South Korea, China and Taipei were closed Monday for national holidays.

Worries about Europe battered Wall Street on Friday, sending the Dow Jones down 2.7 percent to close at 10,992.13. Seeking safer havens, investors sent the yield on the 10-year Treasury note to the lowest level in five decades. Investors were rattled by the surprise resignation of Juergen Stark, a key official at the European Central Bank. His decision revealed deepening divisions over how to solve Europe's economic problems and exacerbated concerns that the continent's heavily indebted economies could collapse.—*Internet*

HSBC launches sale of non-life insurance business

Business

HONG KONG, 12 Sept—HSBC Holdings Plc <0005.HK> has launched the sale of its non-life insurance business, sources told *Reuters* on Monday, a global division worth about \$1 billion and now part of the bank's plan to strip away non-core units. HSBC, Europe's biggest bank with a large presence across Asia, had sent out an information memorandum to potential buyers, with first round bids due by mid-October, a source said.

HSBC operates non-life insurance businesses in Britain, France, Hong Kong and Singapore. The Hong Kong and Singapore operations alone bring about \$400 million in annual

premiums, the source said. HSBC's non-life insurance businesses earned profit before tax

of about \$1 billion in 2010, according to a presentation made by HSBC in June.

"We do not comment on market rumors or speculation," a Hong Kong-based HSBC spokeswoman said.

The sources declined to be identified as the sale process was not public.

HSBC's 16 percent stake in Ping An Insurance (Group) Co of China Ltd <2318.HK><601318.SS> and 18 percent stake in Bao Vietnam, a domestic financial institution, were not part of the sale, the source said.

HSBC's investment banking arm was running the sale process, the source added.—*Reuters*



An advertisement of HSBC is displayed outside its headquarters in front of the Legislative Council (background) in Hong Kong on 7 September, 2011.—INTERNET

Israeli development enhances memory in Alzheimer patients

Health

JERUSALEM, 12 Sept—A new electromagnetic system developed by an Israeli firm helps patients suffering from mild to moderate Alzheimer regain part of their cognitive skills through brain stimulation, proving to be more effective than drugs. Developed by Neuronix, the NeuroAD system stimulates the area in the brain responsible for memory and learning, giving patients the same levels of memory they had two years before.

NeuroAD is uses a technology called NICE (Non-Invasive Cortical Enhancer) developed by Neuronix, that makes the memory area in the brain receptive to cognitive training.

Once the brain is stimulated, researchers expect an LTP (Long-Term Potentiation) in the patient, that usually degrades in Alzheimer patients causing cognitive skills to fade.

"The NeuroAD works with electromagnetic stimulation of the brain regions affected by the Alzheimer," Neuronix CEO Eyal Baror told *Xinhua* on Sunday, "and in parallel with this stimulation we give the patients cognitive tasks like remembering something from the past or language exercises."

The patient then uses the same brain region that is being stimulated to do those tasks, therefore making the effects longer, Baror said.—*Xinhua*

One, two drinks a day good for heart

Health

ROCHESTER, (NY) 12 Sept—How and when a person drinks may be a more significant factor than how much one drinks in how alcohol affects the body, US researchers say.

Study author John Cullen, a research associate professor at the University of Rochester Medical Centre in New York, says population studies support an association between alcohol and cardiovascular disease, but this research relied on self-reported data, which is not always accurate or reliable. The study, published in the journal *Atherosclerosis*, found daily moderate drinking — two drinks per day, seven days a week — decreased atherosclerosis in mice. Binge drinking — seven drinks a day over the weekend — increased development of the disease. Atherosclerosis, or the hardening and narrowing of arteries, is a serious condition that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

"People need to consider not only how

much alcohol they drink, but the way in which they are drinking it," Cullen says in a statement. "Research shows that people have yet to be convinced of the dangers of binge drinking to their health; we're hoping our work changes that."

However, scientists don't yet understand how moderate alcohol consumption benefits cardiovascular health or how binge drinking episodes hurt it, Cullen says.

Internet



Hazy, dirty air on a hot summer day is a visible sign of air pollution in America's cities. But you can't see ozone — the main component of smog — and a lung irritant that aggravates asthma and COPD. In the top 10 worst cities for ozone the air can be dangerous to breathe, according to the "State of the Air 2011" report. Here are the dirtiest, the cleanest, and a few smoggy surprises.

INTERNET

Plan underway to observe International Day of Democracy 2011 at Hluttaw Building for the first time in Myanmar for flourishing of democratization process and rights in conformity with actual progress of nation to serve interests of State and entire people

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will jointly organize the International Day of Democracy 2011 which falls on 15 September 2011 at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building at 10 am on 15 September.

The gala ceremony will be attended not only by Hluttaw representatives of legislative body but also Union ministers, deputy ministers, officials, officials of the Union Supreme Court and the Union Attorney-General's Office, speakers of region and state

Hluttaws, responsible persons of UN agencies and non-government organizations, and people's representatives from eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Moreover, correspondents of local-based foreign news agencies, reporters of local periodicals and correspondents from foreign new agencies are allowed to attend the ceremony.

Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives will submit papers.

As the Republic of the Union of



Myanmar that has emerged in line with the democratization process of the constitution (2008) is being built as a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing new democratic nation, special emphasis is being placed steadfastly on reformation of the country in democratization process. At present, the

ceremony to mark the International Day of Democracy 2011 will be held for the first time in Myanmar with the aim of firmly flourishing democratization process and rights in conformity with the actual progress of the nation so as to serve the interests of the State and the entire people.—MNA

Union Minister receives Nepalese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Chairman of Nepalese Research Council Dr Chop Lal Bhusal and party of Ministry of Health and Population of Nepal at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

They exchanged views on health care services in Myanmar and Nepal,

opening of medical universities and academic matters, medical research works, promotion of traditional medicine and opening of traditional medicine university.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, directors-general and officials of departments under the ministry.—MNA

US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 12 Sept—US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, accompanied by Charge d' Affaires ai of the US Embassy Mr Michael E Thurston, met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and others at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on University Avenue, here, at 10.20 am today.—MNA



US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. MNA

Toungoo Station aids flood victims



Mobile medical teams of local field medical corps led by Toungoo Station providing health care services to flood victims evacuated from flooded wards and villages of Toungoo Township to relief camps in Toungoo of Bago Region.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo 664 cm exceeded 64 cm above its danger level 600cm in Toungoo of Bago Region this afternoon, inundating eight wards and four villages in Toungoo.

A total of 5349 flood victims of 1260 households were evacuated to 17 relief camps. Mobile medical teams of local field medical corps under the supervision of Toungoo Station are providing healthcare, anti-mosquito spray and necessary assistances to the victims.—MNA

Amazon in talks to launch digital book library

NEW YORK, 12 Sept—Amazon.com Inc is in talks with book publishers about launching a media library service similar to Netflix Inc for tablets and other digital books, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Sunday. Seattle-based Amazon, which makes the popular Kindle electronic reader, is also expected to release a tablet to rival Apple Inc's iPad in coming weeks, the

Journal reported.

Under the proposal for a digital media library, customers would pay an annual fee to access a

library of content, the Journal reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

Reuters

Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo 670 cm has exceeded by 70 cm (about 2.3 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 72 hours commencing this noon, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

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The Union Minister replied that bank erosion can easily occur in Pyapon as it is situated outside the river bend and it has silt-like soil being located in Delta Region, especially bank erosion are more likely to occur on weak earth foundation on which heavy buildings are built; that it is studied that bank erosion mostly occur around Thazi Pagoda which is situated at the centre of the river bend, the narrowest part of the river between Pyapon River and Pyapon Bridge.

Preventive measures and designs were developed based on the survey of the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of Water Systems and 210-ft wide retaining wall based on bored pile was built; that the directorate has provide close technical support starting from 17-3-2011 in constructing of the retaining wall and all the works were completed on 5-



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending 16th-day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ba Htay of Mogok Constituency raising question.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U G Phon Sar of Naungmon Constituency raising question.

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6-2011 and the bank at the front of Pylon Chantha Thazi Pagoda is in firm condition.

U Maung Maung Tin of Yekyi Constituency asked the Union Minister **if the ministry has a plan to change the waterway of Ngawun River and reinforce Ngawun dike because despite the fact that the Irrigation Department has constructed 6800-long front-dyke in April of 2011 to prevent further damages of the Ngawun dyke due to sandbanks along the waterway of the Ngawun River in Ngathaingyoung Sub-township of Yekyi, the Ngawun dyke is still in critical condition for the newly-constructed dyke still cannot fill the bill and the location of Ngawun dyke is like holding water, and townships in Pathein District and Hinthada District may suffer losses if the deficiencies lead to loopholes, and the residents along Ngawun bank have been concerned for the aged dyke and bank erosion.**

The Union Minister replied that Ngathaingyoung Sub-township lies at the east bank of the Ngawun River, 68 miles from the mouth of Ngawun River (Nyaungkyo)) and 77 miles from Pathein; that floods usually occur in time of large amount of water as there are river bends at the upstream and downstream of Ngathaingyoung ; that according to records of Irrigation Department at Ngathaingyoung , the highest water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung is 31.35 feet on 17-8-1974 and the lowest water level is - 1.90 foot on 3-3-1974; that dykes in Ngathaingyoung were constructed by the Irrigation Department and Ngathaingyoung has not informed the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of Waters System about the bank erosion.

The Union Minister added that the directorate has taken preventive measures against erosion of Htupayon Pagoda bank and for retaining of Shwekyetkya Pagoda bank in Laymyethna, improvement of waterway

of Hainggyiyun, development of waterway of the Ngawun River, maintaining of bank of Ngawun river-crossing river (Pathein), maintaining of the bank of Pathein Port from 1999-2000 fiscal year to 2010-2011 fiscal year, spending K 811.96 million; that the directorate usually construct new waterway through the water bends as one of its measures against erosion; that such doing usually have great impacts either positive or negative on the downstream of the river and that it needs thorough survey and consideration of all possible effects.

U Aye Myint of Insein Constituency said **that Department of Marine Administration can turn out between 1000 and 2000 sailors yearly, relatively lower than other sailor markets around the world and projected production of sailors is advisable as increased production of sailors would benefit the nation and the people much and asked if there is any plan to turn out more sailors than current production rate.**

The Union Minister in his reply said that his ministry has established Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Mercantile Marine College in order to turn out seafarers; that the university allows annual admittance of 400 Students and confer B.E and B.Sc degrees which last five years; and the college allows annual admittance of 300 trainees and confer diplomas that last two years, producing around 700 cadets yearly.

There are, the Union Minister went on that also two government schools and seven private schools totaling nine for sailors at other level to be able to pursue maritime and navigation knowledge; that seven private schools were permitted to conduct seafarers' courses commencing 5-9-2011 and the ministry has instructed to train trainees by subject specialists and test with simple questioning and grading system.

He added that in addition to establishment of nine schools, two run by the government and seven by

the private sector, and the simple exam system, the ministry holds talks with agents of respective shipping lines for job creation.

U G Phon Sar of Nagmon Constituency asked the Union Minister **if his ministry has any plan to reuse short-range airports as otter airport built on self-reliant basis in Nagmon in 1979 that had provided conveniences for staff and the local people till 1984 and since then the airport has been out of use but other regions still possess such short-range airports.**

The Union Minister replied that Myanma Airways had run flights to Nagmon Airport with Twin Otter crafts; that to land on the ground, current planes of Myanma Airways need at least 4000 feet long runway; that the current runway of Nagmon Airport is of earthen type with 2461 feet in length and 90 feet in width; that the airport is surrounded by mountains with height from 3000 feet to 6000 feet, and covered with clouds in rainy season and mists in cold season, which stands barrier to view of the ground and thus it is not suitable for planes to land and take off and it could be used by small planes only in dry season according to weather and geographical conditions.

The Union Minister concluded that currently there is no plan to run flights to Nagmon because current Nagmon Airport has been out of maintenance for decades with its runway's surface damaged and there are no small planes that can land on Nagmon Airport, and running of flights to the airport is not economically beneficial but his ministry does has a plan to purchase and run small planes that can land on short-range airports for development of villages and towns in rural regions.

In response to the question of U Khin Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency asking **how budgets were checked and what were found after the six-month period of the term of the Union Auditor-General who was nominated by the President and appointed under the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung said that national budgets covering the 2011-2012 fiscal year have been drawn with 2011 national budget law; that the meeting No. 1/ 2011 of Financial Commission on 7-4-2011 passed a resolution to use the national budgets for the first half of the 2010-2011 fiscal year and Union budgets and region/state budgets from 1-10-2011 onwards.

The Union Auditor-General's Office and regional audit departments will check the national budget of the first half of the 2011-2012 fiscal year and report unusual situations to respective Hluttaws; that in the future, balance sheets of the Union and region/state funds will be checked and reported to respective hluttaws and no checks could be made as there have been no monthly balance sheets during the period mentioned in question.

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Regarding the question raised by U Ba Htay of Mogok Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to allow local people of Mogok to engage in gems mining on a managerial scale in accord with the law like in 2004 with the aim of improving livelihood of locals residing in Mogok Township of PyinOoLwin District in Mandalay Region and creating job opportunities, thereby contributing towards poverty alleviation, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik replied that gem mining sites in Mogok gems land were advertised in the papers in 2004. Permits to engage in gems mining in 119 sites out of 134 which were free from restrictions were issued in three times. Later, no applications for gems mining were allowed and permits were issued for designated sites under the arrangement of Myanmar Gems Enterprise through competitive biddings. As there remained vacant permission-granted sites, there is no recent advertisements for new gems mining sites in Mogok gems land.

According to guidance given by the President on a report of Mandalay Region Chief Minister's Office to



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grant the permission in accord with rules and regulations, permission to engage in gems mining on a managerial scale and to pan gem-bearing earths of large sites by the local people of Mogok Township is under scrutiny. If permissions are granted, there will be more cases of one's invasion of the site owned by the other one through tunnel like disputes occurred in 2004. So arrangements are being made to be settled and taken action against the cases in accord with Myanmar Gems Law.

Myanmar Gems Enterprise puts ads for unlicensed designated sites, unlicensed newly-reclaimed sites, vacant designated sites and vacant newly-reclaimed sites in the papers once two months. Opportunities are available for those who are willing to engage in gems mining are to apply the permits in accord with specifications for gems mining companies, cooperative societies and organizations. Plans are underway to allow local people of Mogok to engage in gems mining on a managerial scale and to pan gem-bearing earths of large sites in accord with rules and regulations of currently-exercised market economic system with the aim of economic development of local people.

Regarding the questions raised by U Kyaw Myint of Nawngkhio Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to grow summer paddy in townships which are suitable for summer paddy cultivation after removing the name of summer paddy out of the list of project crops as cultivation of summer paddy is not successful in many townships, except a few townships, of Shan state with unique topography and climate patterns and to allow some townships where summer paddy are not thrived to grow other crops that can benefit the State and farmers, and to upgrade Inngyi natural lake in Nawngkhio Township as a dam as 20000 local people of nearby villages are heavily relying on the lake for drinking water and for agricultural purpose and local people

are facing water scarcity when the lake is dry up due to intense heat of summer, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that the government is encouraging farmers in cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in order to fulfill requirements of food sufficiency, availability of surplus rice and exportation of surplus rice for foreign exchange and to meet regional rice sufficiency.

Arrangements are being made for use of good quality strains to boost rice production. Assistance is being rendered by the Union government and state/region governments to farmers to grow suitable summer paddy strains in suitable regions. Encouragements are not given in growing of summer paddy in the regions where topographical conditions



Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than answering questions.
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and weather patterns are not suitable for summer paddy cultivation. Necessary agricultural methods including selection of quality strains are being given for growing of other crops that can benefit farmers and are suitable for their regions.

Regarding the second question, a total of 20000 people of 35 nearby villages are relying on Inngyi Lake not only for drinking water but also for agricultural purpose. Upgrading of Inngyi Lake as a dam should be carried out as it can contribute adequate water supply and regional development. It is necessary to carry out feasibility study as a first phase. So land survey, hydrological study and geological study will be carried out.

Pyithu Hluttaw received Private School Registration Bill approved in Amyotha Hluttaw on 9 September and it will be discussed during coming week. Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee has to scrutinize the bill and submit the committee's report to the Hluttaw to be discussed. Representatives has to enlist their names, clearly describing para, sub para, points and facts they want to discuss not later than 14 September (Wednesday).

Five representatives held discussions on the proposal to set a policy for paddy cultivated areas (monsoon, summer).

U Nyi Nyi Myint of Ottwin Constituency seconded the proposal that protection of paddy cultivated area can lead to stability of socio-economic status of paddy growers and domestic rice sufficiency.

U Kyi Tint of Danu Constituency seconded the proposal that there are works to be done for setting town areas for possible increasing population and use of lands for development of the nation.

U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency seconded the proposal that paddy can be produced 150 baskets per acre on average and paddy can be produced two tons per acre for one crop in the world.

U Aung Myint of Gangaw Constituency seconded the proposal that it is required to set a policy to protect farmlands essential for paddy cultivation from being used for other purpose.

U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Toke of Momeik Constituency seconded the proposal that measures should be taken to draw a plan for paddy cultivated farmlands in states and regions by the government.

Regarding the proposal, the deputy minister said that Section 23 of 2008 State Constitution stated "the Union shall (a) enact necessary laws to protect the rights of the



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik answering question.
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peasants; (b) assist peasants to obtain equitable value of their agricultural produce. It is required to implement the ways for boosting incomes of farmers.

To enjoy more benefit from per acre yield of paddy than that of other crops, it is necessary to make arrangements for boosting per acre yield, minimizing cost of production and correct supervision in setting paddy price for the sake of farmers.

While the government is trying hard to strengthen the market economic system, it is necessary to take measures for earning more income from paddy cultivation so that paddy sown acreage will be increased. If a law to set paddy sown acreage is promulgated, it is difficult for the business with lack of interest to exist long and there will be hindrances for implementation of boosting production and quality in paddy sector.

Regarding the proposal, making a practical way to organize farmers to grow single or double paddy on their own volition for boosting paddy output growth that can make more earnings compared with other crops will be appropriated.

As the proposal of U Lun Thi is not needed to continue to do and Hluttaw approved to put it in record, Hluttaw decided to record it.

Five representatives discussed proposal submitted by U Maung Oo of Tatkon Constituency on 1 September to permit public companies in accord with the law.

Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namhkam Constituency supported the proposal because larger number of public companies can contribute a great deal to the State.

U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency supported the proposal that as there are only 21 public companies at present in the nation, it should scrutinize and allow registration of new public companies under the law.

U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency supported the opinion that time has come for the State to systematically protect the public companies for their emergence on a wider scale under the law and allot responsibilities to them so as to stand strong firms.

U Than Myint of Salingyi Constituency firmly supported that public companies are to be scrutinized and allowed for their establishments under the law like private companies in realizing the market economy.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency participated in the discussions that public companies are to show off their constant operations of works abiding by the rules, and she supported the proposal.

With regard to the proposal, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein said that the Union government initiates reformation of monetary and financial policies for effectively realizing the market economy. To do so, only when the government establishes monetary market and stock exchange, will private share exchange market of private sector emerge. At present, progress of monetary and stock exchange market reaches initial status only. As emergence of the investment market is based on establishment of public companies and sales of shares, public companies and investment market are interrelated.

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When the ASEAN Economic Community comes into existence, commodities of ASEAN and the globe will flow into the nation. Therefore, companies in Myanmar are to enlarge their work establishments like economic corporations of Korea and Japan so as to keep abreast with those of ASEAN countries.

As such, emergence of public companies is playing an important role.

Although some public companies were allowed in the past, later some of them did not officially declare benefits from the shares and commit abuse of benefit. Therefore, the formation of public companies was not allowed temporarily. Due to lesser investments of private companies, the State is nurturing public companies to be able to save the investments. Paddy and bean companies comprising 50 members were allowed to hold share-holder meeting and declare amount of benefit.

At present, the Union government

has planned to develop monetary market and investment market for economic growth of the State by forming public companies and establishing monetary market with the participation of people. As such, he supported the proposal of U Maung Oo and now the task is in process to allow the public companies under the law.

The Hluttaw agreed to put the proposal of U Maung Oo on record, and decided to encourage implementation of the proposal and its related matters.

U Thein Swe of An Constituency submitted a proposal calling for adopting a plan to maintain the water courses in

Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers; and Daw Dwe Bu of Ingyanyan Constituency, accelerating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and providing drug addicts with necessary assistance to be healthy and fit persons.

The proposals will be discussed on 14 September (Wednesday), and the representatives wishing to participate in the discussions are to enlist this evening.

The 16th-day second regular session was adjourned at 3.15 pm, and the 17th-day session continues tomorrow at 10 am.

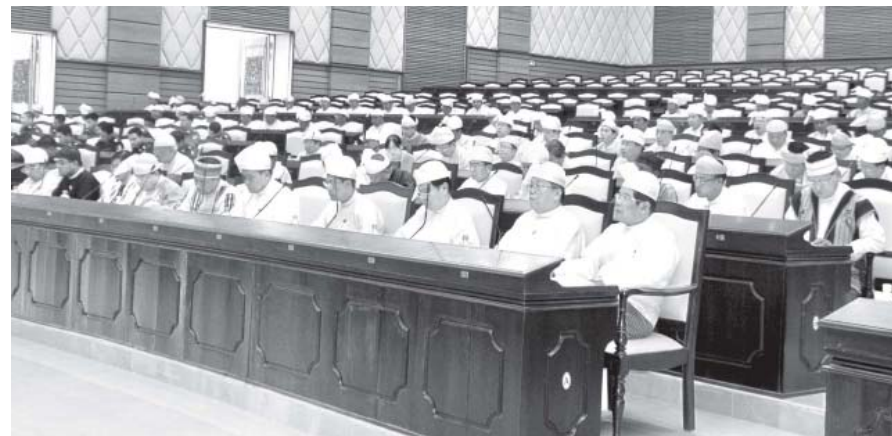
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Arrangements are being made to submit the propose for upgrading of Kyaikto Township Hospital to a 25-bed hospital with 55 health staff members including five doctors, one dentist and 16 nurses, and upgrade 16-bed Theinzayat Station Hospital to a 16-bed hospital with 17 health staff members including two doctors and six nurses.

U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency No. 4 in his question said that "trainees from Chin State have to go to far-flung Yangon only to attend midwifery training school. Due to long travel and increasing high cost, it becomes hard to recruit trainees. Also, it is difficult for female nurses from lower Myanmar to work in Chin State, asking whether there is a plan to open a midwifery training school in Haka of Chin State. In response, the Union Minister said that since 1993-1994, Medical Science Department has extended to open two midwifery training schools each in many regions and states as planned. One midwifery training school each was opened in Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon and Rakhine states and Sagaing and Taninthayi regions. According to the instruction, Falam nursing training school was opened in Falam, heart of the state, in 1993-1994. The nature of a midwifery training school calls for practical support with maternity patients. But, there are no



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enough maternity patients in Chin State for trainees. The State selects and sends trainees from Chin State to Central Midwifery Training School (Yangon) providing accommodation for them. Nurses from Falam nursing training school and Chin national nurses from Yangon Central Midwifery Training School are assigned duties in Chin State.

Entry system to nursing and midwifery trainings was set in 2003-2004. Those who passed matriculation exam are selected to attend midwifery training schools in their own regions and states in order of the marks of Myanmar, English and Mathematics subjects. That system is still being applied. Considering tour instructions of VIPs, recommendation of social organizations from related regions and states, proposals of remote areas, Border Areas and National Races Development Affairs Committee and or-

ganizations from related states, some persons are allowed to attend with limitation.

As it is found that applicants from Chin State to attend the trainings are more than necessary, there is no difficulty to get trainees. Those from Chin State eligible for Falam nursing training school and Yangon Central Midwifery Training School numbered 329 nurses and 218 midwives from 2004-2005 to 2010-2011. Number of nurses and midwives are enough for present situation. So, there is no plan to open midwifery training school in Haka.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint answered the questions of six representatives.

U Soe Han Lin of Ayeyawady Region constituency No. 1 asked the Union minister **whether the ministry had a plan to continue the construction of the Patheingyi-Ngapudaw Road which was helpful for governmental employees and students and transportation.**

The Union Minister said after the Nargis storm, the road was designated as the 11th road including the road network in Ayeyawady Region and Ministry of Construction had upgraded the road and bridges in the 2008-2009 fiscal year after the Nargis. Development Affairs Department had constructed the five miles long road section of the road while the Ministry of Construction had constructed the 16 miles long road section.

He continued to say that spending the ministry's budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, Patheingyi District construction group and two special groups for bridge construction projects had upgraded the road to the gravel one, and the 45 ft long

Salu Bridge, the 40 ft long Waegy Bridge and the 75 ft long Phyan Yegyaw Bridge, the 700 ft long Paepin Bridge and the 1820 ft long Thetkae Bridge were under construction.

The Ministry also was carrying out roadwork on the 16 miles long road section and was constructing the 15 ft long conduit in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, he added.

At the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Patheingyi-Ngapudaw Road would be the gravel one after upgrading the remaining 7 miles and seven furlongs long road section, he said.

If the ministry got the full funds for the two river crossing bridges in the upcoming fiscal year, Patheingyi could be accessible from Ngapudaw in all seasons by the end of 2012.

U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 3 asked the Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint **whether the ministry could upgrade the 44 miles and 3 furlongs long earth road which linked Thabaung, Yekyi, Yenantha, Gwa and Ngathaygying through 34 village-tracts.**

The Union minister said still the ministry had no plan to upgrade the earth road as it had not been constructed by the Ministry of Construction, and to upgrade the road, it would be required to upgrade the full distance of 43 miles and 3 furlongs from Thabaung to Yenantha in Yekyi Township.

U Myint Hlaing of Rakhine State constituency No. 12 asked the Union Minister **whether the ministry had a plan to upgrade the over 10 miles long Thandwe-Ngapali Road as the Ngapali Beach was famous, attracting State guests, diplomats and tourists.**

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (3) raising question.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency (2) participates in discussion.—MNA

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The Union minister said to upgrade the Thandwe-Ngapali-Mazin-Lontha Road Section, Nay La Thitsar private company was undertaking necessary measures under the BOT system.

Meanwhile, the company had carried out the roadwork to upgrade the Pyay-Taungup-Thandwe Road Section which linked Rakhine State and other regions and bridges on it under the BOT system.

The company had started roadwork to upgrade the 102 miles long Pyay-Taungup Road section as the road was given priority as from 13 February, 2010, and to upgrade the 56 miles and 7 furlong long Taungup-Ngapali-Mazin-Lontha as from 4 May, 2010. The company had planned to upgrade the 56 miles and 7 furlong long Taungup-Thandwe-Ngapali-Mazin-Lontha Road in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

He continued to say that the 54 employees of the company were supervising the the roadwork to upgrade the Thandwe-Ngapali-Lontha Road Section and the Ngapali-Mazin Road Section with the use of heavy machinery.

A tarred road in the Ngapali Beach Hotel Zone in Thandwe would be extended four miles more in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the remaining road sections would be upgraded to the asphalt road in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Ministry of Construction would closely supervise the roadwork so that the upgraded roads could meet the set standard.

Regarding the question raised by U Wilson Moe of Shan State Constituency (7) "whether there is plan to upgrade 18-mile road linking Tachilek and Wan Pon port into all-weather one as it is difficult to use road in rainy season", the Union minister answered that Tachilek is sharing border with Laos on the other bank of Mekong River; the road linked to Wan Pon International Domestic Port is Malayan-Pasa-Sanphu road; the road join Malayan village on Kengtung-Tachilek road section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road (Union Highway) and Sanphu village on Mekong river bank on the border with Laos; the road is under maintenance of Tachilek District Group of the Ministry of Construction; using the fund allotted for normal repair for 2011-2012 tax year, two miles and seven furlongs long earthen section was upgraded to 18 feet wide hard road; one mile long damaged road was repaired with sand and gravels; new RC bridge No (1/14) was built; and in 2012-2013 fiscal year, the ordinary repair fund and huge investment would be requested for continuing repair works.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (3) "whether there is plan to prescribe laws regarding condominiums to prevent loss of public interest as there are disputes between the construction entrepreneurs and residents in apartments because the

reality of car parking, water and electricity supply and elevator in condominiums in Yangon are not as advertised", the Union minister answered that the problems related to the public buildings on the land managed by the Ministry of Construction are fixed by the ministry; those on other private lands are dealt by Yangon City Development Committee; in 1997, complaints about a public housing on the ministry's land in Dagon Township were lodged against the construction entrepreneurs; the ministry settled the dispute between entrepreneurs and residents; no other complaint was made; Public Housing Law (Draft) was compiled in cooperation with related ministries, and organizations including Union Attorney-General's Office in public interest; the law (draft) was amended as it was found incommensurate with current reality and submitted to the Union Attorney-General's Office for remarks; after the comments from Union Attorney-General's Office are obtained, it would continue to prescribe the Public Housing Law.



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Steven Thabeik of Chin State Constituency (4) raising question.—MNA

Regarding the question raised by U Pe Thaung of Kachin State Constituency (6) that "the Tatmadaw government constructed Mandalay-Lashio-Bhamo-Myitkyina road and Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina road on eastern bank of Ayeyawady River and Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway on western bank of Ayeyawady River as sound infrastructures for smooth transport and commodity flow between Kachin State and the mainland; the private companies have been assigned in sections through BOT system; but, the maintenance and upgrading measures are weak; it is still difficult to use the road in all weathers; whether there is plan to upgrade these roads", the Union minister said in his reply that there are three main roads linking Kachin State and other Regions and States; and they are 487 miles and two furlongs long Mandalay-Lashio-Bhamo-Myitkyina road, and 404 miles and three furlongs long Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road on eastern bank of Ayeyawady River and 359 miles long Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Union

Highway on western bank of Ayeyawady River; three BOT companies Asia World Co Ltd, Shwe Moe Thwin Aung Construction Co Ltd and Jade Land Construction Company are working on the first road for improving construction of road and bridges; the Ministry of Construction is implementing 127 miles and seven furlongs long road section of the second one and three nationals companies are upgrading 213 miles long road section of the road with BOT system; damaged roads and bridges are being reconstructed urgently by PyinOoLwin and Bhamo District Groups, Building Construction Special Group (6), Bridge Construction Special Group (14) and Special Project Group (2) of the Ministry of Construction; in Mandalay Region, PyinOoLwin District Group is repairing 28 miles and three furlongs long section of 60 miles and three furlongs long road section between Thabeikkyin 7-mile junction to Tagaung-Yeshingyi section; 32 miles long section of the road is under repair by Building Construction Special Group (6); and bridges are being



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Soe Han Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (1) raising question.—MNA

constructed by Bridge Construction Special Group (14); eight miles long gravel road is being repaired; seven miles and five furlongs long road is under maintenance; six new bridges are being constructed and 24 bridges are being repaired; Special Project Group (2) is repairing six badly-damaged bridges between 20 feet and 110 feet with huge fund in 2011-2012 fiscal year; Bhamo District Group is repairing 20 miles and three furlongs long tarred road and 17 miles long gravel road, paving 3.5 furlongs long new gravel road, repairing two bailey bridges, repairing two wooden bridges, seven new RC conduits, digging 275 feet long and 45 feet deep three water erosion gorges, repairing four bailey wooden bridges and renovating damaged Bridge No (4/135) Ngabatgyi Bridge and No (1/12) Sakkala Bridge; Shwebo and Katha District Groups and 11 national companies groups are paving 12 feet wide tarred road, extending 40 feet wide earthen embankment, clearing the alignment and digging drains on 140 miles long section in Sagaing Region; Shwetaung Company and Su Htoo Pan Construction Co Ltd are upgrading roads and bridges with BOT



Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein making clarification.—MNA

system; Mohynin District Group of the Ministry of Construction is paving and repaving gravel roads and tarred roads and constructing roads on 121 miles long section in Kachin State; Khinemarhthaw Pandine Construction Co Ltd and Lido Highway Co Ltd are upgrading roads and bridges with BOT system in Kachin State; earthen roads are upgraded to hard roads, hard roads to gravel roads, gravel roads to tarred roads step by step; under-50-ft bridges in first phase, between-50-ft-and-100-ft bridges in second phase, between-100-ft-and-180-ft bridges in third phase and over-180-ft bridges in fourth phase will be upgraded to RC bridges; district groups, road and bridge construction project special groups, road and bridge construction private companies and BOT companies are repairing existing roads in Kachin State linking it with the other Regions and States and three main roads.

Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7), U Maung Sein of Taninthayi Region Constituency (5), U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency (2), Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1), U Win Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency (2) and U Ye Myint of Bago Region Constituency (4) discussed the proposal "urging the Union government to systematically designate the site for construction of deep sea port (Dawei) in Nabule Village of Yebyu Township, Dawei District, Taninthayi Region, avoiding damages in historical areas" submitted by U Than Swe of Taninthayi Region Constituency (2) on 8 September. They seconded the proposal that Thagara Ancient City should be designated as archaeological site and conserve as the area of Myanmar-Thai cultural relations and tourist destination; the historical sites should be designated and conserved systematically; Section (96) Schedule (1) and Section (188) Schedule (2) of the Constitution protect ancient archaeological sites; UNESCO is also recognizing and conserving world historical cultural heritages; and one of Myanmar's historical cultural heritages should be conserved systematically.

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Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein explained that Stone Age and Bronze Age cultural proofs were unearthed in Dawei Region of Taninthayi Region; it is learnt that there are 10 ancient cities and remnants of ancient urban cultural buildings; Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department conducted a field study in 1996 and 1999; the remnants were unearthed in 2000 and 2001; it is learnt from the Ministry of Culture that Thagara ancient city wall, gates and palace sites were unearthed; Thagara Ancient City site was not included

in demarcation to develop Dawei Special Economic Zone in Dawei District in Taninthayi Region; it is situated about one mile south of the special economic zone; the Culture Ministry discussed the prior coordination was needed for digging works in construction roads and railroads outside the zone for avoiding from damaging ancient cultural evidences and sites underground in Myanmar Special Economic Zone Central Working Committee Coordination Meeting on 22 July, 2011; in response to the discussion, officials of Taninthayi Region government, Dawei Special Economic Zone Supportive Group, Italian-Thai Development Public Co Ltd (ITD) which is implementing the zone and the Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department are conducting field survey; the department conducted prior survey to conserve archaeological sites,

urn heights and ancient buildings in the environs of Thagara Ancient City by designating zones under Cultural Heritages Conservation Law in third week of August in 2011; Section (35) Sub-section (d) of Dawei Special Economic Zone Law prescribed in January 2011 suggests that **"In Dawei Special Economic Zone, the developer or investor shall report immediately to the Management Committee if natural mineral resources or antiques not relating to the permitted enterprise and which are not included in the original agreement are found above and under the land which he is entitled to lease or use. If the Management Committee permits, he may continue to operate on such land. If not, he shall shift to the substituted area"**; the law protect antiques from damaging and losing by the project. The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

Dr Soe Tun of Mandalay Region Constituency (1) submitted the proposal **"urging the Union government to form a scholar group to fairly settle health disputes"** and U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency (6) submitted the proposal **"urging the Union government to form Republic of the Union of Myanmar Large Dams National Committee and International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD)"**. As one Hluttaw seconded the proposals to discuss at the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw approved the proposals to discuss.

The 16th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 2.25 pm and the session continues for 17th day at 10 am on 13 September, 2011 (Tuesday).

At today's session, 10 questions were raised and answered; one proposal was approved and two new proposals were submitted.—MNA



Steel frame constructed for the cover of Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant's Unit 1 reactor is completed in this handout photo taken by TEPCO in Fukushima Prefecture, northern Japan, on 9 September, 2011 and released on 10 September, 2011.
INTERNET

19 children die of suspected encephalitis in N India

NEW DELHI, 12 Sept—Nineteen children have died of suspected encephalitis in Bihar northern India, reported the *Indo-Asian News Service* on Monday.

The children reported high fever, followed by bouts of unconsciousness and convulsions, said the report quoting hospital sources.

Nearly 50 children with suspected encephalitis had been admitted to hospital for treatment, most of them from rural areas, with more than a dozen children battling for life.

Suspected encephalitis hit Gaya District of Bihar in 2009, 2007 and 2005 and killed dozens of children.—Xinhua

British kids carry knives to school

LONDON, 12 Sept—British children now carry knives in some of the schools across the country because they feel unsafe both in school and on their journey to and from the premises, says a shocking new report prepared by a think tank.

Many students have stopped attending because they feel unsafe, says the report titled "No Excuses: A Review of Educational Exclusion" by Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith's think tank Centre for Social Justice.

At one primary school, gang culture was so endemic that children aged nine to 11 arrived wearing the colours of their local street gang, the *Daily Express* reported.

At another school, the head revealed how pupils aged seven to 11 admitted

bringing knives after being bullied by older children, or in one case, by someone's father on their way home from school. Schools also try to hide their gang problems because of fear of damage to their reputation, the report said.

Many school heads are also breaking the law by

continuing to take money from the government for pupils who never actually come to school.

Gavin Poole, executive director of the think tank, said: "It is vital that unscrupulous and sometimes illegal practices indulged in are confronted head on. The money for

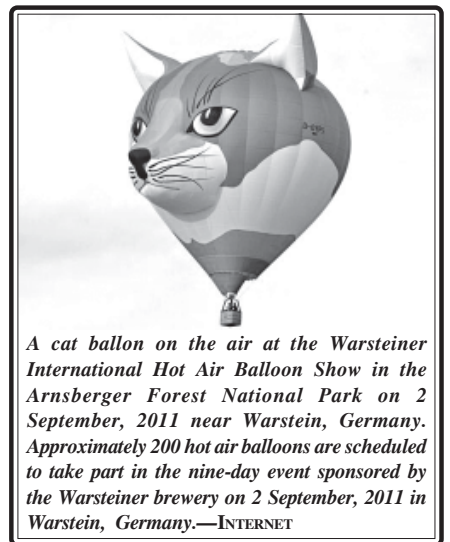
these 'ghost pupils' is retained by the school, but they don't attend, with some schools failing to provide any suitable education or support."

The report identified many factors that caused disruptive behaviour.

Family breakdown and domestic abuse are among the causes. A child not growing up in a two-parent family is 75 percent more likely to fail at school, it said.—Internet



A pipe band performs during Canada's National Firefighters' Annual Memorial Ceremony on the Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada, on 11 Sept, 2011. The ceremony also highlighted the establishment of the first ever Canadian Firefighters Memorial now under construction in Ottawa.
XINHUA



A cat balloon on the air at the Warsteiner International Hot Air Balloon Show in the Arnsberger Forest National Park on 2 September, 2011 near Warstein, Germany. Approximately 200 hot air balloons are scheduled to take part in the nine-day event sponsored by the Warsteiner brewery on 2 September, 2011 in Warstein, Germany.—INTERNET

Baggage incident snarls KC airport

KANSAS CITY, 12 Sept—Part of a Kansas City International Airport terminal was shut down Sunday when a passenger's carry-on bag triggered an alert, authorities said.

Travellers in Terminal B were evacuated and police used a robot to place the bag in a container where it was blasted apart with high-pressure water. No explosives were found, *The Kansas City Star* reported.

"When it was scanned, it appeared that something suspicious was in his carry-on luggage," FBI spokeswoman Bridget Patton said.

The action was taken about 9:30 am after the Southwest Airlines passenger refused to cooperate, the newspaper said. The terminal's operations returned to normal about 3 pm but the unidentified man was detained by authorities.

Internet



Navy women officers and seamen sing to celebrate the Moon Festival on the Qinghai Lake ship of the 9th escort flotilla of the Chinese Navy on mission at Jeddah port in Saudi Arab in the evening on 11 Sept, 2011 on the eve of the Moon Festival. The 9th escort flotilla is on an escort mission on the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somalia.—XINHUA

Australia still attractive for foreign retailers

SYDNEY, 12 Sept—Australia will continue to be an attractive country for international retailers following some major Australian retailers recently bucked the gloomy trend, according to a new research released from the nation's market research firm IBISWorld on Monday.

Despite negativity in the retail sector, Australia's Harvey Norman, Woolworths,

Wesfarmers and JB Hi-fi all reported higher profits in 2010-11.

IBISWorld analysts expect Australia's retail spending to be three percent higher in 2011-12 financial year than the previous year, while interest rates and unemployment remain low and disposable incomes increase.

"This will make Australia an attractive location for international brands, with both Costco and IKEA planning further stores and UK mega fashion store Topshop opening its first Australian outlet by 2012," IBISWorld general manager Karen Dobie said.

Xinhua



Giant panda "Qing Feng" looks at a moon cake at the Yantai Zoo in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 12 Sept, 2011. Giant pandas "Qing Feng" and "Hua Ao" enjoyed moon cakes made of eight delicacies including corn flour, soybean powder, bamboo powder, eggs and apples at the zoo on Monday, to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on 12 Sept this year.—XINHUA

New Zealand, UK agree to closer science, innovation links

WELLINGTON, 12 Sept—New Zealand and the United Kingdom are to step up cooperation in science and innovation under an agreement signed Monday. A New Zealand-United Kingdom Science and Innovation Working Group is to be established under the agreement signed by New Zealand Science and Innovation Minister Wayne Mapp and UK Secretary of State Jeremy Browne.

"The United Kingdom has always been one of New Zealand's most significant science and innovation partners," said Mapp. "Both countries share an interest in driving economic growth through investment in science and research."

Mapp said about 30 percent of New Zealand

researchers already had a UK partner with particularly strong cooperation in the biological sciences, biotechnology and the physical sciences.

Browne said the Working Group would add value and structure to the relationship between the UK and New Zealand, and allow a stronger focus on scientific opportunities.

The working group, to be set up by the UK Department of Business Innovation and Skills, and New Zealand's Ministry of Science and Innovation and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, would meet up to four times over the coming year and report directly to the two governments by September next year.—Xinhua



This image released by the journal Science shows the right hand skeleton of the adult female Australopithecus sediba against a modern human hand. A detailed analysis of 2 million-year-old bones found in South Africa offers the most powerful case so far in identifying the transitional figure that came before modern humans, findings some are calling a potential game-changer in understanding evolution. The hand, seen in a palmar view, lacks three ... more.—INTERNET

Malaysia, US negotiate Trans-Pacific Partnership pact

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Sept—Malaysia announced on Monday it has terminated the free trade agreement (FTA) with the United States, but is constructively negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact that involves the United States, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Vietnam, Singapore and Brunei.

"We have not been engaged with the US a couple of years ago and we decided to terminate the US-Malaysia free trade agreement now," Minister of International Trade and Industry Mustapa Mohammad told reporters at a conference.

"But we are negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership pact," he said.

"It is a high standard negotiation and we have talked in specific details what tariffs to look at and what sector to open up, for example, the financial sector. Malaysia is playing a constructive role in the discussion," he added.

The Malaysia-US free trade agreement was initiated in 2005.—Xinhua

89 beauty queens vying for Miss Universe crown

SAO PAULO, 12 Sept—A group of 89 beauty queens will don swimsuits, evening gowns and test their interview skills in the hopes of winning the 2011 Miss Universe crown on Monday. Contestants from six continents spent the last three weeks in South America's largest city, trying to learn samba dance steps, visiting impoverished children and kicking a football around for cameras as the globe's biggest beauty contest is held in Brazil for the first time.

"It's our 60th anniversary, it's a very big show, we're anticipating close to a billion viewers from around the world," said Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe organization.

Shugart said it was fitting the globe's biggest beauty pageant be held in Brazil at this time, as the nation prepares to host some major events in the coming years.

"I don't think there is any doubt in the rest of the world's mind that Brazil is the place, between hosting the Olympics and hosting the World Cup," she said. "I love fact we're going to kick it off. I always say we're the 'World Cup' of beauty."

The contestants, who must never have been married or had children and who must be at least 18 years of age and under 27 years of age by 1 Feb of the competition year, are competing to take the place of Mexico's Jimena Navarrete, who won the crown last year in Las Vegas.

There have been no headline-grabbing gaffes going into this year's competition, as opposed to past years that have seen controversies of various stripes.

Some of the contestants have complained to the local press about the size of bikinis used in some photo shoots, with Miss Mexico Karin Ontiveros saying they were "very small."—Internet

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High blood pressure increases the risk of stroke and heart attack.

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High blood pressure genetic clues

LONDON, 12 Sept — More than 20 new sections of genetic code have been linked to blood pressure by an international team of scientists. Almost everyone will carry at least one of the genetic variants, according to studies published in *Nature and Nature Genetics*. Researchers believe their findings could be used to develop new treatments. The British Heart Foundation said lifestyle was still key to a healthy blood pressure.

High blood pressure — or hypertension — can run in families as well as being influenced by obesity, exercise and the amount of salt in the diet. While the lifestyle risks are well known, the genetic element of hypertension has been poorly understood. Researchers now say they have made a "major advance" in understanding the role of genes. In the first study, scientists from 24 countries around the world analysed data from more than 200,000 people. They identified 16 new points on the genome which were linked to blood pressure. One of the lead researchers, Prof Mark Caulfield, from Barts and The London Medical School, said each genetic variant was in at least 5% of people, while some of the more common ones were present in up to 14% of people. — *Internet*



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Closing Date/ Time - 21.10.2011 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 12.9.2011 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994.



Doris Day, pictured here in 1955, has not performed for more than 25 years.—INTERNET

Doris Day makes UK chart history

LONDON, 12 Sept — Doris Day has become the oldest artist to score a UK Top 10 with an album featuring new material, according to the Official Charts Company. Day's My Heart has gone in at number nine, 62 years after the 87-year-old's debut album was released in the US. My Heart is a selection of recordings produced by her son, Terry Melcher, before his death in 2004. Playing In The Shadows, the third album by British pop artist Example, entered the chart at number one. Mercury-winner PJ Harvey's Let England Shake is this week's number 24 in the album chart. — *Internet*

Toddler who suckles from cow 'is fine'

PHNOM PENH, 12 Sept — An 18-month-old Cambodian boy who has suckled milk directly from a cow every day for more than a month is in fine health, the child's grandfather has said. The boy, Tha Sophat, made international headlines after his grandfather revealed he had been feeding himself directly from a cow since July when a storm destroyed his home and his parents left for Thailand to find work.

After he stopped breast-feeding from his mother, the boy became ill, said the 46-year-old grandfather. The boy watched a calf nurse from its mother, and began to do the same thing, feeding directly from the cow each day, Um Oeung added. When he pulled him away, the boy cried, so he let him continue, Um Oeung said on yesterday.

— *Internet*

Bususers 'walk 300 miles a year'

LONDON, 12 Sept — Commuters who catch buses to work walk nearly 300 miles a year, new research shows. Passengers walk an average of 0.8 miles each day. Dr David Lewis, who carried out the research said: "Those who travels by bus daily walk up to 286 miles per year, equivalent to walking 11 marathons."

— *Internet*

Bride keeps up wedding tradition

CINCINNATI, 12 Sept — A bride will traditionally have something old, but for one bride it was the date. Angelynn Perchermeier married Kyle Ray in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, 100 years to the day her great-great-grandparents exchanged their vows. Her great-grandparents also got hitched on 9 September, and so did her grandparents. — *Internet*

Burglar found cooking inside restaurant

Police arrested a Mount Prospect, Ill. man who allegedly broke into a restaurant and made himself a meal.

Video surveillance of Mr Beef and Pizza in Mount Prospect allegedly shows Hachem Gomez, 19, entering the restaurant early Saturday by breaking into the drive-through window, the *Arlington Heights (Ill) Daily Herald* reported.

Assistant State's Attorney Robin Murphy said the video also shows Gomez damaging a cash register before stealing fries and chicken tenders from a freezer and cooking them in a microwave.

News Album



A Bengali white tiger cub plays beside its Siberian tiger mother in a tiger park in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 9 Sept, 2011. Five two-month-old Bengali white tiger cubs grew healthily in the park with the feeding of a female Siberian tiger.

Deer loose in store, shoppers startled

Shoppers at a Georgia grocery store were startled to see two deer running through the aisles.

Store officials are still unsure of where two fawns came from and what prompted them to enter the Suwanee, Ga, Publix grocery store, WSB-TV, Atlanta, reported.

Shopper James Chronicle filmed the event with his cellphone.

"They bolted through the store. I heard kids screaming and I

thought I better catch those deer and I got to the back of the store by the freezer section and they ran past me and at that point I thought I better film these deer,"

Chronicle said.

After running around the store and the back room, employees were able to corral the deer in the meat department.

Canadian grandma graduates basic training

A 56-year-old Canadian grandmother has graduated from basic training with the Canadian military, becoming the oldest reservist to do so, officials say.

Debbie Dompierre, whose husband and son both have a background

in the military, decided to join because she was unable to find a job after a move to Victoria, British Columbia, the *Victoria Times Colonist* reported.

The grandmother of four was sworn in 3 Feb and began her nine-week training

Ohio couple marry, jump out of plane

An Ohio couple tied the knot, then celebrated by jumping out of an airplane 7,500 feet in the air.

Gail Mathis, 54, and new husband Phil Mathis, 58, have been together for about three years and decided to go skydiving after a ceremony on the plane Saturday, the *Dayton (Ohio) Daily News* reported.

Phil came up with

the idea to take the plunge from the Start Skydiving facility at the Middletown, Ohio, Hook Field as an ultimatum for Gail.

"The idea was to do something really crazy," Phil said. "She said she wasn't going to jump and I said that's the only way we're getting married. That was her ultimatum. She told me, 'I don't want to be married that bad.'"



Big bellies worldwide

'Spartacus' star Whitfield dies of lymphoma at 39



LOS ANGELES, 12 Sept—Andy Whitfield, who played the title role in the hit cable series "Spartacus: Blood and Sand," has died at age 39, according to representatives and family.

Whitfield died Sunday in Sydney, Australia, 18 months after he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, manager Sam Maydew told the *Associated Press*.

"On a beautiful sunny Sydney

spring morning, surrounded by his family, in the arms of his loving wife, our beautiful young warrior Andy Whitfield lost his 18 month battle with lymphoma cancer," Whitfield's wife Vashti said in a statement. "He passed peacefully surrounded by love. Thank you to all his fans whose love and support have help carry him to this point. He will be remembered as the inspiring, courageous and gentle man, father and husband he was."—*Internet*

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Chinese Hong Kong actress Deanie Yip (R) receives the Best Actress Award for her role in the film "Taojie (A Simple Life)" from Marco Muller, President of Venice Film Festival, at the awarding ceremony of the 68th Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, on 11 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

New opera tells story of 11 Sept heroism

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Sept—A continent away from where the towers fell, the horror of that September morning 10 years ago is being recreated on the stage of the War Memorial Opera House.

The attack on the World Trade Centre comes in the climactic scene of "Heart of a Soldier," an earnest and at times compelling work that was given its world premiere by the San Francisco Opera on Saturday night.

Adapted from a nonfiction book of the same name by journalist James Stewart, "Heart" tells the story of Rick Rescorla, a native of Cornwall, England, who made a career as a soldier — first in Rhodesia, then fighting for the Americans in Vietnam.

Internet

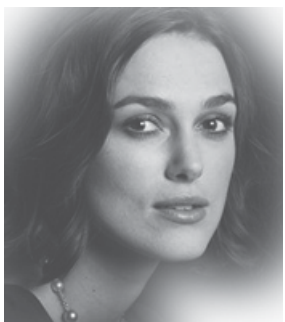


In this photo provided by the San Francisco Opera and taken on 8 Sept, 2011 shown is chaos in the twin towers during a dress rehearsal of Heart of a Soldier in San Francisco.—INTERNET

Knightley to adopt English accent for Anna Karenina

TORONTO, 12 Sept—Keira Knightley will speak with an English accent when she plays the classic Russian character of Anna Karenina, the actress said on Sunday at the Toronto Film Festival.

The British actress, who is at Toronto promoting her role in "A Dangerous Method" —



Actress Keira Knightley of the film "A Dangerous Method" poses for a portrait during the 36th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in Toronto, on 11 September, 2011.—INTERNET

in which she also plays a Russian character — told *Reuters* in an interview on Sunday that for her biggest role yet, in the upcoming "Anna Karenina," director Joe Wright and a cast including Jude Law had decided to speak with English rather than Russian accents.

Reuters

Juve begins Serie A season with big win

MILAN, 12 Sept—Inter Milan lost 4-3 at Palermo, allowing four goals in a league match for the first time in seven years, and Juventus played the first



Juventus' Claudio Marchisio celebrates after scoring during a Serie A soccer match between Juventus and Parma at the Juventus Stadium in Turin, Italy, on 11 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

official match in its \$168 million stadium, opening its Serie A season with a 4-1 win over Parma on Sunday. In Inter's first match since Samuel Eto'o transferred to Russian club Anzhi Makhachkala, new Inter coach Gian Piero Gasperini saw his team done in by a porous three-man defense.

Palermo captain Fabrizio Miccoli scored two goals, including one in the 86th minute that broke a 2-2 tie, and Abel Hernandez and Mauricio Pinilla scored for the hosts. Diego Milito scored twice for Inter and newly signed Diego Forlan got a goal in second-half injury time. It was the first time Inter allowed four goals in the league since a 4-1 defeat to Roma in March 2004.—Internet

Blackburn stay bottom after Zamora earns point



Blackburn Rovers' Ruben Rochina (C) celebrates after scoring a goal against Fulham during their Premiership match at Craven Cottage in London. INTERNET

LONDON, 12 Sept — Blackburn remain rooted to the bottom of the Premier League table after Bobby Zamora's equalizer gave Fulham a 1-1 draw against Rovers at Craven Cottage on Sunday. Steve Kean's struggling side had taken the lead through a fine strike from Ruben Rochina in the first half, but Zamora equalised soon after to leave Blackburn still waiting for their first league win this season.

There was more bad news for Kean as midfielder David Hoilett was stretched off in stoppage time wearing a neck brace after a nasty collision with Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer. Fulham are also without a victory in their first four league games and, like Blackburn, they were unable to climb out of the bottom three after a scrappy encounter in west London. — Internet

SPORTS

Wenger happy with debutants

LONDON, 12 Sept — Arsene Wenger praised Mikel Arteta and Per Mertesacker after making their Arsenal debuts against Swansea City.

Andrey Arshavin scored the only goal of the match to secure a win for Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium, capitalizing on a mistake from Michel Vorm five minutes before half-time," writes Stewart



Arsene Wenger was happy with his new signings

Coggin.

The goalkeeper's throw hit the back of his own defender Angel Rangel and Arshavin was quick to react, curling the ball into the net from a tight angle.

Of Wenger's five re-

cent signings, Arteta and Mertesacker were the only starters, although Yossi Benayoun was introduced from the bench as Arsenal edged home.

"Mertesacker was calm and composed - he just needs to adapt to the pace of the game," said Wenger.

"He looks very intelligent in his positioning. Arteta played very well, especially in the first half. In the second half it was more difficult for him but you can see he will give us some technical security that this team needs and he wants to play like we play.

Internet



Mikel Arteta gave an assured performance in midfield

US runner wins world triathlon for ill friend



BEIJING, 12 Sept — Lukas Verzbicas kept his promise. Verzbicas won the junior title at the world triathlon championships on Sunday, fulfilling his vow to win for his cancer-stricken friend and teammate Kevin McDowell. With a good prognosis after his final chemotherapy treatment on 22 August, McDowell was at the finish line to cheer as Verzbicas won in 56 minutes, 21 seconds.

"I had him in my mind the whole race. I knew I was doing it for him," Verzbicas said. "It motivated me more than if I was just doing this by myself." Verzbicas finished 33 seconds ahead of Germany's Justus Nieschlag, the European junior champion. Ameri-

can Tony Smoragiewicz won the bronze medal, finishing just five seconds behind Nieschlag. "This couldn't have been a more perfect ending," said McDowell, who served as an assistant coach to Verzbicas and the US team. —Internet

Ferguson hails 'fantastic' and 'mature' Rooney

MANCHESTER, 12 Sept—Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson believes Wayne Rooney's new-found maturity has been key to the striker's lightning start to the season.

Rooney has become only the fourth player in Premier League history to score hat-tricks in back-to-back games when he netted a treble in Saturday's 5-0 win at Bolton. The England striker has now taken his tally to eight goals in four

matches, more than 18 Premier League clubs have so far managed, and drawn level with Bobby Charlton on seven three-timers for the club.

It is a far cry from Rooney's poor form of 12 months ago, and Ferguson believes the trigger has been his number one striker's new-found maturity. "When players get to their mid-20s, there is more thought in their game. Their timing is better. Wayne's presence is good and he is looking fantastic," said Ferguson.

United top the table on 12 points, with only superior goals difference keeping them ahead of Manchester City. Ferguson will be hoping Rooney hits the spot against Benfica in their opening Champions League match of the campaign in Lisbon on Wednesday, when United will also aim to extend their 18-month unbeaten away record in the competition.—Internet



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INTERNET

Spurs' Van der Vaart hopes for early return

LONDON, 12 Sept — Tottenham midfielder Rafael van der Vaart hopes to return from a hamstring injury ahead of schedule and has targeted a comeback in his club's Premier League match against Liverpool next weekend. Van der Vaart was expected to be out of action for at least six weeks after suffering the injury during Tottenham's 5-1 home de-

feat by Manchester City last month.

The 28-year-old missed Holland's Euro 2012 qualifiers and was also sidelined as Harry Redknapp's team secured their first win of the season against Wolves on Saturday. But the former Real Madrid star's recovery has progressed quicker than expected and he is optimistic he will be fit for next weekend's clash with

Liverpool and could even return against PAOK Salonika in the Europa League on Thursday.

Internet



Tottenham Hotspur's Dutch player Rafael van der Vaart

Melzer/Petzschner win US Open men's doubles

NEW YORK, 12 Sept — Ninth-seeded duo of Austrian Jurgen Melzer and German Philipp Petzschner beat sixth seeds Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski of Poland in straight sets to win the men's doubles title at the 2011 US Open on Saturday night.

Melzer and Petzschner overwhelmed their oppo-

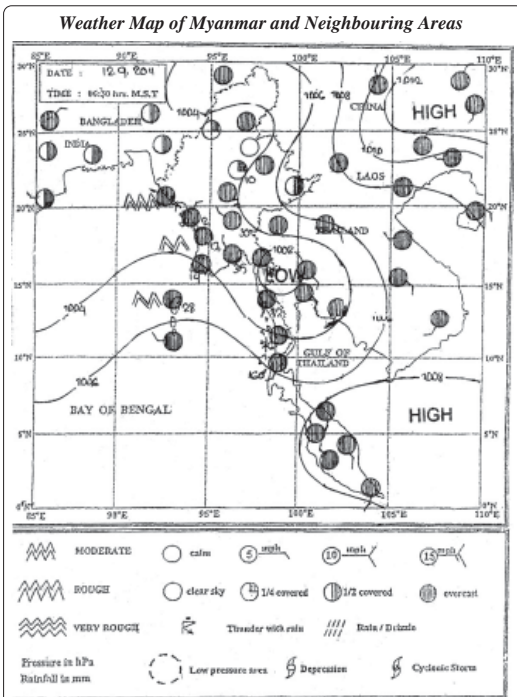
nents to wrap up the match 6-2, 6-2 in 49 minutes. They hit 23 winners, 12 more than Fyrstenberg and Matkowski, who had 12 unforced errors, six more than the winners.

Fyrstenberg and Matkowski also recorded four double faults against two to the titlists. The winners converted five of

seven break points, but Fyrstenberg and Matkowski made just one out of two.

All of this made the contest lop-sided and soon.—Xinhua





Weather forecast for 13th September, 2011

Sl. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	3799	2679	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	2984	2272	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	3188	2373	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
4	Chin	2068	1355	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	3595	2475	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	3697	2679	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Yamethay	2882	2475	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
8	Bago	3697	2170	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
9	Magway	3493	2475	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	3595	2577	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	2984	2475	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
12	Yangon	3188	2475	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
13	Rakine	3290	2272	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
14	Southern Shan	2679	1864	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	3493	2068	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	3188	2272	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	2984	2475	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	3595	2577	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	3188	2475	Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy falls at times	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	3595	2577	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today
During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Magway Region and Rakine State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Yangon and Yamethay Regions and isolated heavy falls in Magway Region and Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (7.87) inches, Khayan (3.78) inches, Yangon (central) (3.59) inches, Myitk (3.31) inches, Thimayzet (3.03) inches, Nyangone and Longlon (2.84) inches each, Bago (2.79) inches, Thawady (2.68) inches and Mitha (1.62) inches.

Bay Inference
Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea
Occasional Squalls with rough seas will be experienced Dalaic, Gulf of Motama off and along Mon-Yamethay Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days
Southwest monsoon is likely to be withdrawn from Northern Myanmar areas.

Stosur ends Aussie drought with US Open title

NEW YORK, 12 Sept—Sam Stosur became the first Australian woman in 38 years to win the US Open when she upset American Serena Williams 6-2 6-3 on Sunday in an ill-tempered final.



the September 11 attacks. "I had one of my best days and I'm very fortunate that I had it on this stage in New York," Stosur said during an on-court interview. "Ever since I

started playing it was a dream of mine to be here one day. I don't really know what to say. Serena, you are a fantastic player, great champion and have done wonders for our sport."—Internet



Tuesday, 13 September View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta
- 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
- 8:05 am**
7. Songs of Yester Years
- 8:15 am**
8. Song of National Races
- 8:20 am**
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Model Song Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Men)
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song

- 4:10 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm**
3. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Physics)
- 4:35 pm**
4. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**
5. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Model Song Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Men)
- 5:00 pm**
6. Documentary
- 5:30 pm**
7. Greatest Famous Songs

- 6:00 pm**
8. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
9. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
10. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm**
11. Sing A Song
- 7:15 pm**
12. Teleplay
- 8:00 pm**
13. News
- 8:00 pm**
14. International News
- 8:00 pm**
15. Weather Report
- 8:00 pm**
16. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Mariomette)
- 8:00 pm**
17. Bakery World
- 8:00 pm**
18. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
19. India Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (13-9-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(13-9-11 09:30 am ~ 14-9-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- * Opening
 - * News
 - * Shwe Gu Gyi Stupa, a unique of its kind with Cement
 - * News

- * Dell Runway 2011
 - * News
 - * Live Concert
 - * News
 - * On the LEDO Road (Part-IV)
 - * Gems Museum Embellished with Myanma Precious Stones
- Overseas Transmission**
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Second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 16th day

Ten questions answered, one proposal approved, two new proposals submitted



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends 16th-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Sixteenth-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw took place at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attended the session.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied the questions about health raised by four representatives.

In response to the question of U Poe Yal Aung Thein of Kayah State Constituency No. 8 “as current number

of doctors in Kayah State is 38 of 159 which are permitted numbers, there still remain 121 vacancies, whether there is a plan to employ doctors for vacancies according to figures”, the Union Minister said that one medical superintendent, one pediatric, one anesthetist, one ophthalmologist, one radiologist, one surgeon, one orthopedist, one psychiatrist, one physiologist, one assistant gynecologist, one assistant surgeon, one assistant doctor (ear, nose and throat) and nine assistant doctors are currently working at Loikaw People’s Hospital. A medical superintendent has been engaged there with

letter No. 3 Ma Ka (a) 2011/2-130 dated 15-8-2011 of the Health Ministry. In addition, one township medical officer was assigned duty at Dimawhso People’s Hospital, one specialist dentist and one assistant doctor under the programme of the state health department at Bawlake People’s Hospital, one township medical officer at Shataw People’s Hospital, one assistant doctor under the programme of the state health department at Pasawng People’s Hospital, one township medical officer at Meisei People’s Hospital, and one assistant doctor under the programme of the state health department at Prusho People’s Hospital.

Arrangements are being made to fill vacancies of specialists, station doctors, assistant doctors and dentists at the hospitals in Kayah State.

In response to the question of U Kham Swam Mon of Chin State Constituency No. 5 about “whether there is a plan to engage specialists and assistant doctors at Tiddim People’s Hospital to meet requirement of organizational set-up, and construct staff quarters for doctors”, the Union Minister said that plans are being drawn to engage specialists (medicine, surgery, pediatrics, anesthetic, orthopedic), assistant doctors and dentists at Tiddim People’s Hospital in Chin State where one medical superintendent, one assistant gynecologist and two assistant doctors are currently taking duties.

As there was no budget allocation for 2011-2012 fiscal year to construct staff quarters for doctors at Tiddim People’s Hospital in Chin State, huge amount of budget to construct staff quarters will be submitted.

In response to the question of U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency No. 11 about “if there is any health problem in Kyaikto, specialists from Thaton and Mawlamyine are asked for helps (or) patients are to be sent to Yangon 100 miles away from Kyaikto, causing unnecessary cause for loss of life. He asked whether or not the related ministry will upgrade 25-bed hospital in Kyaikto to 50-bed one and 16-bed hospital in Theinzayat to 25-bed one to meet patient-hospital ratio. The Union Minister said that there are 157,216 persons with 27745 households are living in Kyaikto Township where one 25-bed township hospital, one 16-bed Theinzayat Station Hospital, one maternal and child healthcare centre, seven rural healthcare centres, 28 rural healthcare branches are giving healthcare services.

There are 42 staff members including four doctors, one dentist, eight nurses and two assistant nurses taking duties at 25-bed hospital in Kyaikto Township, and four health staff members including one doctor and one senior nurse at 16-bed Theinzayat Station Hospital.

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Death toll reaches 15,782 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 12 Sept—The devastating earthquake and tsunami in March have left 15,782 people dead and 4,086 others unaccounted for in Japan by Sunday, which marks the sixth-month anniversary of the twin disasters, according to the National Police Agency.

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