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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Saudi Arabian King

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept— U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2011.

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Our Three Main National Causes

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

Chin State Government supplemented with ministry, state minister reshuffled, minister appointed

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued the Order No. 48/2011 today.

The unofficial translation of the order is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Order No. 48/2011

10th Waning of Tawthalin, 1373 ME

(22nd September, 2011)

Chin State Government supplemented with ministry, state minister reshuffled, minister appointed

1. In accord with the Sub-Section (a) of Section 18 of the Union Government Law and Sub-Section (a) of Section 4 of the Region or State

Government Law, Chin State government was supplemented with Ministry of Electric and Industry under the agreement of Chin State Hluttaw.

2. In accord with the Sub-Sections (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-Section (c) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Sub-Section (g) of Section 8 of the Region or State Government Law, Chin State Minister for Transport U Ciin Lyan Paung submitted by the Chin State Chief Minister was assigned as Chin State Minister for Electric and Industry.
3. In accord with the Sub-Sections (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-Section (b) of Section 18, Sub-Section (c) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Sub-Section (b) of Section 4 and Sub-Section (g) of Section 8 of the Region or State Government Law, U Ngun Hsan Aung, submitted by the Chin State Chief Minister, was assigned as Chin State Minister for Transport.

Sd/Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 23rd day Six questions answered, one bill approved, one bill submitted, two proposals discussed, two new proposals submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 23rd day at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 366 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Six questions were answered, one bill approved, one bill submitted, two proposals discussed and two new proposals submitted.

U Aung San of Pabedan Constituency said that **drivers and passengers are worried about dangers of traffic accidents for motor cycles and cows along Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway. Moreover, drivers use wrong signal systems. He asked whether there is a plan to take action against the offenders.** Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that seven (d) class police stations are opened at seven places on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section of Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway and five stations on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section for traffic enforcement along the expressway. Arrangements have been made to upgrade the (d) class stations to (a) class stations with added strength and to station the police outposts at bridges which are far from the police stations so as to manage security and traffic rules enforcement.



Representatives at First Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session for 23rd day.

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Section No. 29 (a) of the Highways Law enacted on 17 November 2000 stipulates that animals shall not be taken on the surface of the highway through various kinds of herding, riding, tying and tending.

And, any of the following acts shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to 3 months or with fine or with both.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 23 September, 2011

Cooperate cordially with counterparts for peace, stability and prosperity in ASEAN region

The opening of 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly was held at Nun Srei meeting hall on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia on 20 September. Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint addressed the ceremony to accept Republic of the Union of Myanmar as permanent member of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

Myanmar attended the AIPO general assembly as a special observer country annually beginning the 18th assembly held in Bali of Indonesia from 1 to 6 September 1997. The nation became a permanent special observer country at the 21st AIPO General Assembly attending annually till the 31st ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly.

In the process for the emergence of a new democratic nation according to the systematic realization of seven-point Road Map step by step, Myanmar has written a Constitution, approved it at a national referendum, held a free and fair election in line with the Constitution, and held Hluttaw session with the participation of elected representatives.

With the firm belief that AIPA would have a meaningful role in setting up a bright and peaceful ASEAN Community, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of Myanmar decided to join the AIPA.

The approval for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as a permanent member was announced at the 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly. As an AIPA permanent member, Myanmar vowed to take part actively in AIPA activities and to cordially cooperate with ASEAN member countries for ensuring peace and stability and prosperity in the ASEAN region.



POSTERS PUT UP: Lanmadaw Township Electrical Engineer U Kyaw Hsan Aung and staff put up posters on danger of electricity at main points of the township. They put up a poster in front of Nyaungbinle Market at the corner of Strand Road and Maha Bandoola Street in Lanmadaw Township on 13 September.—District IPRD

FM sends message of felicitations to Saudi Arabian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—On the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.—MNA

Public Announcement for remonstrations

1. Party for Unity and Peace headquartered at No. 10 on Gawthaka Street in Thayagon Ward in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Region, on 6-9-2011 submitted its applications



Sky blue colour

White colour

Seal of Party for Unity and Peace

for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag, and seal described hereunder.

2. The Party for Unity and Peace asked permission from the Union Election Commission to change its seal on 20-9-2011.

3. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Union Election Commission

Seminar on Overviews of Special Economic Zone Development held

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw attended the opening of Seminar on Overview of Special Zone Development of Thailand-based Amata Corporation PCL at Hotel Aureum, here, this afternoon.

It was also attended by deputy ministers, departmental heads, CEO of Amata Corporation PCL Mr Vikrom Kromadit, Chairman of Japan External Trade Organization Mr Setsuo Iuchi, Deputy Secretary General Mrs Hirunya Suchinai of Thai



Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw delivering address at Seminar on Overviews of Special Economic Zone Development of Amata Corporation PCL.—MNA

Investment Commission and officials.

Resource persons including Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw read their papers.

Director-General U

Aye Ko of the Ministry of NPED, CEO of Amata Corporation PCL Mr Vikrom Kromadit and a guest reviewed the papers.

Difficulties in establishment of industries

comprising over 800 factories each in Thailand and Vietnam were discussed. They also focused on assistance for development of future industrial zones.—MNA

Information for anti-trafficking in persons

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—The government is accelerating the tasks of anti-human trafficking activities.

With a view to ensuring more cooperation of the people, telephone numbers, announced to inform the authorities concerned about anti-human trafficking are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.—MNA

IPRD offers books to schools in Yangon Region

YANGON, 22 Sept—The Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information held a ceremony to donate books to the school libraries in Yangon Region at the meeting hall of the department in Botahtaung Township on Theinbyu Road here yesterday noon.

Consultant Based Learning for ASEAN SMEs Nov-Feb

YANGON, 22 Sept—Asia Seed of Japan and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-RUMFCCI will jointly organize the Consultant Based Learning for ASEAN SMEs (COBLAS) at its federation, here, from November 2011 to February 2012.

The candidates will be chosen for 20 trainees.

The applicants must be graduates with good command in English. They must be under 35 years old. They must be members of RUMFCCI and its sister associations and family members. For information, contact 01-217480, 01-214344-01-214349.—MNA

Deputy Director-General of the department U Tint Swe donated a total of 1291 copies namely "General knowledge-2011" costly K2,582,000 million to Higher Education Department No 3 through Director of HED No. 3 U Tin Hlaing.—MNA



People repair their house damaged in Sunday's 6.9-magnitude earthquake in north of Gangtok, India, on 21 Sept, 2011. Indian soldiers managed to reach a hydroelectric project in the northeastern Wednesday where many people were killed in a series of landslides triggered by a powerful earthquake.
INTERNET

Pickup truck hits bomb in Pakistan, Five dead

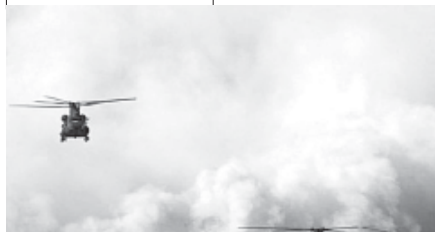
KHAR, 22 Sept — A pickup truck carrying civilians hit a roadside bomb in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border Thursday, killing at least five people, a government official said.

Another vehicle was damaged and several people were wounded in the incident, which occurred in the Chamarkand area of the Bajur tribal region, said Adalat Khan, a local government administrator.

Bajur is considered a militant stronghold and violence has persisted there since last year, when the military claimed that it had defeated Taleban and al-Qaeda militants after more than a year of fighting.

Elsewhere in the northwest, security forces killed three militants and arrested two others who were holed up with weapons in a house in Mingora, the main town in the Swat Valley, said army spokesman Col Arif Mahmood.—*Internet*

This file photo shows US army Chinook helicopters landing at Kandahar airfield in southern Afghanistan.
INTERNET



KABUL, 22 Sept—The NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan said Thursday it had killed a Taliban commander who was the target of an operation in which 30 US troops died when their helicopter crashed last month.

Qari Tahir was killed by an air strike Tuesday in Wardak Province, central Afghanistan, the military said.

The US said last month it had killed those behind the helicopter's downing, but a senior Afghan government official told *AFP* that it was Tahir who had lured US forces to the scene by tipping them off about a Taliban meeting. "A precision air strike killed Taliban leader Qari Tahir after the security force located Tahir and an associate in a dry riverbed in Sayd Abad District," the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force said in a statement.

"Tahir was the Taliban's top leader in Tangi Valley and was the target of a previous combined operation on 5 Aug, 2011, that resulted in the loss of the CH-47 Chinook last month. "He led a group of militant fighters throughout the valley and was known to use roadside bombs and rockets to intimidate the local populace."
Internet

Hopes dim in Indonesia sea search

JAKARTA, 22 Sept—Hopes were fading Thursday for 14 traditional musicians missing after a boat sank off Indonesia's resort island of Bali, with 11 people already confirmed dead in the accident.

A group of 36 Balinese musicians was travelling on an inter-island boat late on Tuesday after performing at a burial ceremony. Eleven people were

found dead and the remaining passengers were rescued alive. "It has been two days since they went missing. The chance to find them alive is pretty slim. I hope there is a miracle," Bali search and rescue agency head I Ketut Parwa told *AFP*.

He said a search operation was ongoing on Thursday, with a helicopter and nine ships including vessels from the navy and maritime police. The Indonesian

archipelago of more than 17,000 islands has a poor sea safety record, and fatal accidents are common.—*Internet*

Rescuers are seen returning from a search mission for survivors from a traditional boat which capsized off Sanur beach on Indonesia's resort island of Bali.
INTERNET



Thai flood death toll reaches 130, more flood warning

BANGKOK, 22 Sept—A total of 130 people were confirmed dead and two people were missing in the floods that have inundated upper part of the country for nearly two months, the authority said on Wednesday.

The floods still prevail in 24 provinces, mostly in the northern, north eastern and central part of the country, according to the report of the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department, released on Wednesday.

Altogether more than 1.9 million people in 165 districts were affected by the floods, it said.

The flood caused by monsoon which have prevailed over the country, the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

Meanwhile, the National Disaster Warning Centre on Wednesday morning issued an advisory for people in 14 districts of central Province of Petchabun, northeastern Province of Loei, central Province of Phitsanulok, Chantaburi and Trat and northeastern Province of Khon Kaen to brace for flooding on Wednesday and Thursday.

Moreover, people living near hillsides and waterways should prepare for possible flash flooding, the department warned.

The department estimates that about 2,300 square metres of farmland have been hit by flood.

Xinhua

Cambodia to host largest int'l landmine conference in November

PHNOM PENH, 22 Sept—Some 1,000 diplomats, landmine experts and non-governmental organization activists from about 120 countries will gather here late November to update the progress of landmine clearances and victim assistance, said a

senior government official on Thursday.

The 11th Meeting of the States Parties of the Ottawa Treaty would be held from 27 Nov to 2 Dec in Phnom Penh. Prak Sokhon, secretary of state for the council of ministers and vice-president of the Cambodian Mine Action

and Victim Assistance Authority, said at a Press Conference.

The Ottawa Treaty, or the Mine Ban Treaty, is formally the convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on

their destruction.

There were 156 States Parties to the treaty, he said. "It will be the largest-ever event that Cambodia hosts," he said.

Cambodia is one of the worst countries suffered from landmines in the world as the results of nearly three decades of war and internal conflict from the mid 1960s until the end of 1998.—*Xinhua*

High pollution ups heart attack risk Health

LONDON, 22 Sept—People have an increased risk of heart attack for 6 hours after exposure to high levels of air pollution, researchers in Britain said. Krishnan Bhaskaran, an epidemiologist at the

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and colleagues reviewed 79,288 heart attack cases from 2003 to 2006 — noting exposure, by the hour, to pollution levels. The authors used the British National Air Quality Archive to investigate the levels of specific pollutants in the atmosphere including pollutant particles, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and ozone.

Higher levels of pollutant particles and nitrogen dioxide are well-known markers of traffic related pollution, Bhaskaran said.

The study, published in the *British Medical Journal*, found high levels of pollution could increase the risk of having a heart attack for as long as 6 hours after exposure, but no increased risk after the 6-hour time frame.

Given the transient nature of the increased risk, the researchers speculated the heart attack would have happened anyway and was merely brought forward by a few hours.—*Internet*



While vaccines have made some childhood illnesses rare, many others remain a fact of life. They range from common infections like croup to mysterious ailments like Kawasaki disease.—INTERNET

Nissan, Mitsubishi strengthen cooperation Business

TOKYO, 22 Sept— Japanese automakers Nissan and Mitsubishi are strengthening their cooperation by expanding the number of models they make for each other in Japan.

Nissan and its smaller rival Mitsubishi have had what is called an original equipment manufacturer, or OEM, deal since December 2010. They manufacture specific vehicle models

for each other and sell them under their own brands.

Nissan Motor Co said Thursday it will provide the Fuga luxury sedan to Mitsubishi Motors Corp, starting from summer next year.

They have also started talks on Mitsubishi providing the Minicab-MiEV commercial electric car to Nissan in the fiscal year that begins April 2012.

Such OEM deals are fairly common in the auto industry. They allow companies to cut costs by increasing production scale and to expand their lineup of types of cars they don't want to invest in the development or manufacturing of.

Under an earlier agreement, Nissan, which also makes the Leaf electric car and March subcompact, is providing the NV200 Vanette compact van to Mitsubishi Motors from next month.

Internet



2010 Mitsubishi Outlander GT.—INTERNET

Best diet: One-third protein, carbs, fat Health

TRONDHEIM, (Norway) 22 Sept—Meals made up of one-third protein, one-third fat and one-third carbohydrates allow the body to function best, researchers in Norway found.

Berit Johansen, a professor of biology at Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Ingerid Arbo and Hans-Richard Brattbakk fed slightly overweight people different diets and studied the effect of the diet on gene expression. Gene expression describes the process in which information from a gene's DNA sequence is translated into a substance, like a protein, that is used in a cell's structure or function.

"We have found that a diet with 65 percent carbohydrates, which often is what the average Norwegian eats in some meals, causes a number of classes of genes to work overtime," Johansen said in a statement. "This affects not only the genes that cause inflammation in the body, which was what we originally wanted to study, but also genes associated with development of cardiovascular disease, some cancers, dementia, and type 2 diabetes — all the major lifestyle-related diseases."

Each study participant was able to be his or her own control person — each was allowed to go on both diets, with a one-week break in between the diets. Half began with one diet, while the rest started with the other. One diet had 65 percent of calories from carbohydrates, 15 percent from protein and 20 percent from fat, the second diet was half carbs with twice as much protein and fat as in the first diet, the researchers said.—*Internet*

Depressed people have slightly more strokes Health

NEW YORK, 22 Sept—A new study shows people who are depressed may be a little more likely than others to suffer a stroke down the road.

Looking back at 28 past studies, researchers estimated there would be 106 extra cases of stroke per 100,000 depressed people each year, 22 of them fatal. But don't reach for the antidepressants just yet, because the study has major limitations.

The biggest problem is that nobody knows how to account for the link — people who have the blues might smoke more and exercise less, for instance. Indeed, accounting for that did weaken the apparent tie between depression and stroke, which kills about 137,000 Americans a year.

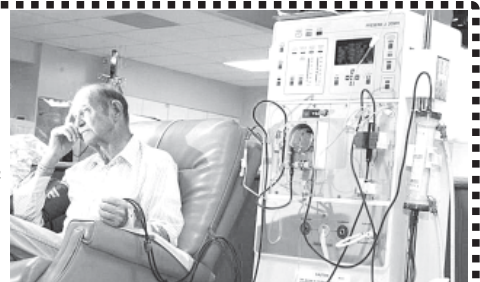
And there's a more troubling possibility, said An Pan, a researcher at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston who worked on the study.

In an earlier study, he found depressed people who take antidepressants appeared to have an increased risk of stroke compared with depressed people who weren't on the drugs.

"These medications could be one possible reason for the increased risk of stroke in depression and the majority of studies did not control for this," he told *Reuters Health*.

He stressed, however, that antidepressant use might also just be an indicator of severe depression, which might account for the extra risk.—*Reuters*

In this 28 Dec, 2001 file photo, John Matheny sits during one of his three weekly sessions at the Morgantown Dialysis Centre where he receives his kidney dialysis treatments, near Granville, W Va. A major study to be published on 22 Sept, 2011 challenges the way diabetics and others with failing kidneys have been treated for half a century, finding that three-times-a-week dialysis to cleanse the blood of toxins may not be enough.—INTERNET



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A townhouse is listed for sale in Northeast Washington on 4 September, 2010.
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On long odds, home sales rise Business

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—Existing US home sales rose 7.7 percent in August despite tight credit and a shaky economy, the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday. The group said sales rose in the month "despite headwinds."

Total sales of single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.03 million in the month, from an upwardly revised 4.67 million in July.

The tally for August was 18.6 percent higher than the 4.24 million sales pace of August 2010.

NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said, "Some of the improvement in August may result from sales that were delayed in preceding months, but favorable affordability conditions and rising rents are underlying motivations." For August, the national median price for all housing types was \$168,300, down 5.1 percent from August 2010.

In addition, for the month, foreclosure sales rose to 31 percent of sales, up from 29 percent in July, but down from 34 percent in August last year.

Total inventory of existing homes fell 3 percent at the end of the month to 3.58 million existing homes for sale, a 9.5 month supply at the current sales pace.—*Internet*

Climate drove human evolution steps

Science

LIVERPOOL, 22 Sept— Climatic fluctuations drove key milestones in human evolution from the emergence of an early ancestor to the appearance of stone tools, British researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Liverpool reconstructed likely responses of human ancestors to the climate of the past 5 million years and found key evolutionary events coincided with periods of



This 13 Sept, 2011 photo shows Anthony Guarino Jr., a seismic analyst at the California Institute of Technology, demonstrating an early earthquake warning system in Pasadena, Calif. The US government has been testing an alert system in California that may someday warn residents and businesses that an earthquake has hit.—INTERNET

high variability in recorded temperatures, a university release said Wednesday.

Following the onset of high climatic variability around 2.7 million years ago a number of new species appear in the fossil record, researchers said.

“The first stone tools appear at around 2.6 million years ago, and doubtless assisted some of these species in responding to the rapidly changing climatic conditions,” Liverpool researcher Matt Grove said. “The study confirmed that a major human adaptive radiation — a pattern whereby the number of coexisting species increases rapidly before crashing again to near previous levels — coincided with an extended period of climatic fluctuation.”

However, he said, most of those species eventually disappeared.

“By 1.5 million years ago we are left with a single human ancestor — Homo erectus. The key to the survival of Homo erectus appears to be its behavioral flexibility — it is the most geographically widespread species of the period, and endures for over one and a half million years,” Grove said.

“Homo erectus appears to have been a generalist, able to deal with many climatic and environmental contingencies.”—*Internet*



A man at a portable phone design exhibition organised by Japan's mobile operator NTT DoCoMo in Tokyo. Japan's top mobile phone operator is to unveil a smartphone with changeable “jackets” that measure bad breath, body fat and even radiation levels.—INTERNET

Japan carrier unveils smartphone radiation gauge

Tech

TOKYO, 22 Sept—Japan's top mobile phone operator NTT DoCoMo is to unveil a smartphone with changeable “jackets” that measure bad breath, body fat and even radiation levels.

DoCoMo says it has developed technology that allows users to measure their own bodies or surroundings by slipping their smartphones inside sensor-embedded shells. The company will showcase the technology at the Combined Exhibition of Advanced Technologies, a fair featuring the latest in high-end gadgetry, starting in early October near Tokyo.

“Many customers have been nervous about radiation since the Great East Japan Earthquake,” DoCoMo spokesman Daisuke Sakuma told *AFP*, referring to the 9.0-magnitude quake and tsunami of 11 March that sparked a nuclear crisis at the Fukushima atomic plant. “We had been thinking what services we can provide to address these customer needs as a telecom carrier.”

DoCoMo will show off three kinds of “jacket” for use with a model of smartphone loaded with the appropriate software.

As well as radiation, the company said it would also demonstrate a case that determines if the holder has bad breath or smells of alcohol as well as checking levels of skin-damaging ultraviolet light.

A third case, dubbed the “health management” jacket, will measure body fat and muscle bulk.

Internet

Russia resumes launch of Proton-M carrier rocket

MOSCOW, 22 Sept—A Russian Proton-M carrier rocket carrying a military spacecraft blasted off early Wednesday from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan, the first launch since a series setbacks of Russian rocket launch in August.

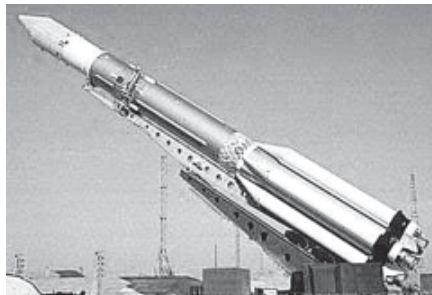
Colonel Alexei Zolotukhin, spokesman of the Russian Space Forces, told reporters that the successful launch took place at 02:47 Moscow time (2247 GMT Tuesday) as scheduled.

“The spacecraft is scheduled to separate from the Briz-M booster at 11:48 Moscow time (0748 GMT),” Zolotukhin said.

The military spacecraft delivered by the Proton-M belongs to the Russian Defence Ministry.

Local reports said the Wednesday launch was originally planned for 31 Aug, but was postponed due to an investigation into a failed launch of a Proton-M rocket carrying an Express-AM4 satellite on 18 Aug.

After the failure, Russia decided to suspend launches of rocket Proton-M pending the outcome of



Proton-M Rocket.

INTERNET

Science

a probe into the accident.

On 24 Aug, a Progress M-12M cargo ship also failed to reach the orbit due to a rocket malfunction. Russia delayed the launch of next manned spaceship to the *International Space Station (ISS)*.

Xinhua

Disney hopes game character makes it to big screen

LOS ANGELES, 22 Sept—The Walt Disney Co has used mobile games to promote its movies, but now it's trying something new: launching a cuddly character in a game in the hope he makes it to the big screen someday.

In a first effort at the new strategy, Disney is launching this week an animated alligator named “Swampy,” whose bizarre quest in the 99-cent iPhone game “Where's My Water?” is to keep clean.

The reptile, unlike his in-the-wild counterparts, lives under a big city and mostly hangs around in his bathtub, waiting for iPhone owners to dig a digital trench that allows water to flow into his poorly connected plumbing.

Disney Mobile general manager Bart Decrem says one goal of the launch is to incubate new characters that can cross over into other Disney business units like movies and merchandise.

“Maybe five years from now, wouldn't it be great if there was a movie that started up on the App Store?” Decrem said.

He said mobile devices are becoming central to kids' lives and Disney wants to make sure it is there.

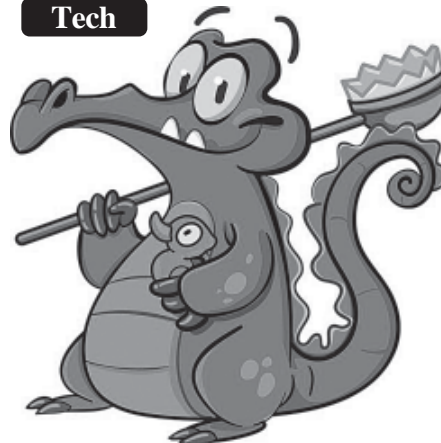
“To me, this is where a generation of kids is growing up. And it's really critical for the success of the company that we be there and telling stories and introducing characters to a new generation of kids,” he said.

Disney's interactive unit has long been a troubled one. Expensive forays into making video games for consoles such as the Xbox and PlayStation 3 have resulted in big losses.

In the most recent quarter through July, Disney's interactive unit lost \$86 million on revenue that grew 27 percent from a year earlier to \$251 million. That marked the 11th consecutive quarterly loss since Disney began breaking out results for the unit in late 2008.

Analysts have questioned what Disney is doing in the games business, especially after its \$563 million purchase of social games maker Playdom last year didn't help stem the losses.—*Internet*

Tech



This image provided by the Walt Disney Co shows a new game character named, “Swampy.”—INTERNET



Soldiers clean the rubbish and mud left by flood in City Guangan, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 21 Sept, 2011. City Guangan was hit by flood on Monday.—XINHUA

Swedish daycare centres use GPS to track children

STOCKHOLM, 22 Sept—Daycare centres in Sweden have started using GPS systems and other electronic tracking devices to keep tabs on children during excursions — a practice that has raised ethical and practical questions.

Some parents are worried day care centres will use the technology to replace staff. Others wonder whether getting children used to being under surveillance could affect their idea of privacy when they grow older.

Monica Blank-Hedqvist, the principal of a daycare centre in the city of Borlange told *The Associated Press* Wednesday her staff have

been using such devices during supervised walks in the forest: the kids wear vests with transmitters that staff can track on a screen. "It is excellent, it has been only positive for us," Blank-Hedqvist said.

The devices are used as extra security by three preschool teachers watching around 20 children, to quickly discover if one of them strays away from the group, she said.

Par Strom, an author and commentator on issues related to technology and privacy, told news agency *IT* he is of two minds about the tracking. "On the one hand I can see the practical advantages in some



File picture dated on 19 April, 2011, shows a group of nursery school children in yellow vests out for a walk in Stockholm.

INTERNET

situations. At the same time you get children used to constant surveillance at a very young age," he said. Not everyone is convinced the tracking systems can increase security for their children. "What a shame we don't use the money and energy on salaries (for daycare employees) instead," columnist and mother of three, Malin Wollin wrote on tabloid *Aftonbladet's* website Wednesday.—*Internet*

WikiLeaks chief memoir published, against his will

LONDON, 22 Sept—A long-awaited memoir by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is finally being published — without his approval. British publisher Canongate said Wednesday that the book, billed as an "unauthorized autobiography," will go on sale in stores and online Thursday.

Canongate paid the 40-year-old Assange for the rights to the memoir last year, and he began working with a ghostwriter on the book, which he said he hoped would be "one of the unifying documents of our generation."

Canongate sold rights to more than 30 publishers around the world, including Alfred A Knopf in the US. But Canongate said that as he recorded 50 hours of interviews about his life, Assange became increasingly troubled by the prospect, eventually declaring that "all memoir is prostitution."

The publisher said Assange tried to cancel his contract, but since he had not repaid his advance it had decided to publish the first draft that the WikiLeaks founder delivered to the publisher in March.—*Internet*



This 7 Feb, 2011 file photo shows WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange leaving Belmarsh Magistrates' Court in London. A long-awaited memoir by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is finally being published without his approval.

INTERNET

Flood peak hits Sichuan, leaving 25 dead, 14 missing

CHENGDU, 22 Sept—The highest flood peak in the history of the Qujiang River passed through southwest China's Sichuan Province on Wednesday, leaving 25 people dead and 14 others missing, according to local authorities.

Torrential rains have pounded the province since 16 Sept, bringing water levels on the Qujiang River to 267.8 metres on Monday morning at the Sanhui monitoring station, nearly seven meters higher than the flood warning level, according to the Sichuan Water Resources Department. The flooding left a great deal of damage in Sichuan. More than 83,000 houses collapsed, and direct economic losses totaled 13.3 billion yuan (2.1 billion US dollars), according to the department.

A total of 101 people have died or gone missing due to flooding caused by heavy rains in nine provincial-level regions since 1 Sept, Shu Qingpeng, deputy director of the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters, said on Tuesday.

Xinhua

At least two dead, 11 missing in Colombian mine explosion

BOGOTA, 22 Sept—At least two Colombian miners died and 11 were missing in a coal mine explosion Wednesday in central Colombia, according to the country's geology and mining institute. Two workers were injured in the accident and have already been taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Oxygen and artificial respiratory equipment have been brought to the site in case survivors are found, emergency personnel said.

The explosion, caused by an accumulation of gases, took place in a mine called "the Diamond" located near the urban centre of Socha in Boyaca Province, Colombia's Institute for Geology and Mining said. At least 15 people were working at the mine when the explosion occurred, the institute said.

Xinhua

Cholera, measles to hit Somalia famine victims

NAIROBI, 22 Sept—Seasonal rains in Somalia threaten to spread disease among the hundreds of thousands of internally displaced residents who have fled famine conditions in hopes of finding food, 20 aid groups said Wednesday.

The groups warned that the aid response to Somalia's famine has not been large enough to address the dire needs, and that hundreds of thousands of people could die from the crisis. Tens of thousands of children and many more adults have already died from hunger.

"It is hard to imagine that the suffering in Somalia could get any worse. Yet we know that the arrival of the Deyr rains predicted for October 2011 will result in increased suffering

and lead to the deaths of many more weak and vulnerable Somalis in communities already decimated by famine," the groups said in a statement. "The spread of cholera, measles and malaria will have a devastating effect on malnourished men, women and children," they said.

The United Nations says that more than 4 million people are suffering from a food crisis in Somalia, and that 750,000 of those people are at risk of death in the next four months.

A Somalia expert at Davidson College in North Carolina said in a new paper released Wednesday that President Barack Obama needs to lead an international effort to open food aid corridors in Somalia.—*Internet*



Severely malnourished child from southern Somalia is held in makeshift shelter in a refugee camp in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 20 Sept, 2011. The United Nations World Food Programme is bolstering its nutritional support for malnourished children and mothers in the Horn of Africa.

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UEC holds coord meeting with Region/ State Sub-commissions



Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye delivering an address at coordinating meeting with Union Election Commission and chairmen and secretaries of Region and State Sub-commissions. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—The Union Election Commission held a coordinating meeting with chairmen and secretaries of Region and State Sub-commissions at the hall of the commission, here, at 9.30 am today.

Chairman of the Commission U Tin Aye delivered an address.

Chairmen and secretaries of Region and State Sub-commissions participated in the discussions. Members of the Union Election Commission looked into the requirement.

The meeting ended with the remarks by the Chairman of the Commission. He urged all to comprehensively carry out the electoral tasks based on the past experiences under the law.—MNA

Sugarcane farmers urged to use high-yield strains, to practice scientific method

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing advised farmers to practice the ways for promoting sugarcane sector today.

The Union minister met with 46 farmers and four agricultural businessmen from Bago

Region at the model 4-acre sugarcane plantation in the 500-acre model agricultural mechanization zone here today and called for growing high-yield strains, practicing scientific methods, using fertilizer systematically, working for minimizing of loss and wastages to be able

to reduce costs and finding ways for getting good price and market.

During their tour of study, the sugarcane farmers visited the model plantations which can yield over 50 tons and 60 tons per acre in the zone and the model 40-acre paddy plantation at Gyaing Village

in Dekkhinathiri Township.

The Union Minister also urged the farmers to work hard to be able to meet the over 100 baskets per acre yield.

The farmers also visited special high-yield sugarcane plantations at Thabyaybin Village in Zeyathiri Township and at Kyi-inn Village in Pyinmana Township.

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Myanmar delegation leaves for USA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept— A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun yesterday left here by air for Washington DC of the United State of America to attend the annual general meetings 2011 of the International

Monetary Fund and the World Bank and the ASEAN Finance Ministers' Retreat.

The Union Minister was accompanied by Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and departmental officials.

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I&P Union Minister receives JICA Resident Representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept— Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi received outgoing Resident Representative of Japan International

Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mr. Hideo Miyamoto who had completed his tour of duties and incoming Resident Representative Mr. Mashiko Tasnaka at

his office here today.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on conducting courses jointly by JICA and Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ). — MNA



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40th World Post Day letter writing contests' winners at local level announced

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept— To mark World Post Day which falls on October 9, 2011, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Universal Postal Union (UPU) held a letter writing contest for under-15-year-old youths worldwide.

The English letter writing contest titled "Imagine you are a tree living in a forest. Write a letter to someone to explain why it is important to protect forests" was organized

by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and the Ministry of Education at Basic Education Schools (high/middle/primary) in the respective townships on 9 January.

As the results of the local level contests, Grade IX student Ma Khine Thazin Tun of Myaungmya BEHS No. 1, plucked the first prize, Grade X student Ma Khin Wint Thu of Kanma Basic Education High School, the second, and Grade VII student Ma Thazin Tun

of Kyauktada BEHS, the third, including special prizes winners, Grade IX student Ma Su Yi Htet of Loikaw BEHS No.1, Grade IX student Ma Hay Tha of Mawlamyine BEHS No. 6, Grade X student Maung Kyaw Zin Thant of Mandalay BEHS No. 11, plus consolation prizes, Grade IX student Ma Yin Nyein Ei of Dawei BEHS No. 1, Grade X student Ma Sanda Win of Kawkareik BEHS No. 1, Grade IX student Ma Yoon Myat Chel of

Letpadan BEHS No. 1.

The letter of Ma Khine Thazin Tun, which was selected the best in the local level contests, has been sent to UPU to go through the International level letter writing contest.

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Earthquake News

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that a slight earthquake of magnitude (4.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about (135) miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory (about 8 miles Northwest of Naunggawk village, Kawlin Township) was recorded at (20) hrs (49) min (08) sec MST on today.

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Police stations and Public Works take action against those from villages along the expressway driving motor cycles for their health, education and social affairs and those tending cattle around 50 miles from Yangon at night time.

With regard to wrong signals of vehicles on the expressway, most of the drivers show left signal light of the to overtake their vehicles on the expressway. Traffic police members gave talks on traffic rules to the drivers in regions and states and urged them not to use wrong signal systems. The educative talks were also presented through MTRV.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to four questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Zaw Tun of Labutta Constituency said that **about 30,000 acres of farmlands between Yway and Pyamalok rivers has been facing less success in cultivation due to inflow of sea water beginning last three years. He asked whether there is a plan to construct the dyke for prevention against inflow of sea water.** The deputy minister replied that the government wishes to fulfill the requirements of the people as much as possible. Endeavours of the State is based on finance. Depending on the budget, tasks can be carried out in defence, education and health sectors.

Between Yway and Pyamalok rivers, about 2400 farmers from Kanbet, Ohntabin, Htinbonkwin, Kyudaw, Paukhtu and Ohnbinu village-tracts are engaged in cultivation tasks on 30,000 acres of farmlands. It needs to construct 95 miles long sea water prevention dykes. For the first phase, the feasibility can be conducted and design drawn. Depending on the allotment of budget, the construction of the dyke can be undertaken. In the aftermath of cyclone Nargis, sluice gates were maintained with the use of allotted budget on the eastern bank of Pyamalok River. Moreover, the maintenance tasks will be carried out depending on the budget.

U Tin Hlaing of Kalay Constituency said that **Manipur multi-purpose dam project kicked off on Manipur River near Hsedaw Village of Kalay Township, Sagaing Region in 2004-2005. He asked when the project will resume, and when hydropower can be generated, whether there is a plan to supply electricity to Chin State, Kalay and Gangaw regions.** The deputy minister replied that Manipur multi-purpose dam project on Manipur River near Hsedaw Village of Kalay Township, Sagaing Region commenced in 2004-2005. It will irrigate 50,000 acres of farmlands and protect Myittha river basin against the flood. Moreover, the facility will decline the overflow of Chindwin river and generate 380 megawatts. On completion, Chin State, Kalay and Gangaw regions can be supplied with electricity. At present, drawing of design is underway.

The project is being implemented in 2011-2012 fiscal year. By 2011, the project will be completed by 13.53 per cent. Generating hydropower is responsible for the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2. The project is designed to supply electricity to Chin State, Kalay and Gangaw regions. As the project commenced in 2004-2005, its completion will depend on the allotment of budget of the State.

Thura U Aye Myint of Wetlet Constituency said that **farmlands of village-tracts in Wetlet Township of Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, were flooded due to blocking of drains. He asked whether there is a plan to maintain Pintaryoe canal and Aungtatkon dam canal for proper flow of water.** The deputy minister replied that Thaphanseik Dam supplies water to 101,279 acres of farmlands in Wetlet Township through Shwebo canal of Karboe Dam. Surplus water from farmlands in Wetlet Township are drained out from Pyadthat, Pintaryoe and Aungtatkon dam canals. When there is above four inches

rainfall in Shwebo and Wetlet townships, the irrigated areas of Wetlet Township are flooded. Pyadthat drain was dug for prevention against floods.

According to the survey, Pintaryoe drain is 19 miles long with 70,000 soil saddles. On completion, the canal can protect 750 acres of farmlands from floods. Aungtatkon Dam drain is 21 miles with 75,000 soil saddles. On completion, it will protect 500 acres of farmlands from floods.

The Irrigation Department is digging canals and drains in the irrigated area of Karboe Dam. Depending on allotment of budget, Pintaryoe and Aungtatkon canals will be extended.

U Kyi Maung of Myittha Constituency said that **construction of a sand sluice gate was allowed in front of Samar Diver Weir at Panlaung River of Myittha. As the fund has not been allotted yet, how the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will manage the con-**



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aye of Homalin Constituency holding discussions.—MNA



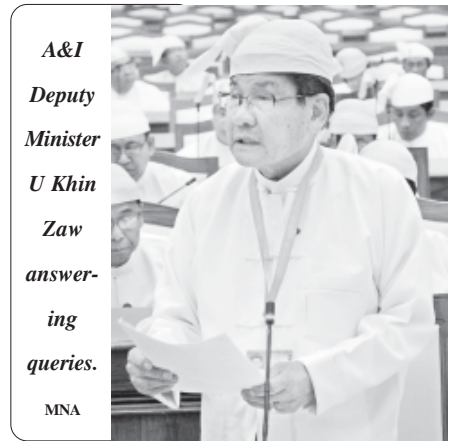
Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Zaw Tun of Labutta Constituency raising question.—MNA

struction of the sluice gate, he asked. The deputy minister replied that Irrigation Department built Samar Diversion Weir at Panlaung River in Myittha Township of Kyaukse District in Mandalay Region in 1997-1998. The diversion weir supplies water to farmlands through Samar canal. Arrangements have been made to remove weeds and silt in Kathaung Creek for proper flow of water that flows into upstream of the diversion weir. Moreover, feasibility studies have been conducted to install the sand sluice gate at the diversion weir and the designed have been created. Depending on allotment of the budget, the installation of the sand sluice gate will be carried out. The representative is to be appreciated for prioritization of the tasks depending on the budget. The already-completed dams and digging of the drains are also depended on the budget.

U San Lin of Taunggyi Constituency said that **although official use of trawler-G vehicles in Loilem Township of Shan State (South) was registered to pay tax, such effort failed. Moreover, the owner of the vehicle is not under the circumstance of taking action. However, similar vehicles are being sold officially in Yangon and other towns. He asked he would like to know differences in taking registration of the vehicles.** Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied that the ministry allows registration for trawler-G with 18x6.7x8 feet measurement, 2000 kg weight, 3000 kg axel, two cylinders, 7.5x16 inches wheels as the farming vehicles in the rural areas. The Myanmar Industrial Development Committee allows the standards of the trawler-G manufactured by local industrial zones.

Directives have been issued officially that the opening of centers for sale of trawler-Gs were not allowed. It is found that some China-made trawler-Gs used in farming are larger than Light Trucks in size and they are installed with high-speed engines so as to be able to carry overloads. They were designed and manufactured as a vehicle and their capacity is much higher than that of trawler-Gs.

Vehicles with four high-speed cylinders will not be



A&I Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw answering queries. MNA

allowed to register as trawler-Gs. As they were designed as a vehicle, it is required to carry out the official process of submitting application for registration of vehicle and applying permit to import and paying tax. Registration process are being carried out regardless of the region on an equal term across the nation.

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi submitted a Bill to revoke the **Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities of Public Workers (1964)** and committee member U Soe Yal read out the report of Hluttaw Bill Committee.

Next, the Union minister submitted a proposal to approve the Bill to revoke the **Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities of Public Workers (1964)** and the Bill was approved with the support of Hluttaw.

Secretary of Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin submitted a **Region/State Hluttaw Bill** to the Hluttaw.

The bill will be discussed within the last week of September and representatives wishing to submit proposals of amendment may enlist describing paragraph, subparagraph, subject and word in detail not later than 23 September (Friday).

U Shwe Maung (a) U Adu Rawzak of Buthidaung Constituency, U Myint Lwin of Kyaikto Constituency and U Aung Sein of Manaung Constituency seconded the proposal, **implementation of Sai Din Hydropower Project for development of Rakhine State as soon as possible**, submitted by Dr San Hlaing of Taungup Constituency on 20 September, saying that upon completion of the project within the short period of time, it can contribute to development of plants and factories in Rakhine State, thereby declining unemployment rate.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Electric Power No-1 U Zaw Min replied that a MoU was signed on 18 January 2011 to implement the Sai Din project through FDI and JV/BOT. According to final observation of NEWJEC of Japan, the 2010 report stated that 281 gwh will be produced annually with the total installation capacity of 46.7 megawatts and permanent electricity of 20 megawatt. Its generating capacity will be 69 per cent. The study said that there will be increase in average annual power supply, reaching generating capacity by 69 per, but installation capacity is reduced and electricity can be produced in summer. The project will be implemented along with Laymyot and Laymyot (2) projects.

According to the geological condition of Rakhine State, it is found that rock layer foundation is not in good condition. At Thahtay creek project, considerable investment of time and money were used for construction of coffer dam at the lower level of the dam in order to avoid infiltration of water from the dam. Construction of tunnels such as diversion tunnel and water intake tunnel saw a lot of difficulties and delays due to geological condition of the region. Cost for the project will be higher twofold per megawatt or 2.5 times than that of in sound geological condition.

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It will take more time in conducting feasibility study and drawing design for Sai Din project due to abovementioned geological condition. This project should be implemented as more electricity can be generated in summer. Strenuous efforts are being made to supply electricity essential for national industrial development to every corner of the nation. The Union minister said the proposal is an appropriate one to be approved.

Now the ministry is examining thoroughly the report of NEWJEC Inc. presented on December 2010. It is required to choose the type of dam for the project which is to be the best and most suitable one for geological condition of the region as natural geological condition and foundation are poor. The ministry will push the project works to be completed as soon as possible after taking necessary measures in order to avoid technical errors.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal of Dr San Hlaing.

U Aye of Homalin Constituency, U Khin Maung Oo of Monywa Constituency and U Tun Thein (a) U Tun Tun of Mansi Constituency and U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun of Hsipaw Constituency seconded the proposal, **the right to reclaim fairly vacant and virgin lands by those who actually want to do of U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency** yesterday, saying that it is required to consider the proposal for the interest of local national entrepreneurs who actually want to do and farmers who want to do the business on a manageable scale as they are facing difficulties for reclamation of vacant and virgin lands to a certain extent.

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He added that as smooth transportation was part of rural development and poverty alleviation programme, measures were taken for swiftest distribution of agricultural produce to the markets just after harvest; as such 37 miles long Namtu-Bawdwin-Mantung road, 37 miles long Mantung-Namhsan road, 58 miles long Mantung-Momeik road, 23 miles long Mantung-Yepon-Lweya-Moelo road, 56 miles and six furlongs long Mantung-Mongwi road, 48 miles and four furlongs long Hsipaw-Panlong-Namhsan road and 76 miles and three furlongs long Kyaukme-Mongngo-Namhsan road had been constructed for smooth transportation in Namhsan and Mantung townships in Palaung Self-Administered Zone.

He went on that in 2011-2012 fiscal year, construction groups of his ministry and national private companies were tarring, broadening, upgrading and repairing roads and bridges in those townships with capital funds and maintenance funds.

U Sai Win Maung of Shan State Constituency No (5) asked **“whether there is plan to rebuild one-way Panhkam Bridge linking Muse and Namhkam constructed in 1945 and what kind of the bridge will be and when the work will be started if there is a plan”** and **“if there is a plan to build Shweli River-spanning bridge from Kaungna Village to Manhiyo Sub-township in Muse Township as the sub-township was seen as an isolated sub-township although it is situated near Kaungna Village, five miles from Muse.”**

The Union Minister replied that 220-ft long and 12-ft wide Panhkam Bridge on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse-Namhkam-Bhamo road was a one-way bailey type facility linking Muse and Namhkam in Shan State (East); his ministry had planned to build new RC type bridge for three reasons, firstly because the bridge was too old for further use, secondly because vehicles had to wait due to one-way traffic on it and lastly because it was located on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse-Namhkam-Bhamo Union Highway; Asia World Company would build it as RC type facility as the

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar stated, “The Union is the ultimate owner of all lands and all natural resources above and below the ground, above and beneath the water and in the atmosphere in the Union”. Central Committee for Management of Vacant and Virgin Lands was formed in order to encourage the agricultural and livestock breeding businesses with the use of state-owned land resources, vacant and virgin lands on a commercial scale and related businesses for economic development. Permissions to reclaim lands were granted by the central committee in accord with the rules and regulations.

As the central committee issued permits for reclaiming vacant, fallow and virgin lands for agricultural purposes in the light of recommendation of Region/State supportive committees; those who are granted the permission are to complete cent per cent works in four-year period; 845 company entrepreneurs are managing 1375755 acres in Kachin State to date, 131900 acres are arable land while remaining 1243855 acres cannot be used for agricultural purpose.

The permission for lands which have yet to be reclaimed are exchanged to those who will actually reclaim the land in managing the optimized use of land resources such as vacant and virgin lands; job opportunities will be created and more crops will be produced; central committee-then was dissolved and Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Central Committee was established with the notification No (67/2011) of President Office dated 12-7-2011 to manage effective use of State-owned land resources such as permitted lands with no use.

In accord with the duties and rights of the central

bridge was located within the road section being implemented by Asia World Co under B.O.T system; so far, land surveys had been completed and construction would begin after designing.

He went on that travelling from Muse of Muse District to Manhiyo, one had to cross Shweli River via Kaungna Village on Muse-Namhkam road, five miles from Muse; two miles long tarred road laid between other side of Shweli River and Manhiyo; Shweli River was 1000 feet in width and 15 feet in depth in monsoon; vehicles hardly ever run on that road and only small vehicles like trailers and motorbikes crossed the river in powered sampan.

He added that for improvement of transportation in Muse District, 600-ft long Shweli Bridge (Namhkam) was inaugurated on 27 April 2009 and the ministry currently had no plan to construct Shweli River-crossing Bridge to link Muse and Manhiyo as doing so would need construction of over 1000 feet long bridge on the road with small amount of traffic.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied to questions raised by two representatives.

U Salai Kweyan of Chin State Constituency No (12) said that **Paletwa Township was the southern-most town of Chin State and the whole population of the township still has to rely on 25-bed people's Hospital and asked if there is plan to upgrade it to 50-bed health facility.** The Union Minister replied that there were over 800 households in Paletwa Township with one 25-bed hospital and one 16-bed Samee Station Hospital; the township hospital was equipped with 30 staff including two doctors, one dentist and six nurses, Samee Station Hospital with six staff including one doctor and one senior nurse.

The Union Minister said that the plan is underway to constitute Paletwa Hospital with 55 staff including five doctors, one dentist and 16 nurses as 25-bed standard hospital and to extend Samee Station Hospital with 17 staff including two doctors and six nurses as the hospital which satisfies requirements for 16-bed standard one.

Regarding the question raised by U Nu of Yangon Constituency (10) that **“Yangon People's Hospital is the main hospital of all the people's hospitals which**

committee and rules and regulations for entitlements for vacant, fallow and virgin lands, the central committee will revoke the permits issued by former central committee from those who do not use land for agriculture in set period under the designated rules and will hand the permits to those who will actually do agricultural business, the bill for amending vacant, fallow and virgin land is being drafted and plan is underway to submit it to the Hluttaw; to fairly grant permits of vacant and virgin lands to those who actually want to reclaim, the central committee will issue permits in the light of respective Region/State supportive committee's report, and respective Region/State government's recommendation under the law, rules and regulations.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Myo Swe.

U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency proposed to **implement national health care security plan in coordination by separately setting up (a) insurance policy for all national people, (b) fund raised with monthly/yearly savings of paid employees, further contributed by the employers and the government, (c) temporary fund by the government on behalf the jobless, farmers who earn seasonally, and hawkers and U Htan Lain of Mindat Constituency to formulate a policy to effectively enforce sports activities in basic education schools.**

The date for discussion of U Kyi Myint's proposal will be announced later and representatives willing to discuss may enroll by 23 September evening. Discussion about U Htan Lain's proposal will be held on 23 September and representatives willing to discuss his proposal registered this evening.

The 23rd-day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw came to an end at 3.50 pm and the 24th-day session continues 23 September.—MNA

are providing healthcare to public; whether there is urgent plan to upgrade the hospital to international standard one through cooperation of the State, national entrepreneurs and wellwishers; if planned, when it will start; whether there is plan to welcome national physicians, medical technicians and practitioners abroad back home”, the Union Minister answered that it has been over 100 years that Yangon People's Hospital has stood as reliable healthcare provider for patients, near or far, in Myanmar; the hospital which can host 1500 beds is now running for 1350 beds; there are 25 specialist departments and seven emergency units in the hospital; professors, practitioners, specialists, assistant doctors, nurses and competent staff are providing treatment to all walks of life in emergency departments under the instructions for standardized treatment drafted by practitioners of respective subjects; efforts are constantly made to upgrade the hospital to international-standard one in term of treatment and to install international-standard equipment; maintenance of the equipment for their endurance is carried out with the earnings of ophthalmological services through cost-shared system; necessary equipment for the hospital are contributed by the government and wellwishers; with the cooperation of national entrepreneurs, the hospital will become an international-standard hospital in a short period of time; doctors in foreign countries left and return the country at their will; they are welcomed as ever to return the homeland.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint gave an answer to questions related to the home affairs raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (3) that **“there are 9000 pubs in 45 townships of Yangon Region licensed by General Administration Department; how broad licensing for sale of liquor which the religions do not allow, which leads youths into the wrong way, which brings about social issues will be controlled”**, the deputy minister answered that the ministry issued the notification on 20 April, 2004, to establish collecting increased liquor license tax and scrutiny task force

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which functions in cooperation with township information teams and prevention teams in respective Regions/States against illegal liquor businesses under laws, bylaws, rules and regulations, and directives; General Administration Department handle responsibility for liquor control and tax collections; Myanmar Police Force exposes, takes actions and lodges lawsuits against illegal liquor distillation, carriage, and sale; the courts passes penalties and obtain consents in such cases under the provisions of liquor law; according to Myanmar Liquor Law Article (9), (10), (11), and (12) and Rule (4) Sub-rule (1), Region/State/District/Township liquor advisory boards are formed for producing, holding and distributing the alcohol; liquor plan listing sorts of liquor licenses by Region/State boards, meeting record of township/district board and approval of Region/State governments have to be submitted to General Administration Department (Headquarters) in August of every calendar year; after scrutinizing the submissions from each Region and State, the Ministry of Home Affairs passed it to the government for permission and issued licenses; in 2011, 41303 pieces of 28 kinds of liquor licenses are issued, including 8969 in townships of Yangon Region; the figure includes liquor factory (D-1) License, dying and bottling (D-1A) License, hotel and motel liquor (FL-10) License, (FL-17) Licenses, wholesale in variety shops and stores (FL-12) License and only 5904 licenses for retail sale in restaurant compounds; so, there are no 9000 pubs in the Region; pubs are under supervision of respective ward/village administrators and MPF to adhere to rules of the licenses permitted. Actions were taken against 9926 Cases in 2009, 5353 in 2010 and 2633 up to 25 August in 2011 in Regions and State. In

Yangon Region action has been taken against 1598 cases up to August 2011. Illegal distribution of local/foreign cigarette, liquor, beer, wine and drinking water in domestic market is being supervised by investigating, holding and auctioning.

Regarding the question raised by Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7) "whether individuals who meet set requirements for ward/village-tract administrators should be allowed to run for the post and whether all eligible voters, over 18, in ward/village-tract should elect the administrator of their own ward/village by secret ballot", the Union Minister answered that the ministry submitted Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill to first Pyithu Hluttaw on its sixth day of second regular session on 29 August, 2011; the submitted bill has been distributed to Hluttaw representatives for consideration; after being scrutinized,



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Sai Win Maung of Shan State Constituency No (5) raising questions.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No (10) raising questions. MNA



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replies to queries. MNA

amended, added, discussed, and reviewed by Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, it will be enacted as law; the designation of ward or village-tract administrator will be carried out in accordance with the law.

Hluttaw representatives U Paw Lyan Lwin, U Hla Swe, U Gam Hsai discussed the report of Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee submitted on 19 September.

As Secretary of the committee U Win Naung submitted the proposal to approve the report, Hluttaw gave its assent to the report.

The 23rd-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 1.40 pm and the session will continue for 24th day at 10 am on 23 September, 2011.

At today's session, nine questions were raised and answered, and one report was discussed and approved.

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Titanic necklace stolen from Danish amusement park



In this undated photo made available on 19 Sept, 2011, showing the gold-plated necklace which was recovered from the wreckage of the Titanic, which has been stolen from a display at Copenhagen's Tivoli amusement park.

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COPENHAGEN, 22 Sept—A gold-plated necklace recovered from the Titanic has been stolen from an exhibition at Copenhagen's Tivoli amusement park.

Park spokesman Torben Plank says the alarm did not sound when the jewelry disappeared Saturday morning. "The showcase has not been broken into and the alarm didn't go off," Plank said, adding police were investigating the theft. "It is pretty embarrassing." A euro1,000 (\$1,380) reward has been offered for information leading to the retrieval of the necklace.

Exhibition owner Luis Ferreiro said the necklace has an insurance value of euro14,000 (\$19,300) but he doubted it could be sold because it is known internationally. "It was very important piece. The artifacts tell stories about the people aboard," Ferreiro said.

The necklace was owned by first class passenger Eleanor Wildener of Philadelphia who survived the

Titanic sinking, according to maritime historian Claes Goran Wetterholm.

The Titanic sank in the North Atlantic on 15 April, 1912, while making its maiden voyage. More than 1,500 passengers and crew perished.

The temporary exhibition at Tivoli park includes fine china, ship fittings and other artifacts from the famed shipwreck.—Internet

Singapore to set up National Cyber Security Centre

SINGAPORE, 22 Sept—Singapore will set up a National Cyber Security Centre in the coming months in a bid to manage the risks that have come with the age of the internet, Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the opening of the Singapore Global Dialogue, Teo said the centre will help the government deal with cyber security threats and vulnerabilities more effectively by enhancing capabilities in early



People take part in the Car-Free Day event by walking in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, 22 Sept, 2011. The event was held to promote the green concept of transport in Chinese cities. XINHUA

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Bamboo flutist Jiang Guoji (front) and conductor Tang Muhai perform at a concert by China's Zhejiang Symphony Orchestra during the MITO Settembre Musica in Turin, Italy, on 17 Sept, 2011. XINHUA

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detection and prevention.

Teo also called for international collaboration and greater public-private collaboration.

"Effective cyber security efforts require perspectives and expertise that transcend national and organizational boundaries," he said.

Teo said there is a realization globally that more needs to be done, citing the recent call from British foreign secretary William Hague for governments to come together and agree on a set of rules governing the use of cyberspace. Hague also spelt out the principles that "could form the basis of such collaboration," Teo said.

Teo highlighted the challenges brought by the rise of the Internet, especially the social media such as Facebook and Twitter as well as the loss of around 1 trillion US dollars due to cyber crimes in 2009.

Xinhua

Heathrow falls behind rival European airports

LONDON, 22 Sept—Heathrow is falling further behind rival European airports in the battle for lucrative routes to emerging markets, according to a study released on Thursday.

The report by Frontier Economics, commissioned by Ferrovial-controlled BAA — the owner of Heathrow — said a lack of direct flights to emerging markets was already costing the UK around 1.2 billion pounds a year as trade goes to better-connected competitors.

UK businesses trade 20 times as much with emerging market countries that have a direct daily flight to the UK as they do with those countries that do not, said the report.

It added that international hub-airports like Heathrow are crucial to promoting economic growth and that the amount of through traffic means significantly more flights to emerging market destinations are feasible.

“Paris (Charles de Gaulle) and Frankfurt already boast 1,000 more annual flights to the three largest cities in China than Heathrow ... there are 21 emerging market destinations with daily flights from other European hubs that are not served from Heathrow; including destinations such as Manila, Guangzhou, and Jakarta,” said the report.

The Department for Transport last month said airports in the south-east of England would be full to capacity by 2030 and that all growth beyond 2040 would occur at regional airports.

Airline passengers wait in Terminal 3 at Heathrow Airport in west London.—INTERNET



The Conservative-led coalition government blocked development of a third runway at Heathrow when it came to power last May and is currently undertaking a review of its aviation policy. London’s Mayor, Boris Johnson, is in favour of building a new airport in the Thames estuary instead of expanding Heathrow.—Reuters ■■■



Photo taken on 22 Sept, 2011 shows lantern lighted up on Tian’anmen Square to celebrate the upcoming National Day on 1st Oct, in Beijing, capital of China. XINHUA

London 2012 offers first Olympic volunteer roles

LONDON, 22 Sept— The London 2012 Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) started to offer candidates a volunteering role on Wednesday, marking the move to the next phase of the Games Maker programme.

LOCOG needs up to 70,000 volunteers for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the first 10,000 applicants will be notified by email this week.

The applicants receiving an email this week will be asked to confirm their acceptance of the role within two weeks of receiving the email to allow the required security checks to be undertaken.

Upon successful completion of the checks, they will receive further details of the training

sessions to take place from February 2012 onwards.

Meanwhile, LOCOG will continue to make conditional offers until April 2012 with interviews being conducted until the end of March 2012.

Xinhua



Visitors look around in the 2011 China (Ningxia) International Investment and Trade Fair in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, 21 Sept, 2011. Over 7,000 guests from home and abroad attend the fair which will last 5 days to 25 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

Singapore’s Changi Airport records 11.2 pct growth in passenger traffic in August

SINGAPORE, 22 Sept— The passenger traffic at Singapore’s Changi Airport grew by 11.2 percent year on year in August to 3.86 million, the Changi Airport Group said on Wednesday.

The growth was attributable to an increase of 14.9 percent in aircraft movements, it said.

The group said the regional traffic to and from Northeast and

Southeast Asia continued to underpin the demand for air travel.

Low cost carriers, which accounted for about a quarter of the flights at Changi, carried 26.3 percent more

passengers than a year ago while full service carriers saw a growth of 6.8 percent.

Traffic between Singapore and Japan grew by 14.4 percent.

Xinhua

Int’l Book Fair of Algiers kicks off

ALGIERS, 22 Sept— The 16th International Book Fair of Algiers kicked off Wednesday in the capital of Algeria, which attracted more than 500 local and foreign publishers.

The annual cultural event was officially inaugurated by Algeria Minister of Culture Khalida Toumi, and her Lebanese counterpart Gaby Layoune, whose country was chosen to be the guest of honour.



People visit the 16th international book fair of Algiers on its opening day in Algiers, capital of Algeria, on 21 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

This year’s fair is held in the Olympic Complex of Mohamed Boudiaf in upper Algiers

until 1 Oct. Meanwhile, a five-day international conference is to be organized in the national library in Algiers from 28 Sept to 2 Oct. The conference’s main topic is “the Arab World boils: Uprisings or Revolutions?”

The International Book Fair of Algiers is the largest cultural event in the North African nation and one of the major public attractions of the year.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits Luzon, Philippines

MANILA, 22 Sept— An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale on Thursday jolted Luzon, Philippines at 11:49 am local time (0349 GMT), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 52.70 km, was initially determined to be at 15.2125 degrees north latitude and 119.8366 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI IRIS VOY NO (09) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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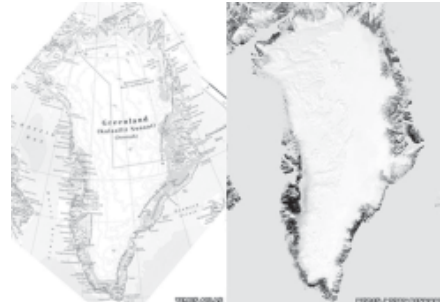
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Scientists say the Times Atlas map (left) does not follow the ice extent line as viewed from space (right).—INTERNET

Times Atlas 'wrong' on Greenland ice

LONDON, 22 Sept—Leading UK polar scientists say the Times Atlas of the World was wrong to assert that it has had to re-draw its map of Greenland due to climate change. Publicity for the latest edition of the atlas, launched last week, said warming had turned 15% of Greenland's former ice-covered land "green and ice-free". But scientists from the Scott Polar Research Institute say the figures are wrong;

the ice has not shrunk so much.

The 13th edition of the "comprehensive" version of the atlas included a number of revisions made for reasons of environmental change since the previous one, published in 2007. The break-up of some Antarctic ice shelves due to climate change, the shrinking of inland waters such as the Dead Aral Seas, and the drying up of rivers such as the Colorado River are all documented.

But the glossy publicity sheets begin with the contention that "for the first time, the new edition of the atlas has had to erase 15% of Greenland's once permanent ice cover - turning an area the size of the United Kingdom and Ireland 'green' and ice-free.

Internet



A man walks his goats near the construction site of new expressway in Mumbai on 20 Sept, 2011. Strapped for cash, New Delhi is pushing a model known as build-operate-transfer (BOT). Firms bid to build a road or a metro and operate it for a fixed period, collecting toll or ticket fares before handing it over to the government.—INTERNET

China's shaping up to be obesogenic



Many weight-loss centres in cities like Beijing and Shanghai are helping youngsters win the battle of the bulge.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 22 Sept—Weight-loss camps are sprouting in many cities to deal with growing obesity among children, amid rising affluence.

Wang Di's classmates couldn't recognize her this semester. The 16-year-old weighed 129 kg before summer and fewer than 100 kg after. "They thought I was someone else," Wang says. "They couldn't believe their eyes."

She burned the first 21 kg in her first 42 days at Body Sport weight-loss camp, which has been attended by more than

1,000 people from across the country since it opened in 2008.

Most major Chinese cities now host such centers, and a growing number of their customers are young, as childhood obesity increases. "I knew I was fat and desperately wanted to be beautiful," Wang says. "Now, I am."

Because the girl from Shanxi province's Yuncheng city was determined to slim, she searched online until she found the weight-loss program in Beijing, where she spent 84 intensive days starting

in May. She also hired a personal trainer for 150 yuan (\$23.50) an hour.

"The increase in obesity is a price developing countries must pay for modernization," the doctor says. "The rise of obesity is inevitable considering the current (lack of) knowledge about its prevention and the necessities of modernization. But the rise of childhood obesity can be minimized."

Xinhua



Visitors enjoy lacquerworks at Pingyao Lacquerware Culture Museum in Pingyao County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 21 Sept, 2011. Lacquerware are objects decoratively covered with lacquer. The varnished lacquerwares in Pingyao, having a history of 1,200 years, was listed as one of the first batch of intangible cultural heritages of China in 2006. —XINHUA

Smoking in films 'encourages teenagers to take it up'

LONDON, 22 Sept—Teenagers who watch films showing actors smoking are more likely to take it up, new UK research suggests. Experts who made the link by questioning 5,000 15-year-olds say their findings should prompt a change in film certification so that under-18s are no longer exposed to such images.

The Bristol University investigators say a precautionary approach is needed. But pro-smoking choice campaigners say this is unjustified and nonsensical. They say there is no proof that what a person views at the cinema or on DVD influences their decision about whether or not to smoke.

The latest research, published in the journal *Thorax*, looked at the potential influence of some of the 360 top US box office films released between 2001 and 2005, including movies like Spider-Man, Bridget Jones and The Matrix, that depict smoking.

Adolescents who saw the most films depicting smoking were 73% more likely to have tried a cigarette than those exposed to the least. And they were 50% more likely to be a current smoker.—Internet

Road accident kills two, injures nine in northern Ukraine

KIEV, 22 Sept—At least two people were killed and nine others injured after a passenger vehicle collided with a truck in northern Ukraine, local authorities said Thursday. A bus lost control and crashed into a truck headon at about 8 pm local time (0600GMT) Wednesday on the highway near Koryukovka town, Chernigov region, the Ministry of Emergency Situations said.—Xinhua

French boy finds 30-year-old human fingers in jar

A French schoolboy has dug up a glass jar containing severed human fingers preserved in alcohol which police believe may belong to a local carpenter who lost four digits in an accident 30 years ago. The boy, aged seven, made the gruesome discovery on Monday when he was playing behind the gymnasium of his school in Chilly-Mazarin, just south of Paris, and noticed a jar poking out of the earth, a police spokeswoman said.

He dug out the liquid-filled jar and saw the partially decomposed fingers inside.

"With time the jar must have risen to the surface and the fingers were found in well-preserved condition," the police spokeswoman said. The boy's father called local police, who set out to track down the origin of the severed digits.

Following local media reports on the story, police received a telephone call from a person whose grandfather, a woodworker, used to live near the gymnasium and lost four of his fingers 30

years ago in a work accident.

At the time, his fingers could not be surgically reattached so the carpenter put them in a jar full of alcohol and buried them near his home, the police spokeswoman said.

The carpenter, who is still alive, has since moved away, and police were trying to contact him on Wednesday.

US woman is world's shortest - Guinness says

A 27-inch tall (69 cm) college student whose hobbies include dancing and cheer-leading is the world's shortest woman, Guinness World Records said on Tuesday.

Bridgette Jordan, 22, and her younger brother Brad, who measures 38 inches (98 cm) tall, were also named the "shortest living siblings" by the record-keeper. Brad Jordan, 20, enjoys karate, gymnastics, basketball and performing magic tricks.

The siblings, who attend Kaskasia College in central Illinois, were

both born with Majewski osteodysplastic primordial dwarfism type II. "I believe that everyone should be confident in themselves," Bridgette said in a statement.

Previously, the shortest living woman was Elif Kocaman of Kadirli, Turkey, who is 28.5 inches (72 cm) tall. The record for shortest woman who ever lived was Pauline Musters, of the Netherlands, who measured 24 inches (61 cm) when she died from pneumonia at age 19 in 1895.

News Album



A visitor looks at a plastinated foetus during the "Body Worlds" exhibition by Gunther von Hagen in Rome on 21 Sept, 2011. Von Hagen is a German anatomist who invented plastination, the method of preserving biological tissue specimens, according to the organizers. The exhibition shows whole bodies plastinated in lifelike poses and dissected to show various structures and system of human anatomy.

Man wins dumpling eating contest, then dies

A 77-year-old Ukrainian man won a jar full of sour cream for coming first in a dumpling eating contest and then promptly died, local media reported on Wednesday.

Ivan Mendel ate 10 dumplings in half a minute to win first place and a one-liter jar of sour cream in the contest held in the town of Tokmak in the southeastern Zaporizhya Region on 18 September, *Fakty i Kommentarii* newspaper said. Shortly afterwards, Mendel became unwell and died, according to local news websites.



Uchida Geinousha's 'Super Wan Wan Circus' claims the world record for having the most dogs skipping on a rope (13 dogs).

'Night' tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 22 Sept—Lady Antebellum's "Own the Night" is No 1 on the US album chart, *Billboard.com* reported Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the *Billboard* 200 is Adele's "21," followed by Lil Wayne's "Tha Carter IV" at No 3, Brantley Gilbert's "Halfway to Heaven" at No 4 and Staind's self-titled CD at No 5.



Charles Kelley (L), Dave Haywood (R) and Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum perform before the Green Bay Packers New Orleans Saints opening day game at Lambeau Field on 8 September, 2011 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

INTERNET

Rounding out the top tier are the Beatles' "1" at No 6, George Strait's "Here For a Good Time" at No 7, Dream Theater's "A Dramatic Turn of Events" at No 8, Jay-Z & Kanye West's "Watch the Throne" at No 9 and the Devil Wears Prada's "Dead Throne" at No 10.—*Internet*



Director Zhang Jizhong and actor Wu Yue, who plays the Monkey King of the TV series "Journey to the west" attend the promotion conference of Yunnan Satellite TV in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 Sept, 2011. The TV series will be on the screen at the beginning of 2012.—XINHUA

Spielberg: 'Lincoln' out after '12 vote

ORLANDO, 22 Sept—Filmmaker Steven Spielberg says he plans to begin shooting his Abraham Lincoln movie, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, in Virginia soon. Spielberg has been developing the picture about the 16th US president for years.

He told the *Orlando (Fla) Sentinel* he wants to make the movie in Richmond because "a lot of the buildings there, government buildings, look like Washington looked back during the Civil War."

Spielberg said his big-screen adaptation of Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, "Team of Rivals," is "not a battlefield movie." Instead, it will focus on the last four months of Abraham Lincoln's life.—*Internet*



British actor Daniel Day-Lewis

"Glee" debut loses TV fans but wins over critics

LOS ANGELES, 22 Sept—Television musical comedy "Glee" returned to smaller audiences but warm reviews after a summer of confusion over the future of its stars, a box-office flop of a concert movie and disappointment at the Emmys. The Fox show attracted just 8.9 million viewers, a 30 percent drop on last year's season two opener, according to figures on Wednesday from media research company Nielsen.

But those who watched the subversive comedy about a failing high school show choir mostly liked what they saw. *Entertainment Weekly* said it was "a really satisfying start to the new year." *Rolling Stone* praised the plot, the witty repartee and song choice but thought the season opener "didn't hit any of the emotional notes 'Glee' is capable of."

As promised, the show made clear that lead



Matthew Morrison from the television show "Glee" poses on arrival at the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California on 13 February, 2011.

INTERNET

characters Rachel (Lea Michele), Finn (Cory Monteith), Kurt (Chris Colfer) and Mike (Harry Shum Jr) would be "graduating" and leaving the programme at the end of the season. Artie (Kevin McHale) and Tina (Jenna Ushkowitz) still have another year of high school to complete while the status of other key characters, including Brittany (Heather Morris) and the newly-punkified Quinn (Dianna Agron) was unclear.

Reuters

FIFA seeks web-based transfer system for players

BRUSSELS, 22 Sept — FIFA wants to set up a transfer system that would function as a financial clearinghouse for all international player transactions and limit the role of agents.

FIFA legal director Marco Villiger said Wednesday the web-based system would allow FIFA to check every international transfer payment. In time, the system could also function as a resource for clubs to see which players are on the market.

The governing body already set up an online database last year to match transfer documents from clubs involved in a transaction, a first step in curbing financial corruption and stopping cross-border deals involving minors.

But a global transfer payment system would strengthen the ability to make sure all deals are done by the book, curtailing abuse by agents and fraudulent clubs making excessive and illegal profits. Making it easier for clubs and

players to deal with one another directly would also limit the impact of agents.

"We see there is a lot of abuse, pressure put on players," Villiger said, referring to agents. On top of that, he said, "there is a lot of money which leaves the system" when agents claim excessive fees. A FIFA working group is considering new player agent rules that would cap their fees on transfers. "Fair is perhaps between 2 and 3 percent or a cap of 2 million (dollars)," Villiger said.

Internet



Barton reveals he held Arsenal talks

LONDON, 22 Sept — QPR captain Joey Barton claims he held talks with Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger about a move to the Emirates Stadium before signing for Neil Warnock's team.

Barton joined QPR on a free transfer from Newcastle just before the transfer deadline but he believes he could have ended up in north London instead if he had not clashed with Gunners forward Gervinho on the opening day of the season. The former Manchester City star provoked a clash with Gervinho that led to the Ivory Coast

player being sent off during Newcastle's 0-0 draw against Arsenal at St James' Park.

Barton dragged Gervinho to his feet after he appeared to dive in the penalty area and the midfielder then made a theatrical fall after being pushed by the Arsenal star.

Internet



QPR captain Joey Barton

Podolski rap for inconsistency



German international striker Lukas Podolski

MUNICH, 22 Sept — German international striker Lukas Podolski has been rapped by his club Cologne for inconsistent form, sporting director Volker Finke telling Sport Bild in an interview published Wednesday he could do better.

"He is 26 years old and

has close on 100 caps and that shows the quality of this player. He can be a super footballer. But it is not the experienced and subtle player who is the one who always turns in reliable performances," observed Finke. Podolski, in Finke's view, allows himself to be guided too much by "his emotions, the context (of a match) or matters psychological.

"We saw that while he was at Bayern," said Finke, referring to an unhappy three-year spell with Bayern Munich before Cologne bought him back.—Internet

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (R) duels for the ball with Racing Santander's Alexandros Tziolis during the La Liga soccer match at the Sardinero stadium in Santander, Spain.

INTERNET

Racing Santander's goalkeeper Tono Rodriguez (L) catches the ball during the Spanish league football match against Real Madrid.—INTERNET

30 players eye \$10 million at FedEx Cup finale

ATLANTA, 22 Sept — Just being among the 30 players at the Tour Championship should be enough for Geoff Ogilvy.

Only 16 days ago, Ogilvy was on the verge of being eliminated from the FedEx Cup playoffs. Needing a par-birdie finish at the TPC Boston, his tee shot on the 17th hole finished in a crevice behind a rock and he had to take a penalty drop.

What followed is still



Geoff Ogilvy

Real Salt Lake topples Red Bulls 3-1

HARRISON, 22 Sept — Fabian Espindola scored two first-half goals and Alvaro Saborio also tallied and Real Salt Lake topped the New York Red Bulls 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Real Salt Lake (15-7-6) needs one more win to clinch a fourth consecutive playoff spot. Espindola's second goal tied Saborio for the team lead and gave Real Salt Lake a 3-0 halftime lead. The win marked Real Salt Lake's fifth straight and moved it into a second-place tie with Seattle.

"We've demonstrated over the last two years that we can win games and go on runs," Real Salt Lake coach Jason Kreis said. "We should be considered contenders for the championship. That's how we think about ourselves, for sure."

Considering the Western Conference's third-place team came in tied with Los Angeles for the fewest goals allowed in the league (22), the early deficit was too much for the Red Bulls to overcome.

Internet



Real Salt Lake's Alvaro Saborio, left, controls the ball.

Real Madrid fire blanks against Santander

MADRID, 22 Sept — Real Madrid's slump continued on Wednesday as they could only draw 0-0 away to Real Santander leaving them with a return of just one point in their last two La Liga matches.

Coach Jose Mourinho rang the changes after the 1-0 defeat by Levante at the weekend which included Jose Callejon and Lassana Diarra coming into the side but it was another ineffective performance.

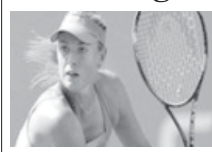
It was a scrappy game with misplaced passes and Real were not able to get into their stride, while their individual stars were also unable to come to their rescue.

Cristiano Ronaldo had a header well saved by keeper Tono Rodriguez before the break and in the second half the introduction of Angel Di Maria did make some difference but he was unable to change the course of the match.—Internet

SPORTS



Tour is no grind for resurgent Sharapova



Maria Sharapova

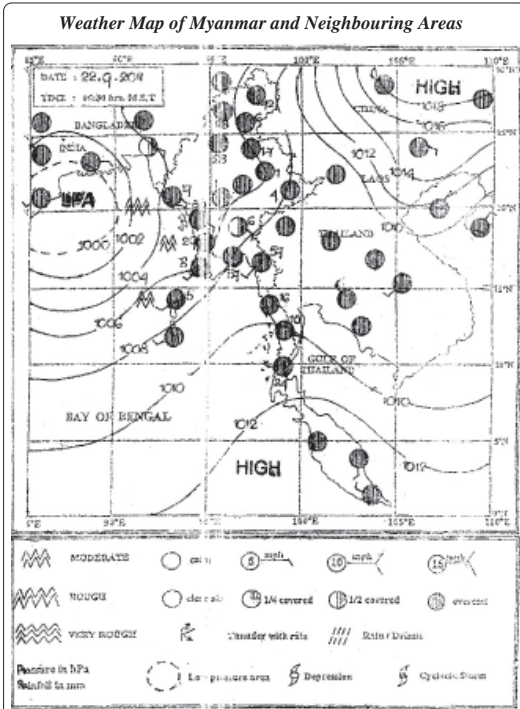
TAIPEI, 22 Sept — You will not find Maria Sharapova moaning about crowded schedules after a year in which the Russian has returned to within sight of the summit of women's tennis.

The world number two has some sympathy for the top male players who have made rumblings about possible strike action over what they see as a too punishing calendar but after having her career knocked sideways by injury she is clearly happy to be globe-trotting

again and winning tournaments.

"I really missed doing what I've done since I was four years old and I really felt that there is so much more in me that I could bring to the court," the 24-year-old told Reuters in Taipei where she will play an exhibition match against fellow Russian and world No 4 Vera Zvonareva on Thursday.

"(The schedule) is so much better than it was years ago," she added, when asked about the demands on the serving shoulder that needed major surgery in 2008 and kept her out of the game for 10 months, in which time she dropped to 126 in the world.—Internet



Weather forecast for 23rd September, 2011

S. No	Regions/Stater	Temperature (C/F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	29/84	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
4	Chin	20/68	14/57	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	24/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
8	Bago	30/86	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	33/91	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	26/79	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	26/75	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, fairly widespread in Magway Region, Chin and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with Regionally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy fall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (5.88) inches, Taungpu (4.02) inches, Thaton (3.54) inches, Thantayon (3.05) inches, Hpa-on (2.84) inches and Nyamshlebin (2.68) inches.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persist. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.



“Miss China” Luo Zilin(L1), who is the winner of Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant, attends the Press Conference in Beijing, capital of China, 22 Sep, 2011.—(XINHUA)

China beats Japan to face Lebanon in quarterfinals at FIBA Asia Championship

WUHAN, 22 Sept—Hosts China overcame Japan 84-58 to stay unbeaten at 2011 FIBA Asia Men’s Basketball Championship here on Wednesday and

Dr. Daw Khin Htway Aged (87) yrs

Beloved daughter of late U Ba Han and Daw Daw Shu, beloved wife of Guardian U Sein Win, (Kyodo News) of No.283, U Wisara Rd. Sanchaung T/S, Yangon. Beloved mother of Yi Yi Win (Language Consultant) - Soe Kyu (Sumitomo), Aung Win - Ei Ei Cho, Aye Aye Win (Associated Press) - Min Zaw (Tokyo Shimbun), Phyu Phyu Win, and grandmother of (7), has expired in Yangon on 22nd Sept, 2011 at 4:40 am. The funeral and cremation ceremony will be held at 12 noon on 24th Sept, 2011, at Yewaw Cemetery.

will play against Lebanon in Friday’s quarterfinals. Defending Champions Iran also raised its unbeaten record to 6-0 after beating South Korea 79-62. They will meet Jordan in the quarterfinals. Yi Li led China with 19 points and five rebounds, while Yi Jianlian had a double-double of 18 points and 13 rebounds. Zhu Fangyu took all his eight points in the first quarter but contributed five assists. Liu Wei had 14 points and five assists. Wang Zhizhi earned 13 points and three steals.—Xinhua



Friday, 23 September View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Health Programme

- 8:05 am
7. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:15 am
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:20 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Basic Education Level) (Men & Women)
- 8:40 am
11. International News
- 8:45 am
12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Song of National Races

- 4:15 pm
3. Songs of Yester Year
- 4:30 pm
4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First year (Physics)
- 4:45 pm
5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
6. Myanmar Language
- 5:10 pm
7. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur(First) Division Level) (Men)
- 5:20 pm
8. Documentary

- 5:30 pm
9. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
14. News
- 15. International News
- 16. Weather Report
- 17. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview
- 18. Just for Laughs (Gags Asia)
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. Song Lover

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (23-9-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(23-9-11 09:30 am ~ 24-9-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- * Opening
 - * News
 - * Sweet Memories in Pyin Oo Lwin
 - * News

- * Let’s Try Lebanese Cuisines
- * News
- * Myanmar Customs & Naming System
- * News
- * September Emotion
- Overseas Transmission**
- * Opening
- * News
- * Sweet Memories in Pyin Oo Lwin
- * News
- * Let’s Try Lebanese Cuisines
- * News
- * Myanmar Customs & Naming System
- * News

- * Music Gallery
- * September Emotion
- * News
- * Brilliant Youngsters (1)
- * News
- * Dell Runway 2011
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Reflection of Myanmar Fashion “Pyu Period Hairstyle”
- * News
- * Come and visit, no matter the distance (Pathein)
- * Myanmar Movie “Miss Arrogant”

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 23rd day Nine questions raised and answered, one report discussed and approved

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—The second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 23rd day at Amyotha Hall in Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 197 representatives.

U Thaw Zin Oo of Magway Region Constituency (9) asked **“if there is a plan to renovate the natural lake Pauk Lake near Ayeyawady bridge (Pakokku) under construction in Pakokku and when the work will start as the inflow of water into it is decreasing.”**

Deputy Minister for Defence Col Aung Thaw replied that construction of dam and sluice gate of Pauk Lake started in 1994 and was completed in 1995; the lake covered an area of 396.18 acres and it was put under possession of local battalion with the letter of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council dated 13-6-1996, with a view to conserve the lake for greening of environs and substantiality of the lake under the control of the military; when Ayeyawady River was swollen, water was taken into the lake through three sluice gates and when the water fell, water was taken out through one sluice gate, after which 259 acres of monsoon paddy and 248 acres of summer paddy was grown in the lake; if water was stored to the full in the lake, then could summer and monsoon paddy not be grown in the lake and thus amount of water in the lake had to be balanced.

The deputy minister went on that the depth of Pauk Lake at present was five feet and if water was stored to nine feet and above, cultivation acreage of rice plants would be lost, affecting sown acreage of projected crops; there was no plan to renovate the lake and store more than current amount of water as adequate water was stored in the lake for provision of irrigation water, regional greening, prevention against fire and contribution to supply of drinking water to Pakokku.

Next, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied queries raised by three representatives about construction of roads and bridges and poverty reduction.

In his response to question of U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency (9) who asked “if there is a plan to construct motor road linking Buthidaung and



Representatives at First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session for 23rd day.—MNA

Yathaedaung”, the Union Minister said that his ministry had neither planned nor surveyed for construction of roads from Buthidaung to Yathaedaung in the past and also for the present.

U Tun Kyaw of Shan State Constituency (10) asked “whether tea growers in hilly regions including Palaung Self-Administered Zone can enjoy benefits of poverty alleviation programmes launched by the Union government, and if there is a plan to loan tea growers for production cost at low interest rate”.

The Union Minister said that up to March, 2010, 49336 acres of land had been put under tea plantations in Namhsan and 6813 acres in Mantung; tea cultivation methods were rather conventional ones resulting in small number of grown plants per acre, rare use of fertilizers in addition to lack of irrigation water except rainwater and thus Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was educating farmers in tea cultivation methods designed for higher yield with practical works.

The ministry, he went on that, had been focusing on increased production of tea with a view to alleviating poverty of tea growers in hilly regions, rural folks including Palaung Self-Administered Zone; as tea is perennial crops, it could serve long-term interests once cultivated and generate incomes providing more job opportunities throughout production process and thus both tea production and coffee production were included in rural development and poverty alleviation programme.

He went on that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation had been providing loan for tea cultivation since 2001-2002 fiscal year; for cultivation of new acre, K-25000 loan has been disbursed per acre in 3 years with installment and the loan had to be repaid within fourth and sixth year; likewise, the ministry also had loaned for tea production since 2003-2004 fiscal year providing K 10000 per acre; loans were disbursed between 1 April and 30 June every year and had to be repaid at the end of fiscal year concerned.

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National races armed group exchanges arms for peace



Saw Nann Oo in the rank of captain of KNU/KNLA Peace Council and members.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — Now is the time when the State is in the process for the emergence of a modern and developed democratic nation. Some national races armed groups who have realized the benevolent goodwill

and genuine attitude of the State are returning to the legal fold, exchanging arms for peace, in order to take part in undertakings of national development joining hands with the people.

On 21 September, a six-member group led by Saw Nann Oo in the rank of captain of KNU/KNLA Peace Council together with three M-16s, one AK-47, one M-22, one 0.30 Carbine, one 9 mm pistol, 240 rounds of ammunition and 10 magazines returned to the legal fold in the area of South-East Command.

Although KNU/KNLA had made peace

with the government in the past, it did not hand over arms. The six-member group split from KNU/KNLA and returned to the legal fold.

Officials concerned are providing necessary assistance to the six-member group who has exchanged arms for peace. —MNA

Small storm likely to move into India, not to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—According to the observation at 2.30 pm MST, a low pressure over Northwest of the Bay of Bengal became a small storm centring over the sea, 90 miles southwest of Kolkata of India. The small storm is likely to move northwest toward. Within 24 hours, the storm may move into India through Orissa Coast.

At present, the small storm is at yellow level, and it was forecast that the storm will not move toward Myanmar.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time off and along Myanmar coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 mph, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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