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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 18th day

Seven questions raised and answered, one proposal discussed, one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—Eighteenth-day second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 382 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Seven questions were raised and answered, one proposal was discussed and one bill was approved at today's session.

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi answered the two questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Htay Win of Lewe Constituency asked that **how many citizens are working legally abroad, how many Myanmar workers stay in Thailand, and how the plan has been drawn to make sure that those workers fully enjoy labour rights.** In response, the Union Minister said that from 1999 to August 2011, the Ministry of Labour legally sent a total of 607,225 to 15 foreign countries, promulgating an overseas jobs law in 1999. It is estimated that there are three million Myanmar migrants in foreign countries, but, 2.5 million persons working in violation of the overseas jobs law of the Ministry of Labour. In order to learn number of Myanmar workers in foreign countries, arrangement are being made in coordination with related embassies, Mekong Migration Network, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Asian Research Centre for Migration and other research institutes.

According to figures of above-mentioned organizations, estimated number of Myanmar workers in Thailand stands at about 2 million. Of them, there are about 1.5 million registered workers



Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives attending 18th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

in Thailand and the rest are unregistered ones. Until 8-9-2011, border camps issued temporary Myanmar passports to 548,103.

In order to successfully deal with labour affairs in Thailand, the overseas employee rights protection committee will make arrangements to assign a labour attaché in Thailand in coordination with related Thai government ministries in accord with ILO Convention, ASEAN Cebu Declaration, GMS Strategic Framework and Action Plan.

U Zaw Ki Ahmad (a) U Aung Zaw Win of Maungtaw Constituency in his question said that **the**

education standard of 90 per cent of local Myanmar Muslims in Maungtaw District of Rakhine State which is densely populated area is found low. It is found that there are many jobless people. They have not permitted to work in foreign countries, asking that how the government will assist them. In response, the Union Minister said that the Ministry of Labour is taking measures for job hunters to get local and foreign jobs, opening jobs and employment offices. Jobs and employment offices were opened in Sittway, Thandwe, Kyaukpyu, An and Kyauktaw of Rakhine State.

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Hand down traditional cultural heritage to new generations

All-round preparatory tasks are being undertaken for holding the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions on a grand scale. Under the leadership and assistance of the State, outstanding artists will be awarded handsome prizes with the help of contributions made by wellwishers.

At present, Myanmar traditional culture is being affected by alien culture through globalization. As economic relations improve, relationships among the countries and nationals are promoting rapidly. In the global village, cultural traditions and customs of any country can be dominated and destroyed easily.

Thus, all the people of Myanmar are to adore own culture as they are polite people. They are to uplift national prestige and integrity. If they are weak in preservation of traditional culture, the nation and race will disappear immediately.

As part of effort to preserve and uplift the Myanmar traditional culture, the government has been holding the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions yearly. This year, the competitions will be 18th time of its kind to be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Therefore, respective work committee and subcommittees are making necessary preparations for the competitions.

In the successive eras of Myanmar traditional culture, Myanmar people created poems and verses. Myanmar theatrical drama troupes and marionette troupes presented artistic works of songs and dramas with characters of national culture.

Preservation of national culture is bounden duty for all citizens. Myanmar culture is standing tall among global countries for many years. While taking part in the competitions with presentation of artistic works in innovation, the artistes are to hand down traditional cultural heritage to new generations.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker holds discussions with US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — During his visit to Myanmar from 9 to 14 September, US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell and party called on Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here on 9 September.

In his introductory speech, the Speaker said he warmly welcomed Mr. Derek Mitchell and party. As Myanmar has friendly relations with world nations, he would like to continue to promote Myanmar-US relations. Mr. Derek Mitchell said that he is a US Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar appointed by President Obama. His main duty is to focus on restoring Myanmar-US relations. He would try to have opportunities for holding comprehensive discussions with Myanmar government and he would hold talks with outside stakeholders on a wider scale. **US is willing to build constructive engagement with Myanmar.** He would like to urge Myanmar to pay regard to international obligations

including promotion of democracy, human rights, national reconciliation and UN resolution. He was here to study undertakings of Myanmar government and Hluttaw's implementations on people's needs.

Next, the Speaker said he believed Mr. Derek Mitchell had already observed the Hluttaw. Hluttaw representatives have same attitudes. Mr. Derek Mitchell could raise questions to those representatives present in person, he added.

Mr. Derek Mitchell asked whether there are informal meetings among Hluttaw representatives in Hluttaw sessions and procedures being implemented by Hluttaw on people's needs. Hluttaw Representative U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan replied that our Hluttaw is independent and has openness. Any questions could be raised in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Ministries concerned replied the queries raised by the representatives. Proposals could be submitted freely. **The Hluttaw will continue to call for realization of Good Governance, Clean Government, transparency and accountability.**

Next, the Speaker said that Pyithu Hluttaw formed new 19 committees including Fundamental Rights of Citizen, Democracy and



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell.

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Human Rights Committee, National Races Affairs and Internal Peace Making Committee one another and Women and Children Protection Committee. The newly-formed committees would try hard for the country to keep abreast with the globe. Aims and undertakings of the Hluttaw can be seen clearly. There was a good news today that Shan State government reached initial peace agreements with two national race peace groups. It was good news for the country. **Peace talks are being held for national reconsolidation.**

Mr. Derek Mitchell said that he would like to know about assistance for policy matters to be provided by the US. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker replied that the important thing is assistance for the people. **He would like to**

urge to review the US policy pushing the people in misery. No sectarian, regionalism, sectarian and dogmatism, racism and religion fanaticism in Hluttaw and all representatives cooperate unitedly. **It is a pleasure to welcome suggestions and constructive criticism of media and other organizations.** Hluttaw representatives can submit proposals to the Hluttaw at any time. Mr. Derek Mitchell can hold discussions with Hluttaw representatives at any time and elsewhere. Their clarifications and points of discussions are that of the people as they are people representatives.

Then Mr. Derek Mitchell said that he hopes to have more opportunities again in order to hold talks and to exchange views so as to be able to step up bilateral relations.

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister addresses 18th Session of UN Human Rights Council

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, delivered a statement at the 18th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on 13 September 2011.

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Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—According to the observations at 12.30 hr MST today, the water level of Sittoung River in Madauk 1117 cm has exceeded

by 47 cm (about 1.5 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing this noon, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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All this needs to be known

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

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released that according to the observation at 12.30 hr MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over North Bay of Bengal has become unimportant.

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14 dead as Kabul siege ends

KABUL, 14 Sept—Officials raised the death toll in a 19-hour siege in Kabul to 14 Wednesday as the Afghan government announced the violence had come to an end with the killing of two militants.

The attacks started Tuesday but dragged into a second day as armed men remained holed up in a high-rise construction site overlooking the US embassy and the headquarters of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

Lieutenant Colonel

Jimmie Cummings, an ISAF spokesman, said: "Nineteen (were) wounded, 11 killed, which includes three children." Cummings told AFP the dead were all civilians.

Interior ministry spokesman Siddiq Siddiqui previously said that three police were also killed, taking the overall toll to 14.

Cummings added: "We also have six (ISAF troops) wounded in action since yesterday.

"Three of them were US which happened during the main engagement off the ISAF

compound... the other three were in support during clearing (of the main building.)"

The death toll covered the main attack plus several much smaller related ones which took place elsewhere in Kabul Tuesday.

Siddiqui said the siege, which has raised fresh serious questions about security in Kabul, was now over.

Internet



A wounded man (C) escapes from the gun battle site in Kabul, Capital of Afghanistan, on 13 Sept, 2011. Six security personnel were injured in gun battle with Taliban militants as a fifth blast was heard in Kabul on Tuesday, police said. XINHUA

Bus-train crash kills 11, injures 212 in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 14 Sept—A bus driver gambled and tried to rush across railroad tracks Tuesday despite a barrier, bells and flashing lights, setting off a chain-reaction collision with two trains that killed 11 people and injured hundreds in Argentina's Capital.

The shocking accident, captured on video, came as little surprise to

many in Buenos Aires, where 440 people and 165 vehicles were hit by trains last year, causing a total of 269 deaths.

In the latest accident, the bus got halfway across the first track before an oncoming passenger train crushed it against a concrete station platform. The collision forced the train's first two cars off the rails and into another

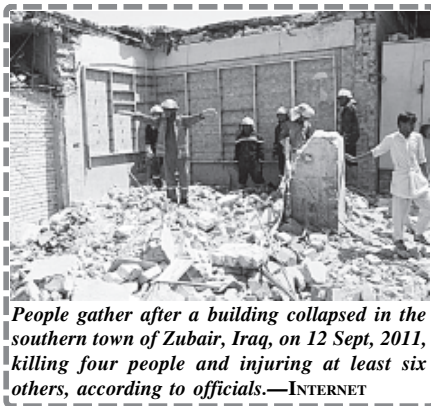
locomotive that was leaving the station in the other direction.

The bus driver was among those killed, and 212 were injured, including about 20 people in critical condition, said Alberto Crescenti, director-general of Argentina's emergency medical system. Nine people died at the scene, police said, and two others in hospitals, according to the city's health ministry.

The engineer in the train that hit the bus was

trapped in the crumpled metal, and rescuers had to break his leg to get him out. He also broke a hip and his chest was crushed, though he is expected to survive, union leader Omar Maturano told *The Associated Press*. The other train's engineer was operated on for a foot injury. Maturano blamed "how we are as Argentines, that we immediately lift the barriers and cross despite flashing warning signals."

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People gather after a building collapsed in the southern town of Zubair, Iraq, on 12 Sept, 2011, killing four people and injuring at least six others, according to officials.—INTERNET

Driver blamed for Indian train crash, nine dead

NEW DELHI, 14 Sept—Indian railway officials blamed driver error for a late-night collision between two passenger trains that killed nine people and injured more than 80.

Tuesday's crash saw a speeding train ram into a stationary one at a station near Arakkonam, about 55

miles (90 kilometres) from Chennai, in the southern State of Tamil Nadu.

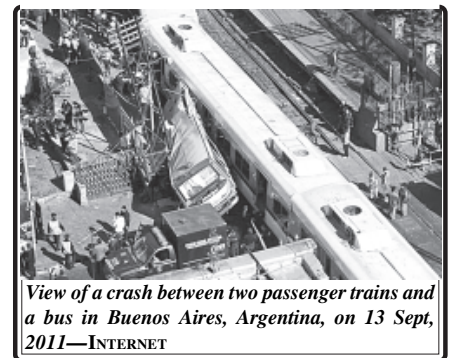
Emergency teams worked Wednesday to clear the crash site, where five coaches were derailed in the impact.

Southern Railway general manager Deepak Krishnan said initial

investigations suggested the driver of the moving train, who survived the crash, had ignored speed restrictions and signal lights.

"Normally the previous signal would be danger (red). But apparently the... train driver has not adhered to the

signal," Krishnan told the *Press Trust of India* news agency. India's creaking state-run railway system — still the main form of long-distance travel despite fierce competition from private airlines — carries 18.5 million people every day.—Internet



View of a crash between two passenger trains and a bus in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 13 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET



Railway officials and police stand in front of the damaged coaches of a passenger train after it collided with a stationary train near Chitheri station in Arakkonam, 80 km (50 miles) west of the southern Indian City of Chennai, on 14 September, 2011.—INTERNET

At least 15 soldiers killed in bomb attack in western Iraq

RAMADI, 14 Sept—At least 15 soldiers were killed and 20 others wounded in a bomb attack in Iraq's western province of Anbar on Wednesday, a provincial police source told *Xinhua*.

A roadside bomb struck a bus carrying Iraqi soldiers at the military base of Habbaniyah, some 70 km west of Baghdad, killing some 15 soldiers and wounding 20 others abroad, the source from the provincial operations command said on

condition of anonymity.

The Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene and carried out investigation into the incident, the source said without giving further details.

Militant attacks continue in the once volatile Sunni Arab area in western Iraq that stretches through Anbar Province to Iraq's western borders with Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker holds discussions with US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator For Myanmar



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint cordially greets US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator Mr Derek Mitchell and party on their visit to Myanmar from 9 to 14 September called on Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, on 9 September.

In his introductory speech, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint advised the US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator could meet all Hluttaw representatives as the Hluttaw was in session at that time; and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw comprised of 15 political parties and independent representatives.

Mr Derek Mitchell in his discussion said that he

would like to hold dialogues that could realize the objectives of bilateral relations. **Through the dialogues, efforts would be made to produce effective and positive outcomes for Myanmar-US relations. He expressed his satisfaction recognizing the progress of past period in Myanmar. He said that the US would like to assist Myanmar as much as possible for her future progress.** Thus, he said that he would totally focus on promotion of Myanmar-US relations. Quoting the address delivered by President U Thein Sein, he expressed his expectation for establishment of the relations to be backed by the US can provide assistance for building a new peaceful, modern and developed nation. With regard to realizing the legislative duties of the Myanmar Hluttaw and drawing and implementing the policies, he said that he would like to know endeavours to be undertaken by the Amyotha Hluttaw for future aspirations.

For his part, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw welcomed assistance programmes that should start 20 years ago. In retrospect, it can be seen that Myanmar society was far from the democratic practices. At present, a constitution that guarantees fundamental rights of citizens, democracy rights and human rights has been approved. **In democracy, the minority follows the sentiment of the majority whereas the majority pays respects to the minority so as to realize the peace and development by modernizing the human society. Democracy culture creates unity in the human society and development. In democracy system, it should pay respects to all individuals, and to the dignity of foreign policy.** He explained that the Hluttaw was responsible for legislation as main task. It is necessary to review existing laws and the laws to be promulgated through the democracy point of view. The convening Hluttaw is making preparation for amending the old laws. He pointed out that the Hluttaw representatives are responsible for protection of fundamental rights of citizens as main task. With a view to flourishing the democratization process in Myanmar, a plan has been set to observe the International Day of Democracy on 15-9-2011. The UN has set Millennium Development Goals for every nation to practice and adjust democracy, human rights and laws. **The Hluttaw emphasized not only the voice of the**

representatives in the Hluttaw but also voice of political parties that were not in the Hluttaw and voice of the people. People's voice is the voice of Hluttaw, and the Hluttaw is to implement the aspirations of the people. Only Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has rights to submit the bills. There are three types of bills namely budget bill, national planning bill and tax bill. According to the constitution, executive, legislative and judicial powers are shared as much as possible. The Hluttaw has responsibilities not only for legislative task but also for check and balance between judicial and executive tasks. If the government submits the State budget to the Hluttaw, it will be approved after having scrutinized by auditors and experts. After approving it, field trips were made to check whether the budget was spent effectively or not.

He continued his clarification on committees formed at the Hluttaw. **The National Races Affairs and Internal Peace Making Committee can give necessary suggestions to the government. The Citizens', Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee safeguards the responsibility to protect transparency, democracy and human rights with regard to the election. Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee is responsible for scrutinizing whether the government solves the queries of the Hluttaw representatives or not. The National Planning, Economic, Monetary and Tax Committee is to scrutiny whether projects and taxation of the government would serve the interests of the people or not. The Education, Health and Culture Committee is responsible to scrutinize the endeavours of the government on the process from the budget proposal to the implementation of the tasks. The Public Complaint and Appeal Committee is responsible to realize the complaints and appeals of the people and solve the problems between the people and the government. The Farmers and Internal and Overseas Workers Committee is to solve rights of farmers and workers.**

Afterwards, Mr Derek Mitchell expressed his thanks for clarifications of the Speaker on the functions of Myanmar Hluttaw, and he was delighted for correctly realizing the democratization process.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives Indonesian Int'l Cooperation Committee Vice-Chairman



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Vice-Chairman of International Cooperation Committee of House of Regional Representatives (HRR-RI) of Republic of Indonesia Mr. Adhariani and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Vice-Chairman of the International Cooperation Committee of the House of Regional Representatives (HRR-RI) of the Republic of Indonesia Mr. Adhariani and party at the hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw here this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and chairmen of the committees of the Amyotha Hluttaw and Indonesian Ambassador Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono.

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Defence Services Commander-in-Chief receives Royal Thai Army Commander-in-Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept —Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing received a Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Prayut Chan -O- Cha at Zeyathiri Beikman here today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Commander-in-Chief Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office, Commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, the military attaché of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand and the Thai

military attaché of the Embassy of Thailand in Myanmar.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on promotion of friendship between the two armed forces, peace and stability at borders and coordination between the two armed forces.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Prayut Chan -O- Cha.—MNA



Dy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) meets Royal Thai Army Commander-in-Chief



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win meets Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Prayut Chan -O- Cha.
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NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win received a Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Prayut Chan -O- Cha at Zeyathiri Beikman here today.

Also present at the call were Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut and Lt-Gen Thet Naing

Win of the Commander-in-Chief Office, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe of the C-in-C Office, Commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, military attaché of the Embassy of Thailand in Myanmar and officials. They cordially discussed matters on bilateral friendly relations between the two armed forces.

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Royal Thai Army Commander-in-Chief and wife arrive

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — A Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Prayut Chan -O- Cha and wife arrived here by the special flight of the Royal Thai Armed Forces at 9.30 am today.

They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Commander of

Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye and wife. The goodwill delegation this afternoon visited Myanma Gems Emporium where officials conducted them around it. In the evening, the goodwill delegation visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda and the White Elephant Shed.—MNA

Dy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) welcomes Royal Thai Army Commander-in-Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win welcomed a Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Prayut Chan -O- Cha at Zeyathiri Beikman here today.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services cordially greeted General Prayut Chan -O- Cha as he arrived at Zeyathiri Beikman in a motorcade to attend welcoming ceremony.

They took the salute of the Guard of Honour, and the Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army inspected the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, the Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army introduced Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win to the members of the Thai goodwill delegation and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief also introduced General Prayut Chan -O- Cha to senior military officers who welcomed the goodwill delegation. —MNA

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Prayut Chan -O- Cha inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA



Talks between US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, and Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party.—MNA

NAYPYI TAW, 14 Sept—US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party called on Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, and Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi separately on his visit to Myanmar from 9 to 14 September.

In meeting with Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Mr Derek Mitchell said the US is trying to improve relations with Myanmar; he wanted to make suggestions on some reforms; regarding national reconciliation, seeking peace and tranquility in political means through talks between political forces and national races was considered to be fundamental; he believed Myanmar is striving for national reconciliation as talks with political forces were seen; Myanmar needs adjusting with international community prioritizing human rights; releasing political prisoners is to be considered deeply; and the world is watching reforms in Myanmar and wants to help realize genuine reforms.

The Union Minister discussed that tackling human rights issues needs uncovering root causes; some cases are not human right abuses, but human right disorder; weaknesses in education, social status, security and the rule of law in remote and lagged border regions with poor transportation are the reasons for human right disorders; regions with less development are designated as special development zones and economic and social infrastructures are developed as well as road transportation with a view to regional development; development comes together with improvement in economic, social and education status; that would improve the rule of law and leave no room for human right disorder cases; transportation, agriculture, breeding, education and healthcare works are being carried out for regional development and human resources development of border regions with peace restored with the use of State budget; similarly, erecting houses and schools, and providing healthcare and food are also carried out in cooperation with UN agencies, international government organizations, international non-government organizations; for development and tranquility of Myainggyingyu region of Kayin State, roads were constructed, houses were built, rice and oil were provided, lands were reclaimed for agricultural purposes, small enterprises were established for creating job opportunities for villagers who returned from refugee camps on Thai

border with the fund of the State; the government is showing genuine goodwill, keeping peace door open for national race armed groups, for whom the Constitution is still unacceptable, in the interest of the State and national race people; while the mutual agreement with the Kachin national race armed group was almost reached, UNFC, leading all national races armed groups, asked for simultaneous peace as an political inspiration, deteriorating into current situation; But 'Wa' Special Region Group (2) and Mongla Special Region Group (4) had signed initial peace deals; disputes with political forces inside the country who still disapprove the Constitution and holding different views are to be settled; the government is realizing Good Governance and Clean Government; and it is under consideration to seek ways to resolve the issue of holding different opinions in regard to political prisoners.

Mr Derek Mitchell expressed his thanks for the chance to exchange views and said that some facts are to be discussed again as it was the first meeting; developments will be obtained through constant relations; he viewed the situation positive; US would welcome genuine undertakings and positive developments of Myanmar government; and predictability and transparency are expected from the government.

While meeting with Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Mr Derek Mitchell said that it was the first visit to Myanmar in his new post; he is tasked specifically to deal with US-Myanmar relations, to hold frank and open consultations with Myanmar side and to seek ways to boost bilateral relations; and the US government watched developments in Myanmar closely to improve relations with Myanmar during previous months. The Union Minister said that both sides have common aspiration to improve bilateral relations and continue engagement; the visiting representative is hoped to bring about constructive impact on mutual cooperation; there were positive developments between the two governments after the new government had held office; the meetings with government officials, and stakeholders of respective fields would allow the visiting representative to understand realities and developments in positive ways; in 2012, Myanmar would assume responsibility as coordinator for ASEAN-American Consultation; support and cooperation from US side is expected; in President's 30 May inaugural address to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, independent, dynamic and non-aligned foreign policy based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence will

continue to be practised; Myanmar would develop amicable relations with all nations and participate in international and regional organizations including the United Nations; the foreign policy is most appropriate one for Myanmar and have been practised for decades.

Mr Derek Mitchell said that the President's inaugural address is interesting; the world is watching how development goals and political objectives will be translated into reality; development would be reacted; 25-mile travel restriction was lifted for Myanmar delegates who would attend this year's United Nations General Assembly; and the US side is to go forward step by step. The Union Minister replied that significant developments in national reconciliation have come about; solid foundation for development and tranquility of the State have been formed; it is targeted to develop a broader and more open democracy society after realizing developments within five months of democracy.

Mr Derek Mitchell discussed that National Human Rights Commission was formed recently in Myanmar; if the commission is mandated to deal with human rights issues in non-partisan position with transparency and accountability, it will support the national reconciliation process. The Union Minister replied that Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is an independent body which would report directly to the President if there is complaint of human rights abuses; Myanmar constantly cooperate with UN Security Council; the Constitution states clearly to protect fundamental rights of the people; promotion and protection of human rights will be carried openly; and the country is striving to realize a democratic society.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan said in meeting with the special representative and policy coordinator for Myanmar, that the Union government has a desire for promoting Myanmar-US relations; that he hoped that today's discussion would provide applicable means to boost mutual understanding and ties as the special representative was an important personnel for bilateral relations; that the politics of Myanmar is changing not only in form but in essence and as such time, the two parties should hold discussions often to promote mutual understanding; that two nations may hold different views but may also share the same views and that they should cooperate practically in the field of common interests and vest the vow to do so would not work; that he assumed that Washington's policy towards Myanmar should be fairer based on the truth; that US's responses against Myanmar should not be based only on information obtained from anti-government groups but also on truth and objective situations of Myanmar; that US double standard policy of direct engagement and pressures towards Myanmar would not benefit the bilateral relations because pressure begets resistance and it is the law of nature to seek external assistance for resistance having much pressured; that he assumed that US's one-sided economic sanction against Myanmar is the major deterrence towards promotion of bilateral relations and he believed that economic sanction would not lead to fruitful results but practical cooperation can; that with or without US's sanction against Myanmar, the Union government would anyway continue marching towards its goal of democratization, promotion of human rights, national reconsolidation and development; that US would also desire for success of such programmes as the two

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nations can be said to have the same objective and that such objectives can be achieved in no time if US would be willing to cooperate; that overall conditions of Myanmar had changed notably in comparison with the times of US's adoption of sanction against Myanmar; that he assumed that the sanction would not contribute to



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party.—MNA

of Myanmar were proved to be real and tangible, not only US but also other nations would support Myanmar; that the bilateral relations would depend on reforms of the aforesaid four points mentioned by the Union minister.

The Union minister replied that ways of pursuing the four-point objectives may differ between the two governments but the Union government is vowed to accomplish those objectives on its own; that discussions are underway to cooperate in the field of common interests for national reconsolidation and those who are

centralization are being revoked; that the Amyotha Hluttaw had confirmed labour organization law with a view to emergence of labour union in conformity with the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and ILO Convention No (87); that transformation from the policy of giving priority to nation-building and defence in the past to current practical social welfare programmes such as poverty alleviation schemes, increase of pension rates, tax cuts, invitation to those with different beliefs who have gone to abroad to come back, open request for domestic peace, signing agreements with national races armed groups, decision to sign conventions on human rights, formation of independent human rights commission were firm evidences that Myanmar was in the process of democratization; and that Mr Derek Mitchell would also know that the President received Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 19-8-2011.

Mr Derek Mitchell said that he acknowledged the progress of Myanmar and that Myanmar, in coordination with ILO, could draw labour law in accordance with international norms; that formation of national-level human rights commission was also a positive factor; that he understood that Rome cannot be built in a day and that it takes time to produce tangible results for national interests; that implementation for stability, peace and development of the nation as the President had said, was for interests of Myanmar and its nationalities; that he would like to discuss release of about 2000 prisoners; that patience was needed to build fair bilateral relations through peace talks with national races, and dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that he would like to suggest that national interests should be promoted with same views through continued multilateral discussions, normal discussions for genuine national reconsolidation and he said that he would like to know differences between the recent dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and several previous ones and her role in future Myanmar.

The Union Minister replied that common ground could be found in the previous nine dialogues and the recent dialogue could lead to common goal in short time; that the Union government would assist in her steps and vice versa and thus mutual cooperation would eliminate all the major obstacles in the future.

Mr Derek Mitchell then said that he recognized that Hluttaw would pass the labour law soon and would report what he saw and heard on the ground when he was back in Washington; that he hoped that the Union government would find a resolution for formation of labour unions, and national races affairs; that he accepted that actual progress he had seen in Nay Pyi Taw were much different from what he had heard before; that they were taking initial steps and there were some discussions at Congress; and that US would take further steps and he would also try to visit Myanmar regularly.—MNA

interests of the two nations; that the two nations can achieve their goals only by promoting mutual understanding and through compromises and mutual cooperation.

Next, Mr Derek Mitchell said that his trip was aimed to promote US-Myanmar relations; that the Washington government had a real desire for boosting bilateral ties; that their current actions were intended for interests of Myanmar and the region but there are some different views between the two governments; that his responsibility was to build understanding between the two nations and to overcome the current obstacles to the bilateral ties; that democratizations, promotion of human rights, national reconsolidation and development were also the objectives of US and it can be said that the two nations eye for the same goal; that although objectives and goal were the same, views and opinions were different; that he acknowledged recent positive changes such as formation of human rights commission, release measures for censorship, formation of peace committee, dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi but there still remain persons not only in US but in remaining parts of the world that could not believe Myanmar government and would like to question current reforms; and that they would be watching the results of the reforms; that if the reforms

abroad had been invited to come back; that the Union government had invited national races armed groups to hold peace talks and currently had signed state-level pre-peace agreement with Wa and Mongla groups; that they would hold talks with pacification group to be formed by the Union government and the Union government would make concessions as much as it can without violating the constitution so as to build peace; that remarkable reforms were also under way to promotion of human rights and national development; that instead of watching the reforms, US's practical cooperation would be more appropriate and beneficial.

In response, Mr Derek Mitchell said that they would not only monitor the reforms of Myanmar but also seek means to establish mutually beneficial relations and that US would continue contacts with Myanmar through US Embassy in Myanmar.

Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, in meeting with Mr Derek Mitchell, said that he wished Mr Derek Mitchell would notice that the new government, within five-month period since its assumption of State's responsibility, had made necessary reforms for the interests of the nation and the whole public; that division of three sovereign powers is distinct; that some laws concerned with the

Southern California storms cause flooding, fires

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept— Late summer storms dumped heavy rain, lightning and even hail to parts of Southern California on Tuesday, prompting flash flood warnings in some areas. In the Los Padres National Forest, three US Forest Service firefighters were injured when lightning struck about 50 feet away from where they were standing near the border of Kern and Ventura counties, forest spokes-man Andrew Madsen told the *Los Angeles Times*.

"They were knocked off their feet," Madsen said.

The firefighters were disoriented

and com-plained of ringing in their ears. One firefighter was held overnight at a hospital for observation and the other two were released, according to a National Weather Service statement.

Flash flood warnings were issued for parts of Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties Tuesday because heavy rainfall exceeded 2 inches per hour in some areas, the weather service said. In Joshua Tree National Park, torrential rains caused widespread flash flooding in the park's Pinto Basin and Cottonwood Spring areas, park spokesman Joe Zarki said.

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This image provided by Joshua Tree National Park shows a flood damaged highway Tuesday on 13 Sept, 2011 inside the park in Calif.

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In addition, licensed overseas employment agencies offer job opportunities, posting advertisements in labour exchange offices, newspapers, journals and also on website of the Ministry of Labour.

The government overseas employment agency is scrutinizing to send workers to the Republic of Korea and the employment agencies in Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung, to Thailand. Those willing to work abroad need to register with passport and identification, wait for acceptance of employer, and sign bond with employers so as to go abroad with calling visa.

As there are no employment agency in Buthidaung and Maungtau, advertisement will be posted at General Administration Departments in Buthidaung and Maungtau. If there are overseas job hunters on the rise, arrangements will be made to open overseas employment offices and give permission to open licensed overseas employment agencies.

Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay replied two questions of two Hluttaw representatives.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency in his question said that it is found that Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development was constituted in the Union Government, asking that how the ministry will take role in economic development of Myanmar, which industries will be put into service, what kind of benefits will come to Myanmar citizens, and what effect on State-run and private-run industries will be seen. In response, the Union Minister said that the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development was formed in order to deal with technology development, capital of industry, energy demand and need for industrial raw material, to bring about national economic development in private and public sectors in accord with market-oriented system practised by the State. The ministry is taking measures for development of technology based industry and knowledge based industry to form three industrial development sectors, namely National Mechanical Industry Complex, National Electronic Industry Complex and National Aviation and Aerospace Industry Complex as particular zones. The main purpose of the ministry is not for Consumer goods Industry but for Capital goods Industry and emergence of national economic development force by building source industry (or) mother industry that can create industries, machines essential for economic development of Myanmar.

Regarding to the Ayeyawady Myitsone hydropower Project, the project is the important energy project for the economic development of the State as it can be able to generate about 18,000 MW. To generate the equal capacity of electricity, it is necessary to build about 20 nuclear reactors. One nuclear reactor costs about US\$ 1 billion and it is required to spend about US\$20

billion to generate the equal capacity of electricity. Even if we can afford the cost, it would have time and political limitations to build the nuclear reactors. Today, in the world, to shut down nuclear reactors for safety concerns is under consideration.

Hydel power is the renewable energy and the world has welcomed it as it is also a green energy. The hydropower plant would use only about seven per cent of the water of the Ayeyawady River and there is no point to worry over the damage of the river. Systematic assessment was carried out on the project. It is required to draw separate plans to conserve the Ayeyawady River and the plans have already been made. Myanmar has a population of over 60 million, and



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw constituency raising question.—MNA

though they rely on natural resources and agriculture, it is necessary to encourage the development of the industrial sector for the development of the country and for its economic development. As the electricity is a must for building an industrial nation, hydropower projects are being implemented.

Taking economic development lessons from Japan, South Korea and China and considering objective condition of the country, trends of ASEAN member countries and future global industries, procedures and objectives beneficial to next generations and future Myanmar Industrial and technology development have been laid down.

Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development took a time to adopt Plan of Action by observing hundreds of industries for international objective condition. It is needed to take measures for capital investment, human resource development, construction works by adopting decade plan. As national economic development procedure is a gigantic one, it is required to cooperate and coordinate measures, namely State-owned, private-owned, public-owned, joint venture and foreign investment sectors.

The goal of the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development is to build Mother Industry and to encourage the capital goods industry such as factories, production lines and producing machinery so that the State can encourage the private and public

industries. Meanwhile, the ministry sets its ultimate goal for socio-economic development of the people by creating job opportunities for Myanmar nationals including engineers, intellectuals and intelligentsia, economic experts, managers, skillful workers and labourers who have made sacrifices and worked in foreign countries so that they can have job opportunities at home and can have opportunities to explore and use the natural resources of the country without relying on foreign countries.

Afterwards, Dr. Khin Maung Swe of Kyaukdaga Constituency asked whether the State had a plan to repair the about eight mile and four furlong long Kyaukdaga-Innpatle Road and one bridge on it which had been damaged by the trucks used for the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway project to carry earth and stones.

The Union minister replied that the road linking a village and a town was constructed in 1962 and it is an all-weather road. A plan has been made to carry out road works on the earth road and to repair the drains on both sides of the road at the cost of K47.5 million : K 7.5 million funded by the Development Affairs Department (Head Office) and K 40 million by Kyaukdaga Township Development Affairs Committee in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. To upgrade the road to the gravel one and to build wooden bridges on it, Kyaukdaga Township DAC would carry out the tasks year by year depending on its funds.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw constituency asked whether the Ministry of Energy had a plan to ensure transparency of compensation to farmers when responsible personnel and a Chinese company had reached an agreement to pay compensation to farmers for laying pipelines on their fields from Kyaukpyu in Rakhine State to China-Myanmar border in Shan State to carry natural gas and crude oil.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay replied to be able to use the land at least, two pipelines will be laid only on 30 meter wide land and committees for land use and compensation for damage of crops comprise personnel from Ministry of Energy, General Administration Departments, Settlement and Land Records Departments, Myanmar Agriculture Service in respective regions where pipelines were laid, townsmen and representatives from the Chinese company and they are making assessment and working to use the land at least in cooperation with the local people.

For permanent land confiscation, owners receive compensatory payment evaluated for five years depending on crop price, per-acre yield or one-plant production rate, damaged acre (or) number of damaged plants and age of trees. For temporary land confiscation, owners receive compensatory payment for one year for seasonal crops and for three years for gardens. Myanmar-China Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline Project has paid compensation of K 1,500,642,383.12 and US\$ 550,000 to respective owners. For remaining lands, owners will receive land replacement and will be compensated. The amount of compensatory payment will be different in regard



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay answers questions.—MNA

to the class and yield of the land under land compensation rules and regulations.

The operation date is often set definitely between sellers and purchasers or between pipeline company and those who will operate the pipeline and the side who fails to complete the task in the set date has to compensate the other side in contracts of oil and gas transportation and selling through pipelines. It is vital important for both sides to meet the deadline with least disturbances, barriers and difficulties. According to said situations or land and crop compensation rules and regulation, it is systematically designed to prevent loss of public interest and to proceed with the consent of the owners. It is going off well till now. Detailed press statement will be released after consideration of opportune time and situation.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung answered two questions raised by two Hluttaw Representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Aung Sein of Manaung Constituency that "islanders in Manaung Township of Rakhine State have to rely on waterway to travel Kyaukpyu-Sittway and Thandwe-Pathein-Yangon; for medical purposes, whether there is plan to extend Samonte Airport near Samonte village by ring road three miles west of Manaung for plying flights", Manaung (Samonte) Airport is located near Samonte village three miles west of Manaung on Manaung Island in Rakhine State; Dakota and Otter landed in the past; the flights were suspended since 1985; to acquire 4000-ft runway necessary for F-27 jets, the runway has the length of 3700 feet, the width of 75 feet and the height of 12 inches; airplanes did not land; damaged by weather and lack of maintenance, the airport then could not be landed; for Deep Sea Port Construction Project, Kyaukpyu Airport with the length of 4620 feet and the width of 100 feet is to be extended; the length of 1000 feet have been extended this year and it have been planned to extend 1400-ft length; in next two years, Kyaukpyu will have the length of 7000 feet and the width of 100 feet and will be able to handle F-28 jets.

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It is not needed to transform the airway of Manaung (Samonete) Airport into the one with 4000-foot airway as it is only 36 miles far from Kyaukpou Airport; and the ministry has a plan to run small aeroplanes at short runways of airfields according to the numbers of passengers, if necessary for development of the border areas, answered the Union Minister.

U Tha Win of Yankin Constituency shot a question whether the Department of Marine Administration under the Ministry of Transport has a plan to increase the numbers of marine exams, change the way of holding exams and to make reforms for higher pass rate.

The Department of Marine Administration is providing in training to seafarers, presenting certificates as well as employment of the mariners; that according to the list received on 9 September 2011, a total of 75642 mariners have been presented respective certificates. Among them, 27227 are officers and 48415, other ranks. Now 7150 officers and 16031 seafarers are working at respective shipping companies, and that the ministry established Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Mercantile Marine College in order to produce seafarers year by year. There has already been in the number of nine training schools for other-rank seafarers— two states-owned and nine private-owned. The ministry has instructed the experienced trainers teaching in the schools to make questions clearly and systematically, with no reckless correction, and for promotion of the level of seafarers, marine officers have a chance to sit for the exams about deck twice a year and marine engineers, four times a year. Unlike the old programme, it is the new one that the nine training schools announce results soon after the trainees have passed the respective schools. Besides, for more job opportunities of seafarers, the ministry holds discussions with shipping companies once a month, including granting the nine schools to launch marine training courses and arranging the questions for the trainees to pass without any difficulties, answered the Union Minister.

Afterwards, in the sector of concentrating the motion submitted by U Thein Swe of An Constituency on 12 September, that it intends to systematically implement river waterways management task for Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers, was approved by U Aye of Homalin Constituency, U Win Myint of Pyay Constituency, U Kyaw Win of Kangyidaunt Constituency, U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnai Constituency, U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency because the two rivers need to be maintained as they are the mains of the country.

Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung responded the proposal that bank erosions occur yearly due to climate change and torrential rains, inflow water volume flowing to Mottama Sea from Ayeyawady, Thanlwin, Sittoung and Ngawun Rivers reached 18.8 million cubic feet for a decade from 1971 to 1980, but there increasingly hit 21.7 million cubic feet in the inflow water volume for the last decade from 2001 to 2010. There are some 22 million cubic feet inflow water volume that flow to Mottama Sea from Ayeyawady, Thanlwin, Sittoung, Ngawun Rivers of 58 million cubic feet rain-fall inflow water volume totally for one year. The water volume was 38 per cent of rain-fall inflow water volume of the whole country, and the remaining water volume 62 per cent; 36 million cubic feet had gone into the air and sunk through the ground. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems was established on 9 April 1999 so as to carry out river management tasks, and it is now working the tasks with totaling 86 vessels and machinery. According to this year report, the repairs to 46 narrow water courses in Ayeyawady River waterway from Bhamo to Yangon, to 37 narrow water courses from Khamti to Ayeyawady River and the confluence of Chindwin river are on schedule to conserve as priority, and a total of 114 repairing tasks for proper flow of water in Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers was implemented starting from 2001-2002 fiscal year. In 2011-2012 fiscal

year, totalling amount will be at estimated cost of K 773.8 million—K 600.1 million for five tasks and K 173.8 million for five tasks for bank erosions. Although there are arrangements like that, there is still need. Therefore, research is being made by collecting informations about conditions of the rivers, dissolving the recent programmes for repairing in Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers.

The maintenance for waterway tasks to be enough depth of water in Ayeyawady River is at estimated cost of K 47904.87 million and for Chindwin River, K 18445.82 million. Therefore, there are plans to carry out river management tasks with the help of foreign countries especially China and the Republic of Korea as well as cooperating with national races employers not to burden the budget of the country.

The hluttaw approved U Thein Swe' proposal, and, tabled on 29 August, the Ward or Village-tract Administrative bill in line with some amendments of the report of Hluttaw Bill Committee and the amendments presented by the representatives till September 10.

Relating to the motion to be approved as there is no amendments from 1 to 4 paragraph in Chapter 1 and 2, the hluttaw approved the proposal that 1 and 2 paragraphs in Chapter 1 and 3 and 4 paragraphs in Chapter 2 should be parts of the bill as the proposal won unanimous support.

U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency submitted the proposal that the title of Chapter 3 and paragraph 5 should be parts of the bill, which was approved by a representative.

The proposal of U Thein Nyunt included that "qualifications of a ward or village-tract administrator should have", the title of Chapter 3, should be "assigning the post through elections" and "the facts included in paragraph 5 and sub-paragraph a to j" should be "One who lives in his ward or village-tract has to be chosen as an administrator by everyone who is eligible to be selected as a Pyithu Hluttaw representative, and those selected persons have to be assigned in the post of ward or village-tract administrators by township administrators."

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko responded that assigning in the post of ward or village-tract administrators has been separately described in Chapter 4 of the bill, and selecting is better than electing as there will be delay conditions for works of election.

In seeking the approval of Hluttaw, the proposal was decided not to approve.

The proposal "Chapter 5 and sub-paragraph a, b, c, g, h and j should be included in parts of the bill" was approved by the hluttaw owing to a vote of confidence.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave no response on the proposal, read on 29 August, that "being a person with sufficiency basic need" in subparagraph (d) of paragraph 5, and in paragraph 8, "being a person who stay truth in life."

The proposal was approved.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Lay Naing discussed "Sub-paragraph e in Chapter 5 should be parts of the bill", which was approved by a representative.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave no response on proposal to amend the provision " in sub-paragraph e in Chapter 5, those who have lived in their ward or village-tract for at least 10 years, and they will be living there till they are assigned."

The proposal was approved.

The proposal that the sub-paragraph g and h in Chapter 5 should be parts of the bill was approved.

U Thaug Han of Yinmabin Constituency tabled a motion that sub-paragraph i in Chapter 5 should be parts of the bill, which was approved by a representative.

In presenting the proposal that the word "together" should be in supplement in front of the primary expression of sub-paragraph i in Chapter 5, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko responded that it intended to family members residing in the house.

The proposal was approved.

As there was no objection to the proposal, the Hluttaw approved the amended sub-paragraph (i) of para-

graph 5 shall be part of the bill.

With regard to the proposal that sub-paragraphs (a) to (j) of the paragraph 5 shall be part of the bill, U Sai Win Khaing of Hsenwi Constituency submitted a proposal on amendment and one Hluttaw representative seconded it.

In asking the attitude of the Union government regarding the proposal to add one more sub-paragraph "**(k) not member of armed group in the paragraph 5**", Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that there was no submission.

As there was no objection to the proposal that sub-paragraphs (a) to (k) of Paragraph 5 shall be part of the bill, the Hluttaw approved it.

U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency submitted a proposal on amendment of the paragraph (6), and one Hluttaw representative seconded it.

In asking the attitude of the Union government regarding the proposal that **original provision of the paragraph 6 that the township administrator is to assign duty to five prestigious and suitable townselders from ward and village-tract in the supervisory committee with coordination with the Hluttaw representatives of the township for selecting the ward or village-tract administrator** in the place of original provision of the paragraph 6, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that as Hluttaw representatives are representatives of various parties, they should form the supervisory committee with five prestigious and suitable townselders to be free from bias in political parties.

U Aung Thein said that he believes if they carry out tasks without personal attachment and sectarianism, they can serve the interest of their regions. As there were many objections to the proposal, the proposal of amendment of U Aung Thein was not approved.

As one more proposal to approve the paragraph 6 was submitted, the Hluttaw approved the proposal that Paragraph 6 shall be part of the bill in original provision because there was no objection.

As U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency and U Saung Hsi of Kyaukme Constituency who enlisted to submit the amendment proposal regarding the paragraph 7 presented that they would like to withdraw their proposal, the Hluttaw decided that the original provision of the subparagraph (a) to (b) of Paragraph 7 was approved in line with the original provisions submitted by the Union government.

U Tin Tun of Shwegyin Constituency submitted an amendment proposal for subparagraph (c) of Paragraph 7 and one Hluttaw representative seconded it.

With regard to the proposal to add one more paragraph that **township administrator scrutinizes the nominated person submitted by the supervisory committee together with Township Scrutiny Board formed by respective State/Region Government; and if it is completed, the nominated list shall be submitted to the deputy commission of the district**, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that the respective deputy commissioner of GAD is responsible for seek the wishes of the people to carry out the task in line with the attitude of the respective regional government.

U Tin Tun explained that he submitted the proposal through check and balance for democratization process. As there were many objections to the proposal, the Hluttaw decided that the amendment proposal was not approved.

The Bill Committee submitted the proposal to substitute the provision that **heads of households in ten-household group are to select one qualified person from the ten-household group through secret voting and the nomination list and CV of the selected persons are to be submitted in the place of the original provisions in the subparagraph (c) of Paragraph 7**, the Hluttaw approved it. Discussions for remaining paragraphs in the **Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill** and seeking approvals will continue on 16 September.

The 18th day second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was adjourned at 3.50 pm and the 19th day session will continue at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

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1907 Town Act (4) stated that "The President of the Union may, by notification, declare any local area to be a town for the purposes of this Act." 1907 Town Act (5) stated that "The Deputy Commissioner may, by order in writing, divide any town into wards and ward into blocks." Village Act (5) stated that "The Deputy Commissioner may declare that any local area shall be a village tract and, when necessary, may determine the limits of any village tract."

When 1974 Constitution came into effect, Article 40 stated that "The Council of Ministers may constitute or reconstitute villages, village-tracts, wards, towns and townships within a State or Divisions, as the need arises, in constitution with the People's Councils concerned."

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the report have to be presented to the State Peace and Development Council through State/Division PDCs in accord with attitudes of SPDCs concerned, giving reason in detail based on economic, social, management and transport situations when the need to constitute or reconstitute villages, village-tracts, wards and townships arises. When the SPDC gave a green light to reconstitute, state/division General Administration Departments are to construct the case in accord with the procedures and present to General Administration Department (Head Office), the Ministry of Home Affairs and the government.

Section 53 (a) of the State Constitution stated that if there arises a cause to redelineate the territorial boundary of a Region or State, the prior consent of the electorate residing within the township concerned shall be obtained.

Section 54 of the State Constitution stated that when there arises a situation to alter or form the territorial boundary or change the name of a village, village-tract, ward, town, township or district of a Region, State, Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone concerned, the President shall act as necessary, upon the recommendation of the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned. The Ministry of Home Affairs issues announcement for reconstitution of towns, villages under the decision of the Union Government in accord with the support of the President.

Regarding the current territorial boundaries of districts, townships, sub townships, towns, wards, village-tracts and villages in States and Regions, the ministry issued on 25 February 2011 a book of notifications in which constitution of districts, townships, sub townships, towns, wards, village-tracts and villages in States and Regions are stated. Territorial boundaries stated in the book are territorial boundaries used at present.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency-3 who asked about measures to be taken for convenience of inmates with family difficulties held in custodies of Myanmar Police Force of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar due to various reasons as they are facing difficulties for their meals and they are being provided by their family members, the deputy minister replied that there were inmates held in police stations of MPF due to various reasons since the time of formation of police force. There were tasks to feed them accordingly sine then.

K 1 each for cost of meals for inmates was allotted from the expenditure by the State. After 1973, the demand was increased in the demand for cost of meals for inmates due to hiking price of commodities. The State allowed K 1.5 from 1-5-1973 to 31-3-1977, K 2.5 from 1-4-1977 to 14-7-1987, K 5 from 15-7-1989 to 31-3-2004 and K 30 from 1-4-2004 to date.

The rate K 30 per meal is inadequate due to present commodity price. Under the arrangements of respective region and state police forces, foodstuffs are sold at fair price and rice, meat, fish and vegetables produced by police members at special prices for reducing the cost of meals.

With the purpose of raising the fund for cost of meals for inmates, the Ministry of Home Affairs has sent the estimated expenditure to the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on 14 August according to the permission of the President Office.

U Min Myo Tint Lwin of Kayin State Constituency No. 10 said that **Hlaingbwe, Chaungzon and Kyaikmaraw townships of Kayin State and other townships have no granted lands for rubber farms like that of Kawkaireik Township in Kayin State. As the regions did not engage in breeding farms with thousands of cows like that of the past, the local farmers use only tractors in the farms instead of cows. He asked that whether there is a plan to transform the rubber farms on a manageable scale in the protected public forests (pasture land) in Kawkaireik Township into the horticultural farms with 30-year grants.** The Union Minister replied that there are 154,614 acres of public forests, and according to the records of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, these areas are only protected public forests.

Forest reserves and protected public forests are under control of the government. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry has rights of management over trees on the public forests.

With a view to fulfilling requirements of basic needs of the local people and improving the social economic status, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry allows doing businesses including cultivation of rubber on the lands of forest reserve and public forests managed by the ministry and the lands being managed by the government not to degrade the environment.

According to the 2010-2011 statistics

of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, there are 20644 acres of pasture land of which 667 acres of land is put under monsoon paddy, 3138 acres under rubber, 1737 acres of physic nut, 75 acres under areca nut plants, 1435 acres under fruit plants and 467 acres under other crops, totaling 7519 acres of crops in Kawkaireik Township.

Those wishing to carry out cultivation of seasonal crops, perennial plants and livestock breeding may submit application to Vacant and Virgin Land Management Central Committee and the committee scrutinizes and allows the applications.

With regard to transforming the rubber farms into the horticultural farms and issuance of grants in Kawkaireik



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Hla Soe of Taninthayi Region Constituency-9 raising question.

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Township of Kayin State, it is necessary to scrutinize type of soil for the plot at first. If it is forest reserve or protected public forest, it is necessary to seek approval on subtraction of forest land from the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and then submit application on cultivation of perennial crops in line with the rules and regulations of the Forest Department. If it is protected public forest, application can be submitted together with endorsement of the Forest Department to the respective region or state government.

If it is vacant or virgin land, application presenting completion of cultivation may be submitted to Vacant and Virgin Land Management Central Committee to carry out growing of perennial crops in line with the rules and regulations.

If any plant is grown in the pasture land, application may be submitted together with endorsement of the village administrator, depending on cultivation of other crops and its area, to the superior levels to seek the permission of cancelling the pasture land in accord with the Upper Myanmar Land and Tax Rules 77 and 78 and Lower Myanmar Land and Tax Rules 68 and 69. The Deputy Commission of the district may allow transform of pasture land to the arable land.

After cancelling the pasture land, the cultivation of crops, industrial crops and perennial crops may be undertaken in the long run in line with the regulations and



Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin answering question.

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rules under the permission of respective region or state government. The General Administration Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs will issue the 30-year grant for the land in the urban areas in accord with the Farmland Law.

U Kham Swin Mon of Chin State Constituency No. 5 said that **Tiddim Township of Chin State is constituted with 132 villages in 55 village-tracts. Due to facing difficulties in combined tasks of administration and communication, he asked whether there is a plan to form 80 village-tracts by extending more 25 village-tracts depending on the difficulties of population and transport.** The Union Minister replied that the Section 54 in Chapter II of the constitution states that where there arises a situation to alter or from the territorial boundary or change the name of the village, village-tract, ward, town, township or district of a Region, State-Administered Division or State-Administered Zone concerned, the President shall act as necessary, upon the recommendation of the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.

To be able to form new village-tracts by gathering the villages, the region/state government is to seek approval from the President with the submission together with completed documents and the recommendations of the township administrator and deputy commission of the GAD, survey report of the Commissioners of Region/State GAD whether village should be upgraded to the village-tracts, approval from the minutes of the region/state government meeting, and recommendation of the Chief Minister of the region or state.

With regard to the extended formation of the village-tract submitted by the respective region/state government, the President Office will scrutinize the remarks of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs will submit its remarks to the President Office for upgrading villages to village-tracts.

After receiving the approval from the President Office, application must be submitted to the Union government office in line with the prescribed rules and (See page 11)

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regulations. When the Union government replies to formation of upgrading the villages to village-tracts with its agreement, the Ministry of Home Affairs will issue the announcement for newly formation of villages to village-tracts. Thus, if Tiddim Township will be formed with 80 village-tracts with more 25 village-tracts, the application must be submitted to the superior through respective State government under rules and regulations.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied to the questions raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 6 asked **whether there is a plan to produce Myanmar traditional medicines to cure six common diseases namely TB, malaria, diabetes, diarrhoea, dysentery and hypertension; he said that he has found illegal imported medicines, foodstuffs and juices in the market without permission of the Ministry of Commerce and recommendation and inspection of Food and Drug Administration of the Ministry of Health; and he would like to know how will protect against the dangerous medicines, foodstuff and juices harming the health of people.** The Union Minister replied that two pharmaceutical factories of the Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health is producing traditional medicines for malaria, diabetes, diarrhoea, dysentery and hypertension, and one more traditional medicine is under test to produce TB disease.

Traditional Medicine Department and three Medical Research Departments under the ministry are making collaborative efforts in conducting traditional medicine research for production of medicines to cure six common diseases, and best prospects have been achieved.

The legally imported medicines must be put on registration number on their labels by taking registration in line with the National Drug Law. The Ministry of Health regularly checks registration and quality of the medicines in the market.

Food and Drug Administration Committee of States and Regions inspect the pharmaceutical shops, and if they find illegally imported medicines, action will be taken against the illegal importers and sellers. Announcements on illegal and fake medicines have been inserted into the newspapers as public warning. The ministry regularly checks quality of illegally imported foodstuffs and juices from the market according to the National Food Law. The ministry also inspects illegal medicines and foodstuffs sent by customs departments from the border areas and action is taken against the offenders.

U Khin Maung (a) U Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constituency No. 3 said

that **as there is no modern diagnostic machine for cardiologist and liver specialist and other specialists to check the diseases at Sittway General Hospital, intensive patients receive medical treatment in hospitals of Yangon by spending a large sum of money. He asked whether there is a plan to provide modern diagnostic machine for specialists to Sittway General Hospital.** The Union Minister replied that duties are assigned to one medical superintendent, one assistant medical superintendent, four senior specialists (medical education, surgery, child and orthopaedic), five specialists (OG, eye/ear, nose, throat, X-ray and pathology), five assistant surgeons (child, surgery, OG, anesthetic, orthopaedic), 13 assistant surgeons and one dentist at Sittway General Hospital. If it is necessary at work, specialists and assistant surgeons will be appointed in the vacancies.

He added that cardiology department and hepatitis department are only constituted in Yangon People's Hospital and Mandalay People's Hospital and are not included in region/state level hospitals like Sittway People's Hospital and thus currently there is no plan to furnish the hospital with modern equipment that can be used in such departments.

In his response to question of U Hla Soe of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (9) about **“whether there is a plan to upgrade 50-bed Pulaw Township People's Hospital to a 100-bed one, and when it will be upgraded, saying that the hospital was upgraded to 50-bed health care facility on 31, July 2002, following the population growth of the township, the number of patients have increased and the current wards of the hospital cannot cope with increasing number of patients”**, the Union minister replied that 50-bed township hospital, five 16-bed station hospitals namely Pala Station Hospital, Palauk Station Hospital, Maligyun Station Hospital, Pinyinbugyi Station Hospital and Kyaukka Station Hospital, one maternal and child health care centre, one urban health care centre, six rural health centers and 15 sub rural health care centers in the township are providing health care services for the public.

He continued that 5-bed Pulaw Township Hospital is constituted with 74 staff including six doctors, one dentist and 14 nurses; that currently, according to organizational set-up of the hospital, there is no vacancy of doctor, nurse and skilled staff and plans are under way to fill the vacancies of 37 general staff.

Chairman of Bill Committee U Mya Nyein submitted microcredit unions bill of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar ratified and sent by Pyithu Hluttaw to Amyotha Hluttaw along with report of the Bill Committee for consideration of Amyotha Hluttaw. The Hluttaw announced that representing wishing to discuss the bill may register by 20, September 2011.

Next, Secretary of Bill Committee U San Tun submitted bill amending the

Pyithu Hluttaw Election Rules ratified and sent by Pyithu Hluttaw to Amyotha Hluttaw along with the report of the Bill Committee for consideration of Amyotha Hluttaw. The Hluttaw announced that representatives wishing to discuss the bill may register by 20, September, 2011.

Hluttaw representatives U Shu Maung, U Tin Maung Win, U Hla Thein, Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye, U Ye Myint, U Sai Win Maung, and U Pe Thaug discussed the proposal submitted by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No.2 **“urging the Union government to ensure that every level of government staff are working in accord with the law to guarantee the peace and stability and security for the people”** that combination of good governance and clean government would lead to success in building modern, developed, democratic nation; that different level of government staff are to place emphasize on emergence of good governance; that the President has articulated his directives and the Union government is already putting it in to practice; and that personnel at different levels are taking initial steps within legal framework.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint clarified that personnel at different levels are observing the laws, rules and instructions prescribed by the State for the emergence of good governance and clean government as directed by the President; that in doing so, besides basic principles, procedures and ethics that the staff have to follow, separate order and directives are issued and respective ministries are taking measures for strict enforcement of regulations; that the Ministry of Home Affairs have publicly announced in Myanma Alin daily issued on 9, November, 2006 that any one who is not satisfied with services of government staff or finds malpractice of them may complain directly to the ministry to ensure that the public do not suffer losses.

The Union government has enforced code of ethics for staff on government staff, meanwhile, it has also mobilized the staff to follow rules and regulations by discussing, conducting talks and distributing of publications about civil rules and regulations such as “not to oppress the public and not to detain the public unfairly” described in United Nations' declaration.

Complaints and petitions are generally the results of self-experiences and hearing of losses caused by corruption, malpractice, misuse of power, bullying, bribery, etc of some unethical staff; that some complaints and petitions prove the incomplete knowledge about the law of some people and some are intentionally made up to defame the government and personnel and staff.

He continued that that the findings of Public Complaint and Petition Committee that says “complaints and petitions are mainly concerned with the cases between government departments and the people” is the conclusion based on the small amount

of complaints received in short period; that however, complaints and petitions are the results of the personal weakness of some staff who have failed to observe existing laws, procedures, orders and instructions issued by the State; that each government department is to collaboratively find out and take actions against unethical staff.

Regarding complaints and petitions for disputes between government departments and the public, Institutions safeguarding the law like Union government and ministries share the same feelings with the parties concerned and are scrutinizing complaints and petitions and taking punitive actions against the staff that misuse power; that each individual needs to be able to differentiate right from wrong and should mend his way if he is wrong and has fine national character, which is basic need for emergence of good governance and clean government; that to it is the responsibility of the government and the people for propagation of such fine traditions.

The President has formed 15-member National Human Rights Commission of Myanmar on 5, September, 2001, so as to effectively promote and safeguard fundamental rights of citizens enshrined in the constitution for ensuring peaceful and secure living of the public in legal framework and the Union government is placing emphasis on this issue in accord with the directives of the President.

Based on the assessment of discussions of Hluttaw representatives, the proposal to urge the government was changed into question and discussions and answers about the proposal were recorded as it is distinct that Ministry of Home Affairs and the government are making strenuous efforts for works mentioned in the proposal.

Hluttaw representative Dr Myint Kyi discussed the proposal of U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Constituency No (3) about **“urging the government to assign safety officers for prevention against accidents”** which was submitted at yesterday's session, saying that there are already laws and procedures for prevention against accidents, but people encounter accidents just because they fail to follow such laws and procedures in practical as they have only poor understanding about them and that people should try to understand laws and procedures.

The Hluttaw decided to discuss it later as the proposal needs participation of the whole public and cannot be solved by the Home Ministry alone.

The 18th day second regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw came to an end at 3.55 pm and the 19th day second regular session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

At today's session, Union ministers answered ten questions raised by Hluttaw representatives, submitted two bills and changed one of two proposals submitted yesterday into question and postponed one proposal.—MNA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV CTP FORTUNE VOYNO (0023)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP FORTUNE VOYNO (0023) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Roaring waves surge forward along the Qiantang River in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 12 Sept., 2011. Tens of thousands of tourists rush to the Qiantang River to watch the magnificent tidal bore, which usually occurs around the Mid-Autumn Festival (the 15th day of the eighth lunar month).— XINHUA



A singing gala held on the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Sept., 2011. People around the country celebrated the Mid-Autumn Day, a traditional Chinese festival for family reunion. — XINHUA

Honda to recall 310,773 Pilot vehicles in America

CHICAGO, 14 Sept— Japanese automobile manufacturer Honda announced Monday that due to seat belt concern, it will recall 310,773 Pilot vehicles for the 2009-3011 model years in the United States. Honda said in a statement that the stitching connecting the lap section of the front belt to the outboard anchor webbing may be incomplete or missing due to a manufacturing error, so the seat belts may become disconnected and increase the

risk of injury.

However, no injuries or deaths have been reported related to this problem. Honda encourages all owners of affected vehicles to take their vehicles to an authorized dealer for free inspection as soon as they receive notification of this recall. The company will issue the written notification to customers in early October.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 12 Sept, 2011 shows the new L'Or Blanc of Bugatti during the "Driving Diversity-Volkswagen Group Night" before the 64th IAA International Motor Show in Frankfurt, Germany. XINHUA

Twelve tourists rescued near Panama's coast

PANAMA, 14 Sept— Twelve tourists were rescued Monday in waters off Panama's Caribbean coast of Bocas del Toro Province, Panama's National Aero-Naval Service (Senan) said. Senan said the tourists, eight Canadians and four Panamanians, had been floating for about six hours near Punta Dayra after their boat broke down because of engine problems.

The tourists were taken to local hospitals for medical evaluations in Bocas del Toro's port, Chiriqui Grande. Panamanian

Newly-found exoplanet could support life: scientists

BEIJING, 14 Sept — Scientists on Monday announced they have found a planet that could potentially support life. Astronomers identified 1,781 planet "candidates" as they peer at a patch of sky covering more than 156,000 stars, in the constellation Cygnus.

Among these, one planet was found in the "Goldilocks zone" — an area which is neither too hot nor too cold for liquid water, the essential factor for Earth-like life. The planet about 36 light-years away from solar system has 3.6 times the mass of Earth, with an estimated temperature ranging from 30 to 50 Celsius, scientist said.

And its star, dubbed HD85512, can be seen in the southern sky in the constellation Vela. "If we are really, really lucky, this planet could be a habitat" like Earth, said Lisa

Kaltenegger of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Heidelberg, Germany. Astronomers have previously discovered 564 confirmed alien planets, with roughly 1,200 additional candidate worlds under investigation, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

XINHUA

Colombian oil company discovers new well in Meta

BOGOTA, 14 Sept — The Colombian oil company Ecopetrol Monday announced it had discovered a new oil well in the Cano Sur exploration block in the country's southeastern Meta Province.

Ecopetrol said an initial test at the CSE-8 ST exploratory well, located in Meta's town of Puerto Gaitan, resulted in a proven production of 532 barrels of heavy crude oil per day. "Ecopetrol has in the Llanos Orientales Basin seen a great potential in heavy crude oil that is commercially viable for exploitation, and we are very satisfied with the results achieved from this well in its initial tests," said Javier Gutierrez, Ecopetrol's president.

Ecopetrol said the newly discovered well is the most productive among those discovered in Cano Sur so far during 2011. Ecopetrol is the sole owner and operator of the Cano Sur block after signing an exploration contract in 2005 with Colombia's state-controlled National Hydrocarbons Agency.

XINHUA

Researchers find target for treating smoking, alcoholism

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — An enzyme that appears to play a role in controlling the brain's response to nicotine and alcohol in mice might be a promising target for a drug that simultaneously would treat nicotine addiction and alcohol abuse in people, US researchers find. Over the course of four weeks, mice genetically engineered to lack the gene for protein kinase C (PKC) epsilon consumed less of a nicotine-containing water solution than normal mice, and were less likely to return to a chamber in which they had been given nicotine.

In contrast, normal mice steadily increased their consumption of nicotine solution while the mice lacking PKC epsilon did not. The study conducted by researchers at the Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Centre, affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco, appeared Monday in the online edition of

the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. In normal mice, as in humans, nicotine binds to a certain class of nicotinic receptors located on dopamine neurons, which causes dopamine to be released in the brain. Dopamine creates a feeling of enjoyment, and thus prompts a sense of reward. Researchers found that mice lacking PKC epsilon are deficient in these nicotinic receptors. The finding complements earlier research in which researchers found that mice genetically engineered to lack the PKC epsilon enzyme drank less alcohol than normal mice and were disinclined to return to a chamber in which they had been given alcohol. — XINHUA

Drug fear keeps depression patient away from doctor

BEIJING, 14 Sept — A fear of taking antidepressants often results in people's reluctance of going to see the doctor when they are suffering from depression, a study find. The finding was published on Monday in the US journal *Annals of Family Medicine*.

The researchers from the University of California investigated 1,054 adults on why they wouldn't tell the doctors about their depression symptoms, as well as any possible mental disorder.

XINHUA



Director Madonna pauses to sign autographs at the premiere of her film "W.E." at the 36th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) on 12 Sept, 2011. — XINHUA



Miss Universe 2003 Amelia Vega (L) and model Isabeli Fontana (R) pose to the media upon arrival for the Miss Universe 2011 final, held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 12 Sept, 2011. — XINHUA

UNSG's Message on International Day of Democracy

New York, 14 September 2011

This year has been a remarkable one in the history of democracy. Millions of people participated in the dramatic events in the Middle East, North Africa and beyond, and yet more followed with intense interest. Their engagement confirmed that democracy is a universal model yearned for by all peoples and alien to no culture. This year also served as a reminder that democracy cannot be exported or imposed from abroad; it must be generated by the will of the people and nurtured by a strong and active civil society. The world saw the truth of the saying that countries do not become fit for democracy; they become fit through democracy. Young people, above all, brought home this message. They championed the democratic ideal and now face the challenge of working to realize the potential of the transitions they helped to set in motion.

The same truths are borne out by another milestone this year — the 20th anniversary of the massive transformation in Eastern Europe. Many of the region's countries are still in the early stages of their democratic passage. They know the painstaking work involved in building the rule of law, fostering transparency and accountability, and overhauling political and economic systems. They know the setbacks that can disappoint expectations, and the passion needed to keep moving forward. Their experiences provide important lessons.

The United Nations is there to support these efforts. It does more than any other single organization to develop and strengthen democratic institutions and practices around the world. The UN supports free and fair elections, encourages popular participation by civil society, and nurtures dialogue when parties are deadlocked after a disputed vote. It mediates in fragile political situations to prevent conflict, and fosters accountable security institutions after a conflict has ended. It deploys experts to help strengthen the rule of law, develop multi-party structures and build effective, accountable public administration, ombudsman institutions, anti-corruption agencies and gender equality bodies.

In all these endeavours, the UN does not seek to export or promote any particular national or regional model of democracy. It works on the understanding that the democratic ideal is rooted in philosophies and traditions from all parts of the world; that effective democratic governance enhances the quality of life for men and women everywhere; and that democracy provides the foundations for durable peace, security and development.

On this International Day of Democracy, let us redouble our efforts to support all people, in particular the young — the drivers of this year's momentous events — in making democracy a working reality. This Day belongs to them. Let us honour their commitment to a lifelong journey in democracy.

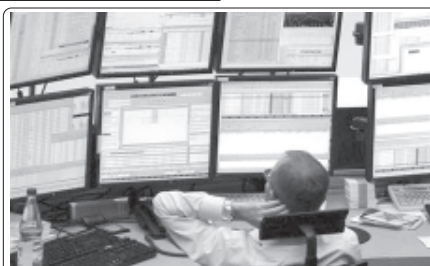
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Birth control device cuts cancer risk

CATALONIA, (Spain) 14 Sept—Intra-uterine devices designed to prevent conception may also protect against cervical cancer, according to a study covering more than 20,000 women that was released on Tuesday.

Introduced in the 1970s, IUDs are today widely used around the world. The T-shaped device, containing either a plastic-and-copper wire or hormones, is placed inside the uterus to prevent pregnancy.

The study, published in the journal *The Lancet Oncology*, found that women with a history of using IUDs had roughly half the risk of developing cervical cancer compared to women who never used them. Earlier research on IUD found a protection against cancer of the womb lining, but data on cancer of the cervix had been mixed. Xavier Catellsague of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat in Catalonia, Spain and colleagues analysed data from 10 studies on cervical cancer and 16 studies on the prevalence of HPV



A trader is pictured at his desk in front of the DAX board at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 13 September, 2011.

INTERNET

infection.

Use of an IUD did not affect the risk of contracting human papillomavirus (HPV), but appeared to offer significant protection against both major types of cervical cancer.

Internet

Laughter really is the best medicine Health

LONDON, 14 Sept—A rattling good laugh with friends will help you deal with pain thanks to opiate-like chemicals that flood the brain, according to a British study released on Wednesday. Researchers carried out lab experiments in which volunteers watched either comedy clips from "Mr Bean" or "Friends," or non-humorous items such as golf or wildlife programmes, while their resistance to mild pain was monitored.

Another test was conducted at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where the volunteers watched either a stand-up comedy show or a theatrical drama. In lab conditions, the pain came from a deep-frozen wine-cooler sleeve which was slipped onto the arm or from a blood-pressure cuff that was pumped to the threshold of tolerance.

For the Fringe Festival, the volunteers were asked to do a tough

exercise — leaning against the wall with their legs at right angles, as if sitting on a straight-backed chair — before and immediately after the

important distinctions.

The only laughter that worked was relaxed, unforced laughter that creases the eyes, as opposed to a polite titter.



Comedian Rowan Atkinson, "Mr Bean," pictured in 2007.—INTERNET

performance, to see if laughter had helped with the pain. Just 15 minutes of laughter increased the level of pain tolerance by around 10 percent, the study found.

In the lab experiments, the neutral, non-funny programming had no pain-alleviating effect at all. Nor did watching drama at the Fringe Festival. However, the study notes two

And this kind of belly laugh is far likelier to happen when you are with others, rather than being alone.

"Very little research has been done into why we laugh and what role it plays in society," said Robin Dunbar, head of the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Oxford.—Internet

Global stocks fall as euro crisis saps confidence Business

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept—Asian stocks, US index

markets have been roiled since the end of July by the twin fears of renewed recession in the United States and Europe's protracted debt woes, which have seen Greece, Ireland and Portugal forced to take bailouts and piled bond market pressure on Italy and Spain.

"Some of the European banks may have to recapitalize their balance sheets with government assistance. It's creating a lot of nervousness and uncertainty," said Simon Bonouvrie, portfolio manager at Platypus Asset Management in Sydney.

Oil eased after the International Energy Agency revised down its forecast for growth in consumption due to the struggling global economy.

Underlining the brittle state of confidence in global markets, the dollar rose and the yield on 10-year Japanese government bonds (JGBs) fell below 1 percent as demand for assets perceived as safe havens remained high.

Japan's Nikkei share average <N225> fell 1 percent, while MSCI's broadest index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan <MIAPJ0000PUS> dropped 2.3 percent.

<T> The MSCI index is now nearly 22 percent below its 2011 high reached in April. A decline of 20 percent or more is the rule-of-thumb definition of a bear market.—Reuters

Liverpool investigates striker over 9/11 tweets

LIVERPOOL, 14 Sept—England (AP) — Liverpool is investigating striker Nathan Eccleston for tweets about the 11 Sept attacks.

The 20-year-old Eccleston posted the comments on Twitter on Sunday, the 10th anniversary of the attacks in the United States. "I aint going to say attack don't let the media make u believe that was terrorist that did it," Eccleston tweeted.

He also made a reference to O.T.I.S., which can mean Only the Illuminati Succeed. The comments were later removed, but have been widely repeated online. Liverpool's principal owner is John Henry, whose Fenway Sports Group also owns the Boston



Red Sox.

"The club takes this extremely seriously," Liverpool said. "Senior club officials have informed Nathan Eccleston that we are undertaking an investigation into the circumstances surrounding these postings and will decide on an appropriate course of action pending that inquiry."—Internet

Keane joins Beckham in MLS elite earners club

MIAMI, 14 Sept — Ireland striker Robbie Keane has jumped straight on to the list of top five earners in Major League Soccer (MLS) headed by his LA Galaxy team-mate David Beckham, according to figures released by the league's players' union.

Keane joined the Galaxy from England Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur in August and has an annual salary of \$2.9 million, instantly putting him in fourth spot in the MLS, above the best-paid American, his team-mate London Donovan, who earns \$2.3 million.

Beckham, in the final year of his five-season deal, tops the list with a basic salary of \$5.5 million, although

he is guaranteed at least \$6.5 million with the addition of bonuses and other payments.

Internet



Keane of Ireland challenges Anyukov of Russia during their Euro 2012 Group B qualifying soccer match.—INTERNET

Lucho lifts Marseille spirits

PARIS, 14 Sept — Argentine midfielder Lucho Gonzalez's second half goal lifted Marseille to a morale-boosting 1-0 Champions League win over Olympiakos here on Tuesday to give the French champions a surprise early lead in Group F.

Marseille, France's sole European Cup winners, turned up in Athens looking to revive their fortunes after a dispiriting start to the defence of their French league crown.

Didier Deschamps' side are winless after five games, harvesting a meagre three points to leave them languishing two off the foot of the table.

And they regarded Tuesday's Greek run out



Marseille's players celebrate their goal against Olympiakos Piraeus at the end of their UEFA Champions League group stage opener at the Karaiskaki stadium in Piraeus near Athens.—INTERNET

as the ideal opportunity to belatedly kick start their season against opposition that had lost their last three home ties against French teams.—Internet

Chelsea keeper Delac loaned to Ceske Budejovice

LONDON, 14 Sept — Chelsea's Croatian goalkeeper Matej Delac has been loaned to Ceske Budejovice until the end of the season, the Czech first division side said on Tuesday.

"Delac is one of the biggest European goalkeeping talents," Ceske Budejovice president Karel Poborsky estimated.

Delac, 19, joined the English Premier League side in 2009 before being loaned to Dutch first divi-

sion outfit Arnhem in 2010-11.

Ceske Budejovice are 14th in the Czech league after six games with 17 goals conceded.

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Chelsea's Croatian goalkeeper Matej Delac seen here in August 2011.—INTERNET

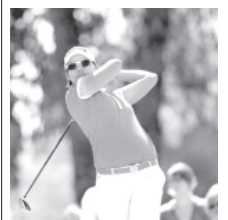
Sunderland's Bardsley banned over Mata stamp

SUNDERLAND, 14 Sept — Sunderland defender Phil Bardsley has been banned for four matches after deciding not to challenge a violent conduct charge following his stamp on Chelsea's Juan Mata, it was confirmed Wednesday.

Bardsley, 26, landed in hot water after video footage appeared to show him treading on Mata during Chelsea's 2-1 victory over the Black Cats at the Stadium of

Light last weekend. The suspension means the Scottish international will now miss upcoming Premier League matches against Stoke, Norwich, West Brom and Arsenal.

Internet



(Photo News) Yani Tseng of Taiwan plays a shot during the final round of the NW Arkansas Championship at Pinnacle Country Club in Rogers, Arkansas on 11 September.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Shootout at Cog Hill as players aim for spot in Tour finale

LEMONT, 14 Sept — American Webb Simpson leads an elite field of 70 players preparing for a shootout at Cog Hill this week as they aim for a spot in the lucrative



Webb Simpson

season-ending Tour Championship.

With his last three starts producing his first two career wins, Simpson enters the BMW Championship as the surprise leader of the FedEx standings but with every player in the field still mathematically alive to capture the FedEx Cup.

The tight standings sets up tense weekend at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club with only the top 30 moving onto Atlanta for the Championship and a shot at the \$10 million first prize.—Internet

Inter face defensive confidence crisis

MILAN, 14 Sept — Inter Milan's defence will be under scrutiny when they play their first competitive match of the season at the San Siro on Wednes-



Inter Milan's Argentine defender Adrian Samuel (R) drives the ball as he takes part in a training session with teammates in Appiano Gentile.—INTERNET

day in the Champions League against Turkish debutants Trabzonspor.

Inter's two competitive games so far have ended in defeat, to arch-rivals AC Milan in the Italian Supercup in Beijing a little over a month ago, and on Sunday in Sicily against Palermo. But it was the manner of their 4-3 reverse to Palermo that was most worrying for coach Gian Piero Gasperini in his first season in the job.

Gasperini has already courted much controversy with his highly publicised switch to a back three from a conventional back four. The 53-year-old has always preferred a back three and enjoyed a certain amount of success with that system when coach of Genoa.

Internet

Benfica coach Jesus wary of 'Brazilian' Rooney

LONDON, 14 Sept — Benfica coach Jorge Jesus admits his side's ability to contain in-form Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney could dictate the outcome of Wednesday's Champions League Group C opener here. Rooney will spearhead an attack that has scored a Premier League record 18 goals in their first four league games and is enjoying his most prolific start to a season since he joined United from Everton in 2004.—Internet



Benfica's coach, Jorge Jesus (L), looks on during a training session at the team's training camp in Seixal on the outskirts of Lisbon.—INTERNET

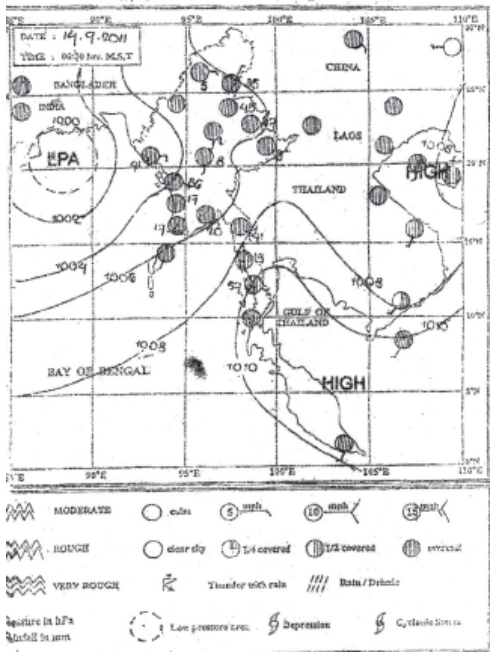
Federer arrives in Australia for Davis Cup playoff

SYDNEY, 14 Sept — Roger Federer has arrived in Australia to join the Swiss team ahead of its Davis Cup World Group playoff starting Friday.

The 16-time Grand Slam winner arrived later than his Switzerland teammates after his grueling five-set loss to Novak Djokovic in the US Open semifinals Sunday.

Federer has just two days to adjust to the grass courts at Royal Sydney Golf Club before his first match of the tie against Australia.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 15th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	3799	2577	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
2	Kayah	2781	2170	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
3	Kayah	2984	2475	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
4	Chin	2170	1355	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	3799	2679	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	3595	2679	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
7	Tanintharyi	3188	2577	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
8	Bago	3086	2373	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
9	Magway	3086	2577	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
10	Mandalay	3493	2679	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
11	Mon	2984	2373	Widespread rain or thundershowers (isolated heavyfall)	100%
12	Yangon	3188	2475	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
13	Rakhine	3290	2373	Widespread rain or thundershowers (isolated heavyfall)	100%
14	Southern Shan	2475	1864	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
15	Northern Shan	3391	2170	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
16	Eastern Shan	2781	2373	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
17	Ayeyawady	2984	2577	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	3493	2577	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	3188	2475	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	3493	2679	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (4.13) inches, Kyaukse (4.02) inches, Mawlaik (3.03) inches, Myittha (2.44) inches, Theinnyat and Bhamo (2.20) inches each, Nyaung-U and Maungdaw (2.09) inches each and Thant (1.07) inches.

According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over North Bay of Bengal has become unimportant. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas will likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong, monsoon.

WHO warns of 'alarming rise' in European TB

GENEVA, 14 Sept—The World Health Organization on Wednesday urged Western Europe to be alert against drug-resistant tuberculosis in the wake of an “alarming rise” in the number of cases reported across the region. The WHO hopes its action plan, published Wednesday, will prevent 263,000 cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and the more lethal extensively drug-resistant TB (XDR-TB) between 2011 and 2015.

“TB is an old disease that never went away,” said Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO regional director for Europe.

“Now it is evolving with a vengeance and we have to find new weapons to fight it,” she added, before promising technical support for any member nations who committed to the plan. More than 80,000 new cases of the lung disease are reported each



A medical technician works to create a tuberculosis vaccine. The World Health Organisation on Wednesday urged Western Europe to be alert against drug-resistant tuberculosis in the wake of an “alarming rise” in the number of cases reported across the region less.—INTERNET

year in Western Europe, London being the hardest hit capital city with 3,500 new cases diagnosed annually.

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Thursday, 15 September View on today

7:00 am

- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta

7:30 am

- 2. Morning News

7:40 am

- 3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

- 4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- 5. Health Programme

8:05 am

- 6. Song Of National Races

8:10 am

- 7. Dance Variety

8:20 am

- 8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Modern Song (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Women)

8:40 am

- 9. International News

8:45 am

- 10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

- 2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

- 3. Cute Little Dancer

4:30 pm

- 4. Teleplay (Health)

4:55 pm

- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Botany)

5:10 pm

- 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:20 pm

- 7. Documentary

5:30 pm

- 8. Science and Environment

5:40 pm

- 9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Modern Song (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Women)

6:00 pm

- 10. Evening News

6:15 pm

- 11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

- 12. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm

- 13. Approaching

- Science Discovery World

7:00 pm

- 14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

- 15. News

8:00 pm

- 16. International News

8:00 pm

- 17. Weather Report

- 18. 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Music)

8:00 pm

- 19. Documentary

8:00 pm

- 20. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

- 21. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-9-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(15-9-11 09:30 am ~ 16-9-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-1)
- * News

- * Myanmar Green Hotel Standardization Workshop
- * News
- * Song For You
- * News
- * “Myanmar’s Traditions and Culture” Tea

Overseas Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-1)
- * News
- * Myanmar Green Hotel Standardization Workshop
- * News
- * Song For You
- * News

- * “Myanmar’s Traditions and Culture” Tea
- * News
- * Youth of the Future (Puppet)
- * News
- * Mularsheedi we Love!
- * King Alaung Mintaya’s Palace Site
- * News
- * MI People’s Celebrities “Hein Wai Yan & N Kai Ra”
- * Moe Hnyin Than Buddha, The Unique Pagoda in the Monywa
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Ever Green Taunggyi
- * Myanmar Movies “Story of a flower”

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 18th day

Ten questions answered, two bills submitted, one proposal changed to question, one proposal postponed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept— The First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session continued for the 18th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint answered the queries about matters related to science and technology raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the questions raised by U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency-10 who asked “How the government will take measures for the school building of Biotechnological School opened near Kyayni village of Kunchan village-tract in Letpadan Township in Thayawady District of Bago Region as there is no students there,” the Union minister replied that the Biotechnological School (Letpadan) opened biological courses and conducted research works in the past and the school was moved into the new place with large area in Kyaukse Township so as to be able to conduct research works on a wider scale. So school buildings are now vacant temporarily.

Now, the school with 11 admin and finance staff led by the principal is under repair and it is planned that the school will be reopened as a GTHS or a GTI at an opportune time.

Regarding the question raised by U Ye Myint of Bago Constituency-4 who asked that “whether there is a plan to open a Technical High School or a similar vocational training school so as to be able to widen the horizon of the local youths from nearby areas in Nyaunglebin which is centered in Bago linking with the region on eastern bank of Sittoung River,” the eastern part of Bago Mountain Ranges and six townships of Bago District. The Union minister replied that the Ministry of Science and Technology is turning out engineers, technicians and skilled workers in states and regions for human resources development. Technological University (Toungoo) and Government Technical High School (Toungoo) in eastern part of Bago Region and Technological University (Pyi) and Government Technical High School (Pyi) in western part of Bago Region were opened for students in the region.



Hluttaw representatives at the 18th-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

As an effort for human resources development, Technological University (Toungoo) produced 1464 BE degree holders, 2257 B. Tech degree holders and 7480 A.G.T.I holders totaling 11201 and now 1207 trainees are taking A.G.T.I first year course, 802, A.G.T.I second year course, 441, B. Tech first year course, 390, B. Tech second year course and 403, BE course totaling 3253 for the 2010-11 academic year.

Likewise, Government Technical High School (Toungoo) produced 253 technicians and 108 first year students and 126 second year students totaling 234 are taking their respective courses for the 2010-11 academic year.

Those who passed middle school level may attend GTHSs and those who passed second year course of the GTHSs are qualified with necessary requirements will be allowed to take A.G.T.I first year course. If they are qualified, they will be allowed to take B. Tech and B.E courses.

As a Technological University and GTHSs were opened in Toungoo which can be easily reached by rail or car from Nyaunglebin, Kyaukdaga and townships in eastern part of Bago Mountain Ranges including Kyaukkyi and Madauk Townships in the

region on eastern bank of Sittoung River, students in eastern part of Bago Region who passed middle school level and matriculation have an opportunity to take engineering courses in their own region. There is no plan to open a new GTHS in Nyaunglebin as Government Technical High School (Toungoo) did not meet numbers of students it can hold.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied queries about matters related to home affairs raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Paw Lyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency-9 who asked that he would like to know in accord with the desire of the people “which government or Hluttaw approved the internal territorial boundaries stated in the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar”, the deputy minister replied that boundaries of village, township, district, region and states were formed in the past in accord with 1907-Village Act, Towns Act and the 1974 Constitution and they are being reformed in accord with the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party.

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Defence Services Commander-in-Chief receives Royal Thai Army Commander-in-Chief

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14 dead as Kabul siege ends



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Researchers find target for treating smoking, alcoholism

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A singing gala held on the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Sept, 2011. People around the country celebrated the Mid-Autumn Day, a traditional Chinese festival for family reunion.

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Miss Universe 2003 Amelia Vega (L) and model Isabeli Fontana (R) pose to the media upon arrival for the Miss Universe 2011 final, held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 12 Sept, 2011.



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