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## Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the People's National Congress of China

### True patriotism

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



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the People's National Congress of the PRC Hon. Mr. Zheng Silin and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the People's National Congress Hon. Mr. Zheng Silin and party

of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw of Hluttaw Building, here, at 9.15 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of

Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U T Khun Myat, U Thurein Zaw, U Win Sein, U Hla Myint Oo and Secretary Dr Soe Yin. (See page 7)

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Japanese delegation led by Member of Japan's House of Representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a Japanese delegation led by Member of the House of Representatives of Japan Mr. Kozo Yamamoto at the hall

of the Pyithu Hluttaw of Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa,

chairmen and secretaries of the committees of Pyithu Hluttaw. The Japanese delegation was accompanied by officials of Japanese Embassy in Myanmar. (See page 7)



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo together with Japanese delegation led by Member of the House of Representatives of Japan Mr. Kozo Yamamoto at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall.—MNA*

## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 24 September, 2011

### Establish tea plantations on commercial scale

Various kinds of crops thrive in Myanmar blessed with water and land resources and fine weather. Monsoon paddy and summer paddy are grown in delta regions and plains. Pulses and beans, oil crops and industrial crops are grown as well. Tea and coffee are planted extensively in hilly farmlands.

In taking measures for rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, agricultural produce development is one of the processes. To realize the process is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Tea production will have to be developed in order to enable tea farmers in hilly regions and rural folks generate more incomes.

Generally, tea thrives in regions over 3000 feet above the sea level. Tea species suited with the weather has been increasingly sown in Chin State, Shan State and Sagaing Region. Namhsan Township is tea-growing region, growing 80 per cent of the tea cultivated in the country.

Namhsan Township put over 40000 acres of farmland under tea plantations while Mantung Township grown tea on over-6000-acres land. As the townships use conventional methods, the yield is low as numbers of tea plant per acre is little, fertilizer is hardly applied and it relies solely on rainwater.

The respective ministry combines educative demonstrations and practical applications for increased tea production. Applying outcomes of the research on reproduction of tea saplings, it joins local farmers on the practical field. Technologies and investments must come together to establish commercial tea plantations.

The ministry disbursed agricultural loans for tea plantation. Costs for growing new plantation are also provided. Local nationals are to grow marketable tea with improved quality and in large quantity.

### Third Region/State Men's Hockey Tournament on 30 Sept

YANGON, 23 Sept—Myanmar Hockey Federation and Yangon City Development Committee met yesterday for holding third Region/State Men's Hockey Tournament to be jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and the federation and hockey tournament to be jointly-organized by five South-East Asia nations.

Kayah State, Chin State, Bago Region, Mandalay Region, Rakhine State, Yangon Region, Shan State and Ayeyawady Region will take part in the third Region/State Men's Hockey Tournament to be held from 30 September to 14 October.

It will be followed by round robin matches between Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation in December at Theinbyu artificial lounge.

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## Public Announcement for remonstrations

1. Democratic Alliance Party headquartered at Block 310 in Letywaygyi of West Daewun Ward in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region, on 23-9-2011 submitted its applications 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. 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



Flag of Democratic Alliance Party



Seal of Democratic Alliance Party

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — The second work coordination meeting of oversea employment supervisory committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Labour here yesterday morning with an address by Committee Chairman Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi.

The Union minister called for suggestions on ensuring identity of Myanmar workers, worksite safety and measures for their convenience and possibilities how the ministries concerned can make collaborative efforts in protecting workers rights.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay stressed the

need to keep a record of Myanmar workers population in Thailand, kinds of jobs they work and list of workplaces in detail in cooperation with departments concerned of Thailand and international organizations, and to take

necessary measures for making review simultaneously while measures are being taken for enabling Myanmar workers to get necessary documents.

Then committee members discussed

matters related to protecting Myanmar workers in Thailand through collaborative efforts of the Labour ministers between the two countries, use of information technology in collecting data, use of online system in the process of issuing temporary passports and national scrutinizing cards, effective implementation of works of already-formed three work committees, assignment of a Labour Officer in Myanmar embassy in Thailand and measures that will assist ability of Myanmar embassy in providing migrant workers who are in trouble with necessary assistance in cooperation with Thailand.—MNA

## Overseas Employment Supervisory Committee meets



Overseas employment supervisory committee Chairman Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi addresses second work coordination meeting of overseas employment supervisory committee.—MNA



To prevent extinction of fish species, fingerlings were released into lakes and streams in Pyapon Township, Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Region, on 11 September.—District IPRD





**A boy, displaced by floods, is silhouetted by the flood water as he walks on makeshift passage made by sand bags in the Badin district of Pakistan's Sindh Province on 21 Sept, 2011. The latest floods, triggered by monsoon rains, have killed more than 230 people, destroyed or damaged 1.2 million houses and flooded 4.5 million acres (1.8 million hectares) since late last month, officials and Western aid groups say. —INTERNET**

## Pakistan warns US "You will lose an ally"

ISLAMABAD, 23 Sept—Pakistan's foreign minister said on Thursday the United States risks losing an ally if it continues to publicly criticize Islamabad's performance in the war against militancy.

"You will lose an ally," Hina Rabbani Khar told Geo TV in New York. "You cannot afford to alienate Pakistan, you cannot afford to alienate the Pakistani people. If you are choosing to do so and if they are choosing to do so it will be at their (the United States') own cost." Khar was responding to Senate testimony by the outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, who said Pakistan's top spy agency was closely tied to the Haqqani Network, the most violent and effective faction in the Afghan Taleban militancy.

Mullen said on Thursday that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency (ISI) played a role in the 13 September attack on the US embassy in Kabul,

supporting militants known as the Haqqani network. That network, he said, is a "veritable arm" of the ISI. The embassy attack was the latest in a series of violent episodes that have set back US efforts to bring the Afghan war to a peaceful close.

Mullen's comments and Khar's retort mark an unusual escalation of rhetoric between the allies in the struggle against militants and, at least in public, marks a low point in their relationship.

US-Pakistani relations had barely begun to recover from the hostility triggered by an unannounced US Special Forces raid that killed Osama bin Laden in the Pakistani City of Abbottabad in May.—Reuters

## Russian nuclear submarine hit by fishing trawler

Moscow, 23 Sept—The Russian navy says that one of its nuclear submarines has been hit by a fishing trawler and suffered minor damage. *The Interfax* news agency quoted Pacific Fleet spokesman Roman Martov as saying that the collision occurred Wednesday in the Avachino Bay on the far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula.

Martov said Thursday that the incident caused no injuries and inflicted only "insignificant" damage to the anchored submarine. *Interfax* quoted the navy as saying that there was no radiation leak. Martov said the submarine's crew had seen the approaching trawler and tried to warn it of the imminent collision, but the vessel ignored the signals. *Interfax* reported that a navy inspection team checked the trawler and found all of its crew drunk. The Russian Defence Ministry had no immediate comment.—Internet

## Police make eighth counter-terrorism arrest

LONDON, 23 Sept—Police on Thursday said they had made an eighth arrest in connection with a major counter-terrorism operation in Birmingham.

West Midlands police said a 20-year-old man was detained on suspicion of the "commission, preparation or instigation" of an act of terrorism on British soil. Detectives said he was arrested by appointment at a police station.

Earlier this week police arrested six men and



**Police vans are parked along a street of Hackney in north London, August 2011.**

INTERNET

a woman as part of the same "large, pre-planned, intelligence-led" operation. The men continue to be questioned and officers

have until Sunday night to charge or release them, or apply for a warrant of further detention.

The woman has been given police bail pending further enquiries.

Britain lowered its international terrorism threat level from severe to substantial — the third highest level — in July, a year before London hosts the Olympics.—Reuters

## Fire in southwest Baltimore kills woman, two kids



**People remove belongings from a fire-damaged brick row house in Baltimore, on 22 Sept, 2011. An early morning blaze killed a woman and two children and damaged nearly a dozen homes in a southwest Baltimore neighbourhood, fire officials said.—INTERNET**

BALTIMORE, 23 Sept—Officials say a fire in southwest Baltimore killed a woman and two children and damaged nearly a dozen homes.

Fire Chief Kevin Cartwright says the three bodies were found in the home where the fire began about 1:30 am Thursday. He didn't immediately

identify them.

Dozens of relatives and friends of the woman gathered around the corner from the home crying and holding each other, but they declined to talk.

By the time residents were allowed to return to the block of two-story brick rowhouses, they found red condemnation

notices posted outside seven homes. Windows were ripped out and a jumble of debris including burnt out air conditioners, mattresses, bedposts and couches was piled on the sidewalks outside.

Cartwright says there are no immediate signs of suspicious activity.

Internet

## Bomb at Iraqi pilgrim restaurant kills four, wounds 17

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept—A suicide bomber blew up a minibus in front of a restaurant used by Shi'ite pilgrims in the Iraqi Town of Haswa on Thursday, killing four people and wounding 17 others, security sources said.

The explosion took place about 50 km (30 miles) south of Baghdad and targeted pilgrims who were on their way to the southern holy City of Kerbala.

"A suicide bomber in a minibus drove into a restaurant, which is usually used by Shi'ite pilgrims. But concrete blast walls helped to lessen the number of casualties," said a police source, who declined to be named.

The Babil Province security operations centre said four people were killed in the explosion and 17 others were wounded.

Violence has dropped sharply in Iraq since the

peak of sectarian fighting in 2006-07 but bombings and other attacks still occur daily as the army and police battle Sunni militant and Shi'ite Muslim militias.

Shi'ite pilgrims have been frequent targets of the still lethal Sunni insurgency trying to destabilize Iraq's nascent democracy as US troops prepare to withdraw by December.

Reuters

**Policemen inspect a damaged vehicle after a large tree fell due to strong winds caused by Typhoon Roke in Shizuoka, central Japan. A powerful typhoon smashed into Japan on Wednesday churning through the stricken Fukushima nuclear power station but failed to damage the already battered plant, its operators said.**



INTERNET

## Health Tip: Beware of added sugar

Too much sugar in the diet can contribute to tooth decay and unwanted pounds packed around your middle.

Many foods have naturally occurring sugar, which is generally sufficient to ensure that your body has enough fuel. Consuming too much added sugar is what you should be concerned about, the American Academy of Family Physicians says.

Women should limit their added sugar consumption to no more than 6 teaspoons a day (less than that found in a 12-ounce can of non-diet soda) and men to no more than 9 teaspoons a day, according to the American Heart Association.

The academy offers these suggestions for limiting added sugar:

- \* Cut back on desserts, baked treats and candies.
- \* Snack on foods that are heart-healthy, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins.
- \* Drink water, instead of drinks with added sugar.
- \* Avoid processed foods, as they often are high in sugar, fat and salt.
- \* Bake treats with recipes that use less sugar, or cook with a sugar substitute.

**Health**

### Thyroid Disease Symptoms

Pituitary gland

Learn more

Thyroid disease symptoms include weight loss or gain, hot flashes, fatigue, constipation, dry skin, and more. Treatment of thyroid disease depends on the cause of the disease.—INTERNET

Internet

## Genetic links seen between bipolar illness and schizophrenia

**Health**

NEW YORK, 23 sept—There is a genetic link between schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, two common and often disabling brain disorders, a new study indicates.

Researchers identified 11 genetic regions, including six that had never been discovered before, which play a role in people's risk for these mental illnesses. The findings, they say, provide new insight into the causes of both conditions.

Researchers examined the DNA of 7,481 people with bipolar disorder as well as 9,250 healthy people. In a separate study, another team of scientists evaluated the same DNA sites in more than 17,000 people with schizophrenia.

In these two studies, the researchers found several DNA sites also known as DNA variants in certain genes were linked with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. In some cases, certain variants were associated with both disorders. They argued the findings could help scientists identify new treatments for these mental illnesses enabling them to treat them earlier on and more effectively.

"Until recently, psychiatric research has

understood the genetic basis of mental illness only very poorly," Dr Shaun Purcell, an associate professor of psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and co-author on the schizophrenia study, said in a news release.

Internet



*Disorganized-type schizophrenia is characterized by speech and behavior that are disorganized or difficult to understand, and flattening or inappropriate emotions.—INTERNET*

## Asia stocks sharply lower as recession fears flare

**Business**

BANGKOK, 23 Sept—Investors across the globe continued to dump stocks Friday as weak indicators from major economies including China intensified fears of a new recession.

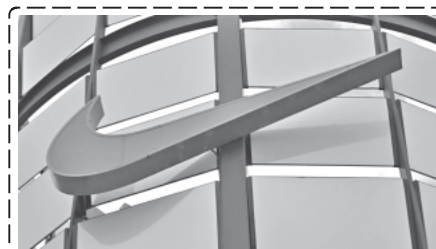
In Asia, losses were broad-based but less severe than in the US and Europe. Oil prices stabilized near \$81 a barrel after diving to a near seven-week low on Thursday. The dollar was down against the yen and the euro. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 1.7 percent to 17,610.65 after losing nearly 5 percent the day before.

South Korean shares took a large hit, with the Kospi tumbling 4.1 percent to 1,727.72 amid worries over signs of weakness in China, the export-dependent country's biggest trading partner. Japan's stock market was closed for a holiday.

Economic news was bad around the world. A closely watched survey in Europe indicated a recession could be on the way there, and a manufacturing survey suggested a slowdown in China, which has been one of the hottest economies. Employment figures in the US remained weak.

Elsewhere in Asia, Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 0.3 percent to 3,952.70. Benchmarks in Singapore, Taipei, Indonesia, mainland China, the Philippines and New Zealand were also lower.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 3.5 percent to close at 10,733.83. It was the second consecutive rout in the stock market since Wednesday afternoon, when the Federal Reserve announced a change in strategy for fighting the economic slowdown. The Standard & Poor's 500 index, a broader measure of the stock market, and the Nasdaq composite, which is more heavily weighted with technology stocks, both fell more than 3 percent for the day.—Internet



*In this photo taken 20 Sept, 2011, the Nike logo is displayed at a Nike store in South Miami. Nike Inc, releases quarterly financial results, 22 Sept, 2011, after the market close.—INTERNET*

## Nike's 1Q net income rises 15 percent

**Business**

PORTLAND, (Ore) 23 Sept—Nike Inc reported its fiscal first-quarter profit rose 15 percent as demand grew for its sneakers and athletic apparel in nearly every market worldwide despite an uncertain global economy.

The results, which were reported after the close of the stock market on Thursday, beat Wall Street's expectations and sent its shares up in after-hours trading.

Nike, the world's largest athletic shoe and apparel maker, said that's why sales improved in nearly all markets, including strong gains in the US and emerging markets like India and China. Revenue from North America, which is its largest market, rose 16 percent to \$2.2 billion. In emerging markets, revenue soared 35 percent to \$799 million.

Overall, Nike's revenue rose 18 percent to \$6.08 billion, with particularly strong performance in its running, basketball and women's training business. That's above the \$5.75 billion analysts polled by FactSet were expecting.

Nike benefited from favourable exchange rates in every region. Its total revenue, excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, rose 11 percent to \$5.18 billion. The strong sales worldwide more than offset the higher costs for labour, freight and materials Nike had during the period.

As a result, Nike earned \$645 million, or \$1.36 per share, for the quarter that ended 31 Aug, up from \$559 million, or \$1.17 per share, in the same quarter last year. The results far exceed the \$1.21 per share Wall Street was expecting. Nike said it benefited from lower tax rates and the repurchase of 7.7 million shares.—Internet



*Display boards at the Australian Stock Exchange flash news of a falling market in Sydney, on 23 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET*



**NASA's new Aquarius instrument has produced its first global map of the salinity, or saltiness, of Earth's ocean surface, providing an early glimpse of the mission's anticipated discoveries.**  
INTERNET

## Satellite produces map of global salinity

**Science**

salinity of the planet's seas, the space agency said.

The *Aquarius* satellite's instruments have revealed a rich tapestry of global salinity patterns, revealing large-scale salinity distribution

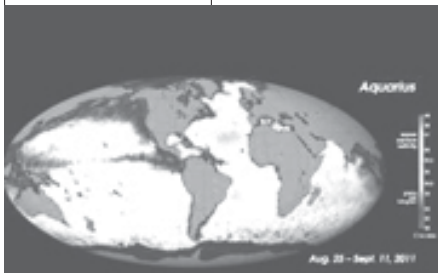
mapped by the satellite are a key component of Earth's climate, linked to the cycling of freshwater around the planet and influencing ocean circulation.

"Aquarius is making continuous, consistent, global measurements of ocean salinity, including measurements from places we have never sampled before," Michael Freilich, director of NASA's Earth Science Division at agency headquarters in Washington, said.

Although considerable calibration and

validation work remains, scientists say they are impressed by the initial data's quality.

"Aquarius has exposed a pattern of ocean surface salinity that is rich in variability across a wide range of scales," Aquarius science team member Arnold Gordon, professor of oceanography at Columbia University, said. "This is a great moment in the history of oceanography. The first image raises many questions that oceanographers will be challenged to explain."—*Internet*



WASHINGTON, 23 Sept—A NASA satellite studying the Earth's oceans has produced its first global map of the Salinity variations features clearly and with sharp contrast, the space agency said in a release Thursday.

## Japan sends new spy satellite into space

**Science**

TOKYO, 23 Sept— Japan's H-2A rocket carrying a new information gathering satellite was launched at the Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture on Friday, local media reported.

Japan has already introduced three information-gathering satellites in the wake of a missile launch by Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the latest one will replace the No 2 satellite which has passed its use-by date, *Kyodo News* said.

The development cost of the fourth satellite has reached 35.9 billion yen and its launch expenses have come to 10.4 billion yen, according to the government. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd were forced to put off the launch three times during the past four weeks due to the approach of a powerful typhoon and discovery of a system glitch. The rocket was initially scheduled to be sent into orbit on 28 Aug.—*Xinhua*



Japan H-2A rocket

## Tech Photo



South Korean students use Samsung Electronics' new tablet Galaxy Tab 10.1 at its showroom in Seoul, South Korea, on 23 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET



This product image provided by Skype, shows the FREETALK ConnectMe Home Phone Adapter for Skype. Skype is making it easier to place less expensive Internet calls from home phones.—INTERNET

## Scientists reconstruct brain's 'movies'

**Tech**

BERKELEY, 23 Sept— US researchers say with brain scans and computation models they can decode and reconstruct people's dynamic visual experiences, their internal brain "movies."

Scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, say functional magnetic resonance imaging combined with powerful computational power is unlocking the visuals within people's heads, a university release reported Thursday.

While the technology now can only reconstruct movie clips people have already viewed — in the case of the Berkeley study, Hollywood movie trailers — and the reconstructed moving images are round and blurry, researchers say the breakthrough could one day lead to reproducing the moving images inside our heads that no one else sees, such as dreams and memories.

"This is a major leap toward reconstructing internal imagery," study co-author Jack Gallant, a UC Berkeley neuroscientist, said. "We are opening a window into the movies in our minds."—*Internet*

## Aboriginal Australian is world's first explorers

**Science**

CANBERRA, 23 Sept— A genetic study on Friday found Aboriginal Australians are descended from the first people to leave Africa up to 75,000 years ago.

Researchers from the University of Western Australia, Murdoch University and an international team analyzed genetic material of a 100-year-old West Australian Aboriginal man's hair, and found he was directly descended from a migration out of Africa into Asia.

The study revealed that Australian Aboriginal ancestors split from the first modern human populations to leave Africa, between 64,000 and 75,000 years ago, at least 24,000 years before other human migrations.

According to Dr Joe Dortch, an archaeologist at the University of Western Australia, the discovery rewrites the history of the human species by confirming humans moved out of Africa in waves of migrations rather than in one single out-of-Africa diaspora.

It also rewrites the story about how Aborigines

arrived in Australia some 50,000 years ago.

Associate Professor Darren Curnoe, leader of the Human Evolutionary Biology Lab in the School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences at the University of New South Wales, said the study powerfully confirms that Aboriginal Australians are one of the oldest living populations in the world, certainly the oldest outside of Africa.

"Australians are truly one of the world's great human populations and a very ancient one at that, with deep connections to the Australian continent and broader Asian Region. About this now there can be no dispute," he told *Xinhua* in an email note.

Meanwhile, Professor Alan Cooper, Director of the Australian Centre for Ancient DNA (ACAD) at the University of Adelaide, said while this is a major step forward, the key unresolved question remains the unique story of Aboriginal history within Australia, such as what has happened in those 50,000 years of life in the harsh Australian environment.

*Xinhua*

## Murdoch paper hacked minister's voice mail



The News Corporation building in New York.

INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Sept—Rupert Murdoch's News of the World hacked extensively into the voice mail of a minister in the former Labour government, according to three people familiar with the matter.

The unauthorized access to voice mails left for Denis MacShane in 2004 and 2005, as he served as Minister for Europe, is one of a handful of cases to surface involving a serving government official in the phone hacking scandal that has engulfed Murdoch's News Corp.

A private detective hired by the weekly tabloid, which was closed by Murdoch in July as controversy over phone hacking allegation raged, hacked the voice mails left for MacShane, according to the three people familiar with documentary evidence held by British police.

### Two killed, dozen trapped in building collapse in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 Sept—At least two people were killed and a dozen others buried under the debris as a multi-storied building collapsed in Lahore City of eastern Pakistan on Friday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Geo.

According to the local media reports, the collapsed building is a 4-storied commercial plaza in Johar Town of southern Lahore.

The building collapsed during an operation launched by the local law enforcement to tear down the illegal extended part of the building, said the local reports.

About ten people were injured in the accident and a dozen others were trapped inside the collapsed building, said the reports.

All the injured people have been shifted to a nearby hospital.

Rescue of the people trapped inside the collapsed building is still underway.—Xinhua

### Russia builds high-speed combat helicopter

MOSCOW, 23 Sept—Russia was developing a high-speed combat helicopter, a representative of the Rostechnologii state corporation said Thursday.

According to Alexandr Tatushkin, the new helicopter, which was being designed by Russian Helicopters, would be capable of speeds up to 450-500 kilometres per hour. Speaking at an international youth innovations forum in the central Russian City of Novosibirsk, Tatushkin said the new machine's speed would be well above most modern helicopters which have maximum speeds of 320 km per hour. He said several dozen billion rubles have been allocated to the project so far.

The official said that, in 2011-2020, Rostechnologii would allocate one trillion rubles (some 33 billion US dollars) "or even more" for innovation, technical modernization and designing works in the aviation industry.—Xinhua

MacShane remains a Member of Parliament, representing the City of Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

Some of MacShane's messages hacked by Glenn Mulcaire, a private detective who worked on retainer for the News of the World, included voice mails from Joan Smith, a newspaper columnist and crime novelist with whom MacShane had a personal relationship at the time, the evidence shows.

The people familiar with the evidence said that the News of the World's objective in hacking MacShane's and Smith's messages appeared to be to discover more information about their private relationship. However, the paper never published a story on the subject.

Reuters

## Port Authority not liable in 1993 WTC attack, court

ALBANY, (New York) 23 Sept—The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey cannot be held liable for failing to prevent a 1993 truck bombing in the World Trade Centre's parking garage, New York's highest court ruled on Thursday.

The state Court of Appeals' ruling applies to one plaintiff, Antonio Ruiz, whom a lower court had awarded \$824,000, but means others cannot



Firemen use a power saw to cut the door at an entrance to the parking garage at the World Trade Centre in New York on 28 February, 1993 where a bomb exploded two days prior.—INTERNET



A house is inundated in floodwaters in Tonghaikou Township of Xiantao City, central China's Hubei Province, 22 Sept, 2011. Floodwaters are still threatening cities along the Hanjiang River though water levels on the river have started retreating.—XINHUA

sue the Port Authority, which may now use the decision to seek the dismissal of other claims.

The February 1993 bombing killed six people and injured close to 1,000. Six men were convicted including Ramzi Yousef, who was tied to al Qaeda. More than 600 people filed 174 lawsuits after the bombing but most claims have been settled.

The question before the Court of Appeals was whether the Port Authority, which operated the buildings, was acting as a government agency or a private landlord on issues related to the security of the building. State law provides immunity for government agencies in most negligence cases.

In Wednesday's 4-3 ruling, which reversed lower court decisions, the majority argued that security for the World Trade Centre was akin to a public police force.

"Police protection is a quintessential example of a governmental function," Judge Theodore Jones wrote in the ruling.

Lower courts had ruled that the Port Authority acted as a private landlord because the World Trade Centre was largely a commercial complex. In her dissent, Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick agreed with that position.—Reuters

## Man charged in Sony hacking case

LOS ANGELES, 23 Sept—A man was arrested and charged Thursday in connection with the breach of computers at Sony Pictures Entertainment early this summer where more than 37,000 users had their information stolen.

Cody Kretsinger, 23, of Tempe, Arizona, was arrested and expected to make a court appearance later Thursday in a Phoenix courtroom. An indictment unsealed in Los Angeles charged Kretsinger with one count each of conspiracy and unauthorized impairment of a protected computer. If convicted of both counts, he faces up to 15 years in prison.

It wasn't immediately known if Kretsinger had retained an attorney.

Sony Pictures computers were compromised in late May and early June by a group known as Lulz Security, whose members anonymously claimed responsibility. The organization had bragged of accessing more than 1 million accounts, but Sony, whose offices are located in Culver City, California, later said about 37,500 users had personally identifiable information stolen.

Kretsinger is the first person arrested in the US who is a current or former member of LulzSec, which has been linked to other hacking scandals involving various government and business entities across the world, authorities said.

Kretsinger, known by the moniker "recursion," grabbed confidential information from Sony, passed it along to other members of LulzSec who posted the stolen material on its website, according to the indictment.

Additional charges may be forthcoming because the indictment notes Kretsinger was aided by other known and unknown co-conspirators. The investigation is ongoing, said FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller.—Internet



An Iranian military vehicle carries a missile during a military parade in Teheran, capital of Iran, on 22 Sept, 2011. Iran marked the 31st anniversary of the Iran-Iraq war Thursday by displaying its military achievements.—XINHUA



## Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives Vice-Chairman of Foreign ...

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The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua.

They exchanged views on bilateral relations and cooperation between Hluttaws of two countries.

The guests viewed convening of Pyithu Hluttaw.

Yesterday evening, the Chinese delegation met Chairman of Pyithu

Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and members at the hall of the Hluttaw Affairs Committee. They discussed international relations of the Hluttaws of two countries.

In the evening, the Chairman of the International Relations Committee hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation at Thingaha Hotel.

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## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Japanese delegation led...

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During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters on promotion of relations

between the two parliaments and promotion of bilateral friendship between the two countries.

The Japanese delegation visited the meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

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## Relief aids donated to flood victims in Toungoo, Ottwin

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept— Bago Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe and Region Minister for Border Affairs and Security Col Thet Tun on 18 September provided flood victims at the relief camps in Toungoo and Ottwin Townships.

They donated 166 bags of rice, 150 viss of edible oil, seven bags of detergent powder and 1200 pieces of clothes to 9502 flood victims in eight villages of Toungoo Township and 33 bags of rice, 31 viss of edible oil, 16 boxes of instant noodle and 25 bags of detergent powder to flood victims

in Wati, Chaungna and Ohnbin villages of Ottwin Township.

Those wishing to donate relief aids to flood victims of Toungoo, Ottwin, Yedashe and Htantabin townships of Toungoo District may contact respective township administration office.—MNA

## Thailand's economic growth revised downward

BANGKOK, 23 Sept— Thailand's National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) reported Monday that the country's economy had been expected to expand by 3.5-4 percent in 2011, lower than the 3.5-4.5 percent

projected earlier in May. According to NESDB Secretary General Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Thailand's economy in the second quarter grew by only 2.6 percent, decreasing from 3.2 percent in the first quarter.

Contractions in the manufacturing sector affected by Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami, and the subsequent contraction of the Japanese economy as well as reduction in total investment are among the leading causes.

Xinhua

## People Democracy Party granted as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—The Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Announcement No. 49/2011 today.

The unofficial translation of the announcement is as follows:-

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**Union Election Commission**

**Nay Pyi Taw**

**Announcement No. 49/2011**

**11<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tawthalin, 1373 ME**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2011**

**Registration of People Democracy Party as political party granted**

Registration of People Democracy Party headquarterd at No. 39/B in Yaythant Area of Tagundaing Ward in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region, was allowed under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law beginning 23 September 2011.

The registration number of People Democracy Party is 43.

By order,

**Sd/ Win Ko**  
**Secretary**  
**Union Election Commission**

## The educative talks on anti-rabies will be held

YANGON, 23 Sept— The educative talks on anti-rabies sponsored by Myanmar Veterinarians Association will be held at Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Insein

Township, here to mark the World Anti-Rabies Day.

Dr Murray Maclean of FAO, Dr Kyaw Naing Oo and Dr Tin Tin Yi of LBVD will give talks and any interested

persons may attend it.

As a token of honouring the World Anti-Rabies Day, the Region and State LBVDs will give anti-rabies vaccines to dogs free of charge.—MNA

*Li Jianguo (L), a local villager, and his son repair their house damaged by the floods in a village of Hexigten Qi, Chifeng City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 22 Aug, 2011.*

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*A Russian woman presents her pottery handicrafts made of bark during a China-Russia cultural festival in Heihe City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 22 Aug, 2011.*

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## Over 200 1,000-year-old coins unearthed in Inner Mongolia

HOHHOT, 23 Sept— More than 200 coins that were used 1,000 years ago were excavated in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, said local archaeologists on Tuesday. The green verdigris-covered coins, most from the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127) and some from the Tang Dynasty (618-907),

were unearthed at a construction site in Araxan League, said Zhang Zhenzhou with the Araxan Museum.

Zhang added that the place where the coins were found belonged to the Western Xia Kingdom, which means that the area was probably a business hub between Northern Song and Western Xia.

Zhang's opinion is echoed by Li Daxiang, curator of Weiwu municipal museum in Gansu Province. "Despite the many battles between the two kingdoms, bilateral trade was booming, which lead to the transfer of the Northern Song coins to Western Xia," Li said.

Probably people tried to hide their money during

warfare by burying the coins, Zhang said.

The archaeologists are classifying and studying the coins in order to ascertain in which year the coins were buried and hopefully shed some light on ancient bilateral trade, Zhang said.

Historical records show that the Song silk, porcelain, iron and various textiles were traded to places as far as the Indus River and modern-day Iraq.—Xinhua

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So, he went on that, the staff of his ministry have to fill in the form as said by the applicant on condition that facts are logical; so the real case is that his staff have to fill the scrutiny card application form according to the official statement of the applicant in line with procedures and not that the facts about the applicant are filled in by his staff first.

He went on that in making household registration, taking censuses, and carrying out civil works, if citizen concerned himself asks for description of his tribe, then it is filled according to his wish; filling in the race instead of filling in particular tribe of the same race would require wish and agreement of individual concerned; his staff cannot fill in the form as they wish but according to information provided by the applicants and thus it is a process to be implemented only with the wishes and agreements of persons concerned.

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint replied to queries raised by two representatives.

U Aye Myint of Insein Constituency said he would like to know **"progress in implementation of national projects and projects in planning for development of science and technology sector"** and **"rumors that Myanmar is trying to build nuclear power with the assistance of a nuclear power nation is right or wrong."**

The Union Minister replied that his ministry has been focusing on R & D, as a result it could invent technologies for prevention against soil depletion and revitalization of decaying soil, and has been able to distribute various kinds of bio fertilizers, tonic for organic plants and bio-pesticide useful for organic farming to farmers at reasonable price; his ministry has been making researches on production of computerized numerical control (CNC) machines and able to produce six major parts of 2-axis CNC lathe machine and five major parts of 3-axis CNC milling machine; in addition, his ministry has succeeded in production of PC-based control system useable in 2-axis CNC lathe machine and 3-axis milling machine, conducting researches on systems used for transformation of conventional lathe machines into CNC lathe machines.

He went on that his ministry has tested self-made major parts of five kinds of automobile engines ranging from 22 hp to 360 hp, a kind of locomotive head and a kind of farming diesel engine on respective vehicles; moreover, 19-blade Francis turbine runner with 860 mm inlet diameter and 915 mm outlet diameter for 6-megawatt turbine essential in hydropower generation is on trial run; charge controller for solar panel and charge controller for wind turbine can now be manufactured locally, which instead were previously imported from abroad for power generation with use of renewable energy—solar and wind energy.

He went on that his ministry is conducting researches on production of Nd for strong magnets used in wind turbines, metallurgical grade silicon used in solar panels and sails with the use of fiber glass; self-made universal unmanned aerial vehicles are on test-run and the ministry is also conducting researches on essential control systems for pilotless flying; the Ministry of Industry-2 is currently producing engines with capacity ranging from 250 hp to 800 hp, heavy diesel engines with capacity ranging from 2200 hp to 2700 hp, trucks that can carry 10 tons up to 20 tons load, city buses for public transportation, heavy duty trucks, light trucks and pick-ups and major parts for those vehicles.

He went on that like his ministry, Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries are implementing short and long term plans on researches and human resources development for technological advancement and national development.

Regarding the rumors that Myanmar is building

nuclear power with the assistance of a nation that possesses nuclear power, the Union minister replied that Myanmar has always supported that every nation has the right to use nuclear power for peaceful purposes; Myanmar supports non-proliferation of nuclear weapon, at the same time, it is one of the nations that oppose politically using of non-proliferation agreement and discriminating against developing countries in observing the agreement; Myanmar is has been contributing to peace and stability of the region hand in hand with ASEAN partners and has never done any acts posing threat to regional peace and tranquility.

**He went on that analysts have assessed that Myanmar has no ground for nuke weapons being a developing country with inadequacies for nuke weapons production either in term of infrastructure and technology or financial capability; so accusations that Myanmar is trying to build nuclear capacity is wrong and Myanmar has not made even a single effort to possess nuclear weapons: Myanmar has announced to the global nations that it aspires for peace and has no intention of possessing nuclear weapons.**



**Hluttaw Representative U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency raising question.—MNA**



**Hluttaw Representative U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency raising question.—MNA**

In response to question of U Lwin Oo of Thanlyin Constituency who asked **"if there is plan to transform an appropriate university out of current universities in Myanmar into research university"**, the Union Minister replied that in addition to making research works for national interests through research departments, his ministry is implementing projected research works in Yangon Technological University, Mandalay Technological University, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, Yangon University of Computer Studies and Mandalay University of Computer Studies as research universities; in 2010, his ministry founded Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) as a research-based university with a view to keeping in touch with advancing technologies and coordinating with international technical solution providers and universities for teaching and research works at it.

The Union Minister added that so far, there have been six research-based universities under his ministry; locally-trained MSc and PhD holders led by 25 Russia-trained PhD holders, 19 China-trained PhD holders, 8 Singapore-trained PhD holders, 7 Japan-trained PhD holders, one India-trained PhD holder, one Malaysia-trained PhD holder, and two Germany-trained PhD holders, totaling 63 PhD holders are carrying out teaching and research works in universities, colleges, sciences and research departments under the Ministry of Science and Technology and projected research works of international standards are being implemented phase by phase systematically and his ministry has already taken steps for changing conventional universities into research universities.

Next, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun answered questions raised by four representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency who asked about **the state level plans relating to ICT sector which are being drawn and works to be done as development of ICT sector is of**



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vital importance to harmonious development in every corner of the nation, the Union minister replied that plans were laid down and implemented for development of ICT sector in Myanmar previously. National ICT Master Plan 2010, jointly-implemented by Myanmar and Korean governments, is an apparent one as an example. The Master Plan included establishment of ICT Network, ICT Industry, ICT Human Resources Development, e-Government, e-Commerce, e-Education, Legal Frame Work, ICT Standardization. Construction of ICT infrastructure was successfully implemented with the use of allotted finance and given time. Installation of fiber optic cable nearly the whole nation, setting up of microwave link and satellite communication for remote areas were carried out.

It is obvious that there has been successful in development of ICT Industry and ICT Human Resources Development to a certain extent. For example, trainings for human resources development were conducted thanks to emergence of ICT Industry such as Myanmar Info-Tech and Teleport in Yangon. It is found that sectors of e-Government, e-Commerce and e-Education met a little success due to unwillingness of those who are worrying that ICT-driven e-Government may reduce their job opportunities as they are only proficient in old technology. Sustainable development of e-Government system is a must to be continued to do. So ICT Master Plan 2011-2015 was drawn and signed on 18 July 2011 with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Ministry of Science and Technology, professionals in private sector and Korean experts.

Bills were drawn and sent to Attorney-General Office so as to be able to amend obsolete telecom law. Due to the remarks to add necessary points to be in conformity with rapidly developing technology, measures are being taken to modify the bills.

In accord with the guidance given by the President, works are underway to use Online e-Banking system on a wider scale. Online Telephone Payment system is being implemented in cooperation with Myanmar Economic Bank and Asia Green Development Bank. Besides, arrangements are being made to pay electricity bills through online system by holding discussions with the Ministry of Electric Power No-2. Arrangements have been made for landline telephones to pay phone bills through not only online but also Prepaid Top Up Card in December like mobile phones.

Plans are underway for continued implementation of drawing of Wireless Broadband Master Plan with the technological assistance of ITU as Myanmar was chosen as a pilot country. In order to do so, the President Office formed Myanmar Computer Technology Development Council on 20 April 2011. With the aim of development of new generations in order to keep abreast with other countries in ICT sector, the Union minister suggested that Hluttaw representatives should submit proposals to teach computer technology in basic education level and to allow

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the ministries and organizations to more use budgets in ICT development and hold discussions.

Regarding the question raised by U Tin Win of Mongyan Constituency who asked **whether there is a plan to install CDMA or GSM telephone lines for better communication in Mongyan Township of Kengtung District of Shan State (East) as there are three auto telephones at PCOs in the township and they are available from 7 am to 8 pm**, the Union minister replied that a China-made manual exchange with 50 lines was installed in the township and there are nine extension lines. For trunk calls, four telephone lines were installed with the number of Kengtung auto exchange through Lweme microwave station. Depending on availability of electricity in the township, the four telephones can be used till 8 pm. 24-hour service can be allowed in time of emergency.

Communications devices are being transported and installed in order to provide CDMA-450 telephone service in the township. Kengtung-Lweme link is under construction and CDMA-450 telephone service is on trial in the township. Measures will be taken in order to provide full service. Installation of 3000 GSM lines will be carried out in the township under the second phase of the first year of the project for extended installation of GSM lines.

Regarding the question raised by U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency who asked if **there is a plan to install GSM and CDMA towers in Htantabin as locals with GSM telephones are facing poor communication due to lack of GSM towers**, the Union minister replied that installation of 6000 GSM lines will be carried out under the third phase of the first year of extended installation of GSM lines project.

Regarding the question of U Sai Khaththiya of Mongsat Constituency who asked if **there is a plan to install GSM or CDMA telephone lines in Mongsat of Shan State (East)**, the Union minister replied that installation of 3000 GSM lines in Mongsat will be carried out under the first phase of the first year of the project. Communication devices for installation of 750 CDMA-450 telephone lines will be sent to Mongsat at the end of September. Necessary devices will be installed within the first week of October and CDMA-450 telephone service will be available in November.

Next, U Myint Shwe of Waw Constituency, U Win Swe of Nyaungshwe Constituency, U Win Ko of Hsihseng Constituency, U Tun Sar (a) U Sai Tun Win of Tangyan Constituency, U Htay Maung of Saw Constituency, U Thein Tun of Kyaungkon Constituency, U Pon Khant In of Tiddim Constituency and Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwetaung Constituency seconded the proposal to **formulate a policy to effectively enforce sport activities**

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they found the eligible voters in the lists. Not only the respective election commissions but also the eligible voters themselves were responsible for they were not included in the lists.

Regarding the establishment of polling booths at the battalions and regiments, the booths were established there in accordance with the Section 36 and Rule 39 (a) of the Election Law as the number of eligible voters is enough to set up polling booths there. For casting advanced votes by the eligible voters as they were away from the constituencies and who could not able to come to the polling booths, the Union Election Commission had supervised casting advanced votes in accordance with Section 45(a), (b) and (c), and Section 47 and Rule 57 of Election Law. Besides, the votes and advanced votes were counted at the booths once the voting were completed in the presence of members of

in **basic education schools** submitted yesterday by U Htan Lain of Mindat Constituency through discussions, saying that it is require to introduce sports activities in basic education level in order to turn out many outstanding athletes; that sports activities can contribute physical and mental development of students; and that it is necessary to formulate a policy that cannot disturb academic section with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Sports, respective Hluttaw committees, sports fans and experts.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu replied that Region/State sports competitions, Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman's Cup competitions, President's Cup of respective federations and Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) sports competitions are being held for promotion of Myanmar sports sector. Measures are being taken for more achieving more success in respective sports. Sports gear and techniques are being rendered to sports clubs in various regions.

In order to enhance fighting spirit in sports events, sports clubs-based Champion Challenge Cup Tournaments are being organized and arrangements are being made to present handsome prizes. Training schools of Sports and Physical Education Institute in Yangon and Mandalay accepted 350 trainees each and plans are underway to



**Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Win Ko of Hsihseng Constituency takes part in discussions.—MNA**

accept more trainees up to 600. Trainees are being given lectures in the morning and modern sports techniques in the evening and Language Labs opened to be outstanding in sports and education. Necessary assistance are being provided for convenience of accommodation of selected athletes who are in training at federations and measures are taken to be disciplined ones.

**There is a plan to appoint sports technicians at basic education school to train students at the evening sports period. Coordination meetings of Region/State Chief Ministers, sports ministers and region/state level education officers were held in six regions and one state with the aim of organizing individual and group sports events in schools and plans will be implemented in remaining Regions and States.**

Realization of the goal of achieving interest, enthusiasm, fighting spirit, tactics and techniques and thinking power needs active participation of students in

members of the booth supervising committee, local people and representatives of the candidates in accordance with the Section 48 (b) and Rule 65 of the Election Law. Similarly, only advanced votes which were casted before the 4 pm of the election day were counted according to the law, candidates and representatives of the candidates and the people. The Union Election Commission had supervised the branches of the election commissions to strictly obey the Election Law and its rules when they counted the votes and advanced votes.

The Section 43 and Rule 39 (g) of the Election Law says the double and above voting by eligible voters. However, according to the Sections 42 and 43, mother, father, wife, husband, son, daughter and blood brother or sister of an eligible voter could help the eligible voter who could not read a vote, had no ability to cast a vote, were blind and had physical disabilities, and if there was no one to help him, a person who supervise a polling booth could help him, he said.

**The Union Election Commission had instructed the election commissions to carry out their tasks strictly in**

sports events. Now the ministry is cooperating with the Ministry of Education in order to meet the goal. The ministry is taking systematic measures for revival of Myanmar sports by nurturing younger generations and those who have a genius for sports. Sports tactics are being laid down based on sports clubs in various regions in order to cover every part of the nation and handsome prizes presented. The deputy minister recognized the proposal of



**Deputy Sports Minister U Aye Myint Kyu making clarification. MNA**

U Htan Lain as an appropriate one.

Next, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye said that there has been significant progress in international sports competitions by holding upper Myanmar and lower Myanmar level sports competitions followed by universities and zone-wise sports events. Now zone-wise sports events are being held. The ministry is rendering necessary assistance for nurturing outstanding athletes. Plans are underway to organize the parents and to provide students with health care services as requirements are still needed to be fulfilled in basic education sector. Besides, sports and education combination committee was formed.

Proposal of U Htan Lain won approval of Hluttaw.

U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency submitted a proposal to **set a minimum purchase guarantee price for crops in accord with the season, region and kinds of crops by setting a limited period within the framework of market economy under the supervision of the Union government and Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, a proposal to set a foreign exchange rate which is appropriate and suitable for the market in accord with the law by adopting strong monetary policies for stability and development of national economy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.** Date will be announced for the proposals to be discussed. Representatives wishing to hold discussions may enlist their names this evening. The 24-day second regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw ended at 3.45 pm today and the 25<sup>th</sup>-day session will be held on 26 September.—MNA

**accordance with the rules and regulations so that local authorities could not disturb the campaigns of the political parties and could not influence the election sub-commissions and polling booths.**

Rules for counting votes were expressed in detail in the Chapter (10) and Rule (12) of the Election Law, he said. Regarding the reject votes, voters should learn how to cast vote as facts for reject votes said in the Section 66(c) and (d) were announced in dailies, he said.

The Union Election Commission had set up the township/ward/village election sub-commissions in accordance with the Section 8 (c), the township election sub-commissions has set up the committees for supervising the polling booths in accordance with the Rule 39 (c) and (d) of the Election Law.

The State had unveiled a set of laws governing national elections on 8 March, 2010 and the Election Commission had announced the date for the elections on August 13, 2010 and the elections was held on 7 November, 2010. The election was completed successfully,

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however, there might be a few weak points in the elections as the many tasks including setting up of commissions, teaching laws and rules related to the elections, permission for founding parties and holding elections across the country were carried out with the 8-month period. It was found that the laws and rules were enough to hold the elections, however, responsible personnel did not understand the laws and rules clearly and were weak in following the rules and regulations and instructions. Therefore, to be able to hold the free and fair elections in the future, measures would be taken in accordance with the rules and regulations and people, political parties and Hluttaw representatives were to cooperate with the Union Election Commission, he said.

Afterward U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State constituency No (12) asked a question **over the life security of people in Kachin State and elimination of poverty in the region.** Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik replied that it was necessary to end the tensions in the region as soon as possible for the peace and stable livelihood, good economy, education and health of the local national races in Kachin State and for paving the ways for refugees to be able to return home and live in peace in their native places. The Union Government unveiled the announcement 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 No 1/2011 and offered peace talks to the ethnic armed groups who had not yet accepted the transition in accordance with the constitution.

As soon as the peace and tranquility prevailed in Kachin State, the state would be developed with a short time.

Regarding the agricultural sector in Kachin State, every farmer in Kachin State shall have rights to own field and the ministry concerned leased K 40,000 per acre to a farmer and distributed quality strains to farmers. Besides, private forest plantations were established in the state.

In the mining sector, the Ministry of Mines had encouraged the small scale mining businesses in the state in accordance with the rules and regulations. Meanwhile, 16150 blocks in Kachin State had been allowed to explore jades and gems and 332 blocks to explore gold in accordance with the rules and regulations for environmental conservation.

While the Union Government and ministries had made efforts for preventing illegal immigration, human trafficking, smuggling of jades and gems and rare species of animals to neighbouring countries, Kachin State government and local people should cooperate with the ministries concerned in the drive.

U Khin Maung Latt of the Rakhine State constituency No (6) asked a question **whether there was a right to trade rice freely in Rakhine State and asked the Union Government to stop the collecting money at check points.**

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint replied that the government had not bought rice from the farmers directly and had allowed the free trade of rice as from the 2003-2004 fiscal year. He continued to say that rice was surplus in Rakhine State and rice trading was allowed in the state and businessmen were doing rice trading freely in the state today. However, measures were taken against the illegal trading of rice to a neighbouring country where rice was in demand. In March, 2010, Amyintgyun Police Station in Sittway Township had seized a boat loaded with 550 bags of rice from Mrauk U route to a neighbouring country.

The combined teams comprising service personnel from the police force and departments concerned were working together in the state to prevent smuggling of arms and ammunition and restricted goods and anti-drugs as Rakhine State shared border with a neighbouring country, he said.

U Zar Yard Rawman (a) U Htay Win of Rakhine State constituency No (7) asked to **introduce the Student Quota System which could allow intellectual students as a special opportunity to learn at the Universities of medicines and dental universities with the aim of development of the people across the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.**

Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin replied that as from 1964, the new education system had limited the total marks which could those who passed the matriculation examination to learn at the universities of medicine and dental medicines.

As from 1994, meetings and workshops had held with the participations of medical practitioners to draw a new system for entrance to the universities of medicines and dental universities to be able to provide health care services to the people effectively and draw the system which allowed sharing of students to the universities of medicines and dental universities in proportion with the regional population.

Ministry of Health held meetings with the universities of medicines and dental universities in July, 2008, to introduce the new system. However, the plan



**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nane Kin Paung of Chin State Constituency (7) raising question.**  
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**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency (10) raising question.**  
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had been suspended as the system was not suitable to practice today due to social and economic conditions. As the medical subject is a professional career, students were selected to enter the universities based on their hard work and qualifications. As the new system of sharing students to the universities could reflect the health care services of the State, the current system was continued to practice today, he said.

Afterwards, two Hluttaw representatives raised questions related to information and on behalf of the Union Government, Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan replied the questions.

U Myint Tun of Bago Region constituency No 10 asked the **Union Government whether it was suitable or not to establish farmers organizations such as Myanmar farmers organization, Myanmar farmers federation in the interests of the farmers while Ministry of Labour was preparing the labour organizations.**

Union Minister said that he would reply as the leader the Spokespersons and Information Team, saying that farmers constituted the 70 per cent of the population as major forces of the nation as well as primary productive factors of the economy; so, the Article 23 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states "The Union shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of peasants; assist peasants to obtain equitable value of their agricultural produce." and in accordance with the provisions, measures would be taken for promotion and protection of rights of farmers; in doing so, steps would be taken from various aspects for better socio-economic life of farmers, helping them enjoy satisfactory profits for agricultural produce; likewise,



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steps would be taken for broadening horizon of farmers, developing human resources.

**The Union Minister went on that preventive measures were to be taken against disunity among villages, wards and within the nation as a result of personality cult, ism, sectarianism; farmers were to be inculcated with concepts, attitudes, spirit and beliefs, which were based on interests of peasantry and the nation; in doing so, establishment of farmers organization would be essential for protection and promotion of their rights.**

He added that in the retrospect, respective political parties founded their farmers organizations against each other in parliament democracy period; Communists led by Thakhin Than Tun and Thakhin Soe also set up farmers unions; after they went underground, they established farmers unions in the regions under their control and seized and distributed farmlands; governing AFPFL also founded All Burma Farmers Union (Ba-Ta-La-Sa) and the factional red socialists of Socialist Party which was part of AFPFL founded Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta who then set up United Peasant Organization (Burma) (UPO-B).

He went on that when the governing AFPFL was split into (Stable) and (Clean), Ba-La-Ta-Sa founded by the AFPFL was fractured into two, not only the central but the district and township, resulting in bloody factional conflicts; as organizations were founded based on personal cult, ism, sectarianism, issues related to farmers could not be handled effectively, leaving hardly any benefits to the farmers and the nation, instead disunity and discords.

He went on that in the time of MSPP, united peasant organization was formed for the peasantry, and however, it could hardly promote interests of the nation and fulfill their needs due to over-centralization and other weak points.

He added that in parliament democracy period, factional disputes coursed among farmers as well as working class and students; communists led by Thakhin Than Tun and Thakhin Soe also set up labour unions and after they went underground, they instigated demonstrations and protests behind the scene through those labour unions; likewise, governing AFPFL government formed Trade Union Congress Burma (TUCB) and Pa-Nya-Ma-Ta in response founded Burma Trade Union Congress (BTUC); when the AFPFL split into two as (Clean) and (Stable), TUCB chose to be part of (Stable) and thus (Clean) set up Union Labour Organization (ULO), leading to disunity among workers; as to students, Yangon University Students Union (Ta-Ka-Tha) was formed in Yangon University around 1930 during independence struggle with the aim of claiming for independence; when the independence struggle reached its peak after the World War II, All Burma Students Union (Ba-Ka-Tha) was formed in addition to Ta-Ka-Tha; furthermore, Yangon District Students Union (Ya-Ka-Tha) was also formed; later on students unions were formed in districts and townships nationwide.

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student unions of that time were good for nation and people as they were striving for independence, which was a national interest, shortly before and after regaining independence, politicians mobilized students for their power and advantages; Ba-Ka-Pa led by Thakhin Than Tun formed Students Front, Thakhin Soe of Red Flag New Students Front, AFPFL led by U Kyaw Nyein Democratic Student Organization (DSO) Student Yekaung Organization and Pa-Nya-Ma-Ta also formed Ba-Ka-Tha Federation; and thus formation of such organization representing particular strata would need learning from the past and preparing best for the future.

He went on that studying situation of the other parts of the world, it was found that US had regional farmers organizations and particular crop organizations, e.g. Texas had its own farmers organization, Texas Province farmers Organization and there was National Corn Growers Association for corn growers of the whole United States; in addition, American Farmers Association was established for contributing and promoting interests of the farmers, and formulation of laws necessary; likewise, in Australia, National Farmers Federation (NFF) was set up for adopting policies for farmers and enacting laws protecting the rights of farmers; in Sweden, there stood Federation of Swedish Farmers as NGO for formulation of policies and laws required for rural development and provision of technologies and capitals to farmers; neighbouring Thailand had two organizations—Thai Farmers Association (TFA) and Farmers Federation of Thailand while Malaysia was operating National Farmers Association (NAFSA) in accord with Farmers Association Act (1967) and Farmers Association Act (1973) and operative mechanism of such organizations should be widely analyzed before establishment of similar organizations in Myanmar.

So, in forming farmers organization, local and international experiences, lessons from past events should be studied first and followed by carefully planned actions for the best possible interests of the nation and the public in the future; systematic measures were to be taken to ensure there was no echo of factions within farmers organizations, workers organization, and students organizations and cases in which such organizations were used by politicians as their stepping-stone; the organization should be the one that could actually promote the interests of the farmers and the nation, socio-economic life, and intellectual development of peasantry.

He added that works for formation of a farmers representing organization were to be done in coordination after thorough analysis of the past events of Myanmar, objective conditions of current nation and the public, strength and weakness of the organizations in other countries; steps were to be taken starting from multifaceted assessment for long-term interests of the farmers to drafting bills necessary, enactment of laws through Hluttaws, and finally to formation of farmers representing organizations in line with procedures and the organization would be formed in conformity with the enacted law.

U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No (10) asked whether the Union government has a plan to hold a dialogue with leaders of national races and leaders of pro-democracy groups led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the same time or not.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that the major desires of the people are:

- (1) Community peace and stability of the State or peace or national recon solidation,
- (2) Development of the nation and socio-economic development of individual family, and
- (3) Earning a living freely under the law or democracy.

The new government is implementing "peace",

"development" and "democratization" processes as the objective of the State or national goal in accord with the will of the people, the Union minister said.

He continued to say that there are many ways to realize an objective; as the famous quotation goes, "do not care if the cat is black or white, what matters is it catches mice", what matters most is the accomplishment of the objective; the way needs to be commensurate with current reality; if not, it would bring the reverse impact; simplification is also needed; thus, the objective will be achieved easily and hastily with less complexities; it need be the way with less possibility of conflicts; with conflicts, it will not reach the set goal; so, the government is seeking peace, development and democratization, which are the desires of the people and also included in U Ohn Tin's question, with abovementioned means.

He went on that there ways are adopted for peace (or) nation reconciliation, the first objective; the first way is to collaborate with political parties and politicians holding different views and attitudes on common ground; the government is creating the situation for cooperation through talks with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; the cooperation with political parties, politicians on common ground will



**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency (11) raising question.**

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**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State Constituency (12) raising question.—MNA**

enable to realize the interests of the nation and its people together and build up mutual understanding and trust; it will ensure win-win situation by adjusting the different views.

The Union minister quoted the President as saying, "We will make reviews to make sure that Myanmar citizens living abroad for some reasons can return home if they have not committed any crimes. And if a Myanmar citizen in a foreign country who committed crimes applies for returning home to serve terms, we will show our benevolent attitude in dealing with his case," at meeting with responsible persons from economic and social sectors at MICC on 17 August, 2011. The Union minister said that, as the second way, national reconciliation is being realized by offering Myanmar citizens in foreign countries to return to the homeland; it is encouraging that some are preparing to return home.

As the third way, the government issued notification No (1/2011) with peace offer to make peace with national races armed groups and build national reconciliation for national races armed groups in border region which still disagree the Constitution and transition in accord with the Constitution; according to the offer, the Union government Peace Committee signed temporary agreements with "Wa" Special Region (2) National Races Armed Group and Mongla Special Region (4) National Races Armed Group; "Wa" and Mongla national races armed groups are negotiating with Peace Committee formed by the Union government and eternal peace or national reconciliation will be built; the government is striving to start negotiations with other national races armed groups, the Union minister said.

He went on that the second objective for national development and development of socio-economic

development of the people is being implemented by amending, abrogating and drafting the laws, boosting trade, making reforms for improving local and foreign investment, improving education, health and social matters including the increase in retirement pensions, increasing the production and taking measures for rural development and poverty alleviation.

Regarding the third objective democratization, politics is shaped under the Constitution; press freedom is promoted in accord with rules and regulations and obligations regarding the fourth estate; National Human Rights Commission was formed and monitored human rights; reforms are made to realize good governance and clean government; democratic practices are adopted in the Hluttaws; International Day of Democracy 2011 was preserved jointly by two Hluttaws on 15 September, 2011 and efforts are being made for realizing discipline-flourishing democracy in Myanmar.

Those actions show that the government is seeking peace, development and democratization, which are the desires of the people and also included in U Ohn Tin's question, with the ways which commensurate with the reality, with simplicity and less possibility of tensions; the measures of the government have reached somewhere with somewhat achievements; as Myanmar saying goes, "we cannot get the freshwater immediately after digging the well"; as a western saying goes, "Rome was not built in a day", it will take time to achieve significant successes.

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

U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No (6) asked he would like to know arrangements for thoroughly undertaking the water pumping works (Chaungzon) of the Ayeyawady River Water Pumping Project (Kyawzi) and Hsindewa (Thamakku) realizing the irrigated canal system for water pumping project of Welaung Dam (Kanni) and plan on water supply. The deputy minister replied that Kyawzi River Water Pumping Project commenced on 6-2-2000 and it has completed by cent per cent. Due to sandy earthen drains and crossing areas of motor road and railroad, supply of water faced loss and wastage at the farmlands. Maintenance of the canals contributes to supply of water that reaches 2041 acres of farmlands. Duties have been assigned to Water Resources Utilization Department to supply water for meeting the target.

With regard to Kyawzi River Water Pumping Project, water supply drains will be maintained with 13000 saddles of soil spending this year's fund. On completion, the project will supply 2500 acres of farmlands.

Mechanical and electrical works and digging of drains for the water pumping project of Hsindewa (Thamakku) Dam in Taungtha Township has completed in 2002-2004. The facility irrigates 500 acres of farmlands. Due to low level of inflow water, the project supplies water to 1152 acres of monsoon paddy and 190 acres of summer against the target of 3000 acres. If the dam has sufficient water, arrangement will be made for irrigating 500 acres of farmlands.

Welaung (Kanni) river water pumping project has completed in May 2011. However, the groove of the main canal was damaged in the Cyclone Giri in May 2011. The groove was reconstructed with steel frame and it will be completed in September 2011. The stored water will be supplied to surrounding villages for consumption purpose.

U Sur Ohn of Mon State Constituency No (9) said that the downstream water course of Mayangon and Seikkyun sluice gates in Thaton Township of Mon State is silting day by day. He asked how will manage the floods based on silting of the sluice gates. The deputy minister replied that the two sluice gates are located some distance from the sea. After subsiding tide, the area silted yearly. The sluice gate to the sea is to be opened for removal of silts before using fresh water.

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In the rainy season, the rainwater and field water are to be drained out from the sluice gate. As it is necessary to dredge the silted water course, the tasks will be carried out depending on the allotment of fund.

U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency No. 11 said that **Kawhtin, Boyagyi, Mokkhamu, Malawchaung and Kyaikkatha villages are facing damage of crops and declining of per acre yield due to inflow of seawater.** He asked whether there is a plan to construct the eight miles long dyke to prevent the seawater from Kyaikkatha to Kawhtin villages, the deputy minister replied that the dyke will have to pass 20 drains and creeks. Therefore, facility will need sluice gates. The area for the dyke is located on the sandy area and instable banks. Therefore, it is necessary to watch the stability of banks.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region No. 6 asked **whether there is a plan to install small-scale hydropower turbine at drops of Kunchaung Dam in Kyangin Township for supply of electricity to surrounding villages.** The deputy minister replied that the Irrigation Department has adopted a plan to install seven generators with three kilowatt generating capacities at seven drops of the main canal of the dam so as to supply electricity to seven village-tracts in October 2011.

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun replied to questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Whe Yein of Chin State Constituency No 11 asked **whether there is a plan to install Paletwa Township with communication device like GSM and CDMA.** The Union Minister replied that Paletwa Township of Chin State is facilitated with one MPT Satellite Terminal installed with one magneto exchange, 30 extension telephone lines and four Yangon phone lines for trunk calls and one PCO. Beginning September, the site for the exchange, construction of mechanical building and tower foundation and transport of radio machinery are being carried out for installation of 750 mobile lines at six sets of MPT satellite terminals. It is expected to operate the machinery in the fourth week of December. A plan is underway to installation of auto-telephone exchange.

U Nein Khin Pawng of Chin State Constituency No. 7 asked **whether there is a plan to install GSM mobile phones for development of living standard of hilly region people.** The Union Minister replied that the site for the exchange, construction of mechanical building and tower foundation and transport of radio machinery are being carried out in Tonzang Township for installation of 750 CDMA-450 lines. It can be used in the fourth week of November. Installation of 700 GSM lines in the township will be undertaken in the second year of the project.

U Thet Naing Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 6 said that **the local people face out of connection in communication of land line phones of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications for many times. He asked how better communication will be provided as soon as possible.** The Union Minister replied that the ministry inserted the fund in the annual capital expenditure. Depending on the allotment of budget, the substitutions are carried for the communication equipment.

If the telephone connection is out, any person may complain the department concerned through complaint telephone for respective auto-exchanges or complaint phone 102 in respective regions and states and complaint phone 106 in Nay Pyi Taw. Duties have been assigned to the personnel to repair the works as quickly as possible.

Although there are 590,000 telephones across the nation at present compared with 75,000 telephones in 1988, limited number of workers is at work for maintenance of the telephones. Therefore, some delays occurred.

This year, some telephone line of underground

cables was damaged in heavy rains, overflow of rivers and strong winds in Bago region. Therefore, damages have been repaired.

U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No. 10 ask whether after paying telephone charges through early warning system of MPT, there is a plan to implement the system of re-switching on the telephone within one hour. The Union Minister replied that about 100 staff of the telephone bill section of Accounts Department of MPT gave services to the people for 75,000 phone lines in the past. At present, about 500 staff of the section are giving services to 590,000 phone lines and 1.5 million of mobile lines across the nation. As the work load is heavier, they cannot give service on switching on the telephone lines immediately.

As of 27-7-2011, telephone bills can be paid for phone lines in Yangon through online phone bill payment system of banks. Arrangements are being made to practise the above mentioned system in other townships. Necessary machinery has been ordered abroad to apply the PSTN Pre-paid System. The new system will commenced at 55,000 telephone lines in Yangon and Mandalay in December. Three months later, new services will be given to 200,000 telephones for the second phase. The system will be covered for all telephones in next six months across the nation.

U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Constituency No. 5 asked **whether there is a programme to submit the long-term and short-term development plans to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for development of the nation.** Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein replied that in accord with the constitution, the new government will draw the fifth five-year short-term Union level national plan based on the 30-year long-term plan that started on 2011-2012 fiscal year and submitted it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and region and state governments, regional plans to the respective Hluttaws.

U Salai Khwe Yan of Chin State Constituency No. 12 asked **whether there is a plan to add Yokwa on eastern bank of Paletwa, Meeletwa village and some part of forest reserve into the area of the town.** Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied that population rate of Paletwa is very lesser in comparison with the country's population rate. As the eastern bank of Kaladan River is located in Kaladan Forest Reserve, the forest reserve formed for many years to serve the interest of the State and the region should not be cancelled with the reasons to ensure the town with town characters. However, when an important plan is to be implemented for development of the State, the forest reserve area can be amended or cancelled for the sake of the State.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi replied to questions on social welfare, relief and resettlement raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency No. 10 asked **whether the Union government has a plan to provide necessary assistance to the people who take shelter of the government.** The Union Minister replied that the State provides one unit each of six relief

supplies, cash for rice and construction materials to each victim families in line with the disciplines while undertaking rehabilitation tasks.

**In some areas of Kachin State, Kachin State government accommodates 5580 people from 1397 households at 38 relief camps at monasteries, churches and other buildings in townships, wards and villages. Union ministries, State government, departments, social organizations, wellwishers, political parties, Hluttaw representatives and Myanmar Red Cross Society donated cash, foodstuff, clothes, personal goods, school uniforms, exercise books and medicines worth K 132,098,286 to the victims. Depending on the submission of the state government, more assistance will be provided to them.**

With regard to the question asking **whether the State has a plan to provide assistance for rehabilitation of Tiddim damaged in natural disasters** raised by U Kham Swim Mon of Chin State Constituency No. 5, Public Works cleared 11 points of Thaingngin-Tiddim Road due to landslide from the hill on 11 August 2011, and the road can be used for vehicles.

Chin State Government and Development Affairs Department repaired 300 feet long water pipeline in Tiddim Township. Departments concerned and people repaired about 100 feet long RC gutter each of Zalwi hydropower project in Tiddim Township and in Tonzang Township. After inspecting repairing of 10 inter-village bridges damaged in heavy rains, the funds will be demanded from the State.

A total of 15 houses from Hsaungpee Village and five houses from Laibon Village that moved from Tiddim Township due to fear of landslides were provided rice and household goods. Damaged drains of 50 acres of farmlands have been repaired. Now, supply of water will be assisted by the State government.

Organizations concerned and Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs will make field trips to inspect the damages of self-reliant small-scale power canals and lakes in 11 villages.

U Thet Naing Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 6 asked **whether there is a plan to cancel the average fire engines installed at fire stations across the nation and substitute new ones.** The question was answered that during the 17 years period from 1994-95 to 2010-2011 fiscal years, the fire fighting stations across the nation have been provided with 214 imported fire engines and 355 fire engines built by the Fire Services Department, totaling 569. This year, a plan is underway to manufacture 44 fire engines including 28 1200-gallon-capacity fire engines and 16 600-gallon-capacity fire engines.

The Zeyawady Region Administrator takes responsibility for Ford Sun fire engine of Zeyawady Auxiliary Fire Brigade in Pyu Township of Bago Region and performs fire preventive measures. The State will provide one 1200-gallon-capacity fire engine before the end of fiscal year.

The 24<sup>th</sup> day session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw ended at 3.55 pm and the 25<sup>th</sup> day session continues at 10 am on 26 September.

Union Ministers replied to 20 questions raised by Hluttaw representatives at the session.—MNA

## Mexico on red alert as Hilary becomes Category 4 hurricane

MEXICO CITY, 23 Sept—All Mexican states along the Pacific coast issued warnings Thursday as rapidly strengthening Hurricane Hilary brushed the country's coastline. By 21:00 local time (02:00 GMT), Hilary became a powerful and dangerous category-four hurricane as it moved to 140 km southwest of the famous tourist resort of Acapulco in Guerrero State, with sustained winds of over 215 kph and gusts of up to 240 kph.

Mexican civil protection authorities warned residents and tourists to be cautious and stay indoors until the storm slackens, which is speculated to happen in 24 to 36 hours. The deputy minister for civil protection in Guerrero, Eutimio Rodriguez,

also asked the local population to be prepared for a possible evacuation, as the region would see more torrential rain in the next 48 hours, causing a high risk of floods or flash floods.

The US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said the big waves and strong currents caused by Hurricane Hilary have led to "life-threatening conditions" in coastal areas. The waves and currents are expected last 24 to 48 hours. "Hilary will continue to move parallel to the southwest coast of Mexico, but any deviation to the north of the track could bring stronger winds to the coast," said the Miami-based NHC, adding that "some additional strengthening is possible on Friday."—Xinhua



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**Satellite heading for Earth**

**(but the odds of survival are in your favour)**



*The defunct NASA satellite is expected to fall back to Earth today.—INTERNET*

CAPE CANAVERAL, 23 Sept—The chances may be extremely slim of anyone being struck by the remnants of a six-tonne US satellite expected to crash to Earth today, but there is at least one precedent for such an unfortunate occurrence.

On 22 January 1997, Lottie Williams of Tulsa, Oklahoma, became (and remains) the only person ever to have been hit by falling space junk. She was out walking with friends when a 6cm piece of metal just glanced off her shoulder. It was a remnant of a Nasa Delta rocket falling back to Earth after a launch some months earlier. She told the *Toronto Star*: "It looked like burnt trash. If you ever see something like that, you're in awe of it."

The latest falling space "trash", thank-

fully, is more likely to face a watery grave than hit land. The NASA climate research satellite is due to plummet through the atmosphere this evening, British time. It is not known where the wreckage is likely to land, although this should become clearer during the day. So far, NASA officials will say only that it will not be travelling over North America. "It is still too early to predict the time and location of re-entry with any more certainty," NASA said. The 20-year-old Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite has gained attention because it will be the biggest NASA spacecraft to fall uncontrolled from the sky in 32 years.

Most fragments will burn up but it is estimated that 26 pieces, weighing a total of about 530kg (1,200lb) will survive re-entry and be scattered along a 250-mile (400km) path— not that people need to take cover. NASA expects a splashdown rather than a landing because nearly three-quarters of the world's surface is water. It puts the chances that somebody somewhere will get hurt by a falling chunk of debris at 1 in 3,200 – which means that, for any individual, the chances are in the trillions to one. As far as anyone knows, space debris has never hurt anyone, although Lottie Williams would probably not wish to repeat the experience any time soon. —Internet

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**Abandoned factories in ancient Chinese city to be developed into art zones**

PINGYAO, 23 Sept—An obsolete factory in the ancient city of Pingyao in north China's Shanxi Prov-

ince will be renovated into an artistic community, said the art director of an ongoing international photography festival held here on Thursday.

A discarded diesel engine plant, which is a major display area for the seven-day Pingyao International Photography Festival (PIP), will be developed into a base for photo exhibitions and museums, photography training, and the distribution and trade of pictures, said Zhang Guotian.

An obsolete textile mill and knitting mill, which are housing some of the PIP's

shows, will also likely be developed into similar art zones, according to Zhang.

To protect the walled city of Pingyao, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997, the provincial legislature of Shanxi issued a regulation in 1998 requiring the transformation or relocation of existing industrial enterprises and banning the construction of new ones. Currently, the ancient city registers no enterprises engaged in industrial production, said Wei Mingxi, head of Pingyao County.

Xinhua



*A visitor views photos showcased at the 2011 Pingyao International Photography Festival in Pingyao, north China's Shanxi Province, on 20 Sept, 2011. The photo exhibition area, built in the old buildings of former Pingyao Diesel Engine Factory which closed down in 2004, is expected to become an international cultural and tourism center of Pingyao in two years.—XINHUA*



*A model presents the jadeite cabochon necklace and jadeite plaque ring during a media preview of Sotheby's in Hong Kong, south China, on 22 Sept, 2011. Sotheby's Hong Kong will hold its Magnificent Jewels and Jadeite Autumn Sale on 5 Oct with a total of 359 lots with an estimated value of 660 million HK dollars (85 million US dollars).*

XINHUA

**Cuba holds underwater photography championships**

HAVANA, 23 Sept—Cuban photographers on Thursday started the first day of competition in the Caribbean Island's 4th National Championships in Underwater Photography. The three highest placed photographers in the competition, which is held in Cuba's western province of Matanzas, will qualify for an international contest known as Fotosub 2012, which will be held in the southern waters of the Isle of Youth next year.

The contest runs from 22-25 September at the Maya lagoon in Matanzas, located about 65 miles east of Havana, and will hold competitions in five categories, according to organizers. The event is sponsored by the Cuban Federation of Underwater Activities (FCAS) whose aim is to "foster the appreciation of the country's natural beauty and to promote the national tourism," said organizers, adding that the tournament is open to all photographers who wish to enter.

Xinhua

## PGA champ Bradley takes lead in Tour Championship

ATLANTA, 23 Sept — Keegan Bradley and Jason Dufner atop the leaderboard in Atlanta should sound familiar. Only this was the FedEx Cup finale, not the final major of the year.

And they were on East Lake, not 40 minutes up the road at Atlanta Athletic Club. Bradley, who won the PGA Championship last month in a playoff over Dufner, ran off four birdies on the back nine on Thursday for a 6-under 64 to build a two-shot lead in the Tour Championship.

Dufner was surpris-



Keegan Bradley



Jason Dufner

ingly crooked off the tee, yet still managed a 66 and was tied for second along with Chez Reavie and Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world and one of five players in prime position to win the \$10 million FedEx Cup bonus. Bradley and Dufner will be in the last group Friday, and it was impossible to ignore the coincidence.

Internet

## Schalke coach Rangnick resigns owing to burnout

BERLIN, 23 Sept — Bundesliga team Schalke lost his coach as Ralf Rangnick laid down his office with immediate effect due to a burnout, the club and Rangnick said in an official statement on Thursday.

The 53-year-old coach is currently unable to muster the strength and energy of the defending German Cup champion due to an exhaustion syndrome. "After long and careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that I need a break.

To make this decision was incredibly hard for me but my current energy level is not enough to succeed and in particular to

advance the team and the clubs sportive development," Rangnick said in the statement.

Former Hoffenheim coach Rangnick already announced at his signing that he would need a break but then he began much earlier than originally planned at Schalke to help the club. Rangnick came to obtain all the achievements such as Champions League semifinals and to win the German Cup.

In this season, Schalke qualified for the Champions League group stage, after the "Knappen" had turned the playoff matches against the Finnish champions HJK Helsinki.

Xinhua

## Ranieri hired as coach of Inter Milan



AS Roma coach Claudio Ranieri

MILAN, 23 Sept — Claudio Ranieri signed a two-year contract with Inter Milan, becoming the fourth coach at the club since Jose Mourinho's departure in 2010. Gian Piero Gasperini was fired Wednesday, five games into the season and a day after a 3-1 loss to newly promoted Novara left Inter with one point from three Serie A games.

## Betis go top in Spain

MADRID, 23 Sept — Real Betis reached the top of the Spanish La Liga after winning a thrilling game 4-3 at home to Zaragoza on Thursday.

Betis only returned to the La Liga this season and the win means they have 12 points from four games after winning their first four matches of the season for the first time in their history.

Xinhua

## Ferguson hopes for Ferdinand boost



Sir Alex Ferguson hopes the defender will be fit to face Stoke

LONDON, 23 Sept — Manager Sir Alex Ferguson hopes central defender Rio Ferdinand will be fit for Manchester United's trip to Stoke on

Saturday. Ferdinand injured a hamstring during the opening fixture at West Bromwich Albion and although he returned for the win at Bolton Wanderers earlier this month, he has then been sidelined for three matches with a calf problem.

United have not missed the 32-year-old too much, establishing a two-point lead at the top of the Barclays Premier League table whilst also marching into the Carling Cup fourth round with a victory over Leeds United on Tuesday. However, as well as the Red Devils have done in Ferdinand's absence, Ferguson believes a visit to the Britannia Stadium is one of those occasions when experience is vital.

The United boss has already pinpointed Stoke City as being one of the top flight's emerging powers despite their four-goal hammering at Sunderland on Sunday. And, speaking to the club's official website, Ferguson made it clear he would like to have Ferdinand back to offer some reassurance to his youthful squad.— Internet



Rio Ferdinand picked up a hamstring injury at West Brom

## SPORTS

### Wang Shun breaks Asian record in men's 400m individual medley

RIZHAO, 23 Sept—The 17-year-old Wang Shun shocked himself to set a new Asian record in the men's 400m individual medley at the Chinese Swimming Championships here on Thursday.

Wang led the way through the first 200m but came to second after the breaststroke behind Huang Chaosheng. However, Wang surged back in the freestyle, clocking in four minutes 11.61 seconds in a new Asian record time. His result could be ranked No. 4 in the current FINA world rankings. The previous Asian and national record was held by Wang Chengxiang of Shandong in 4:11.89 set in April this year.

"I didn't expect to break the record before the meet. I just want to improve my personal best," said Wang, who is under the same coach Zhu Zhigen together with newly-crowned world champion Sun Yang and Shao Yiwen, who later claimed victory in the women's 800m freestyle in 8:24.78. —Xinhua

### Cech injury fears allayed

LONDON, 23 Sept — Andre Villas-Boas says Chelsea have avoided a goalkeeping crisis, despite Petr Cech



Cech suffered a head injury in a collision with Orlando Sa

needing hospital treatment. Cech was forced off at half-time of the third-round tie Carling Cup victory over Fulham at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday after suffering a head injury in a collision with Orlando Sa.

Chelsea were already without understudy Hilario, meaning losing Cech left them with Ross Turnbull as their only recognised first-team goalkeeper.

But after Turnbull helped his side to Wednesday night's controversial 4-3 penalty shootout win, Blues manager Villas-Boas revealed Cech had been given the all clear.— Internet

### Pato out of action for one month

ROME, 23 Sept — Milan have confirmed Alexandre Pato will be out of action for at least a month after suffering a thigh strain. The Brazilian hitman limped off during the opening stages of the 1-1 draw with Udinese last night.

"AC Milan announce the medical tests under-

gone by Alexandre Pato this morning highlighted a right thigh strain," read a statement. "The Brazilian is expected to be out of action for around four weeks, save for complications."—Xinhua

### Euro 2012 hosts Poland ink in Belarus friendly

WARSAW, 23 Sept — Euro 2012 co-hosts Poland will meet Belarus in Germany next month for their latest tournament-preparation friendly, Poland's PZPN football association said. The October 11 match is scheduled to take place at the BRITA-Arena in the western German city of Wiesbaden, said PZPN spokeswoman Agnieszka Olejkowska.— Internet

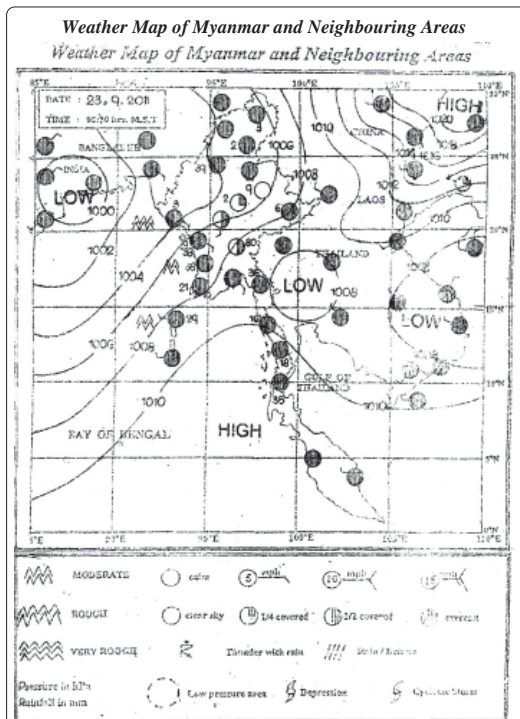
### Gerrard delighted to be back



Gerrard made his comeback in the Carling Cup win over Brighton

LIVERPOOL, 23 Sept — Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard is pleased his "nightmare" is finally over after ending a six-month injury lay-off. The England midfielder played the last 15 minutes of the Reds' 2-1 Carling Cup win at Brighton & Hove Albion on Wednesday night, his first appearance since a groin operation in March. Gerrard would have been back sooner had he not picked up an infection in late July which set him back a few more weeks but the 31-year-old is now looking to reclaim his regular spot in the first team. — Internet





**Weather forecast for 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

S. No	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	28/84	23/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayah	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
4	Chin	28/86	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 06:30 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 Kayah 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, Taungp (4.02) inches, Thauon (3.54) inches, Thawngyan (3.03) inches, Hpa-an (2.84) inches and Nyaung-U (2.68) inches. According to the observations at (12:30) hr MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persist. Monsoon in moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

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

**IHA protocol launched in China to promote sustainable hydropower**

BEIJING, 23 Sept — The Chinese version of the International Hydropower Association (IHA)'s Hydropower Sustainability Assessment was jointly published on Friday by the IHA and the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research.

The publication of the protocol is designed to drive the sustainable development of the country's hydropower industry, Vice Minister of Water Resources Hu Siyi said at a launching ceremony for the document.

Xinhua

Visitors experience the 360 degrees holographic movie at a canopy movie theatre in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 22 Sept 2011.

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**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.



**Saturday, 24 September View on today**

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
- 3. Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
- 6. Health Programme

- 8:00 am
- 7. Peom Garden
- 8:15 am
- 8. Documentary
- 8:25 am
- 9. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Amateur (First Division) Level Men)
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Musical Programme
- 11:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:05 pm
- 2. Game for Children
- 11:25 pm
- 3. Round up of the Week's TV Local News
- 14:00 pm
- 4. Delicious Dishes
- 14:10 pm
- 5. TV Drama Series

- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm
- 3. Cultural Dances
- 4:25 pm
- 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Chemistry)
- 4:40 pm
- 5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
- 6. Teleplay
- 5:20 pm
- 7. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur(First Division) (Level Women)

- 5:35 pm
- 8. Documentary
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 11. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai)
- 6:35 pm
- 12. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm
- 13.TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International News
- 16. Weather Report
- 17. 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Opera)
- 18. Cartoon Series
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. Gitadagale Phwinbaohn

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-9-2011) (Saturday)**

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(24-9-11 09:30 am ~ 25-9-11 09:30 am) MST

**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* The Hills of Phowinn Taung and Shwebataung

- \* News
- \* Zar Ni Aung & Her Goal of Arts
- \* News
- \* To Build a Better World for Autistic Kids
- \* News
- \* A Music Concert to a Better Bond

**Overseas Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* The Hills of Phowinn Taung and Shwebataung
- \* News
- \* Zar Ni Aung & Her Goal of Arts
- \* News
- \* To Build a Better World for Autistic Kids

- \* News
- \* A Music Concert to a Better Bonds
- \* News
- \* The Garden Arts where Various Flower's Bloom
- \* News
- \* A Green Haven of Yamanya Land
- \* News
- \* Secret Places for Yummy Foods " Myeik Noodles"
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* Mobile Phone, ICT and Communication Sector
- \* Myanmar Movie "Life As Parents"

**Nabbanasacchikiriyaca; to realize Nirvana; this is the way to auspiciousness**

**Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 24<sup>th</sup> day  
Seven questions answered, one proposal discussed, two new proposals submitted**

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 24<sup>th</sup> day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here, today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 369 representatives.

Seven questions were asked and answered, one proposal discussed and two new proposals submitted at today's session.

U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency asked Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi if his ministry has issued accurate instructions concerning filling in the name of race in citizenship scrutiny cards and whether his ministry could allow filling in the race instead of filling in particular tribe of the same race.

The Union Minister replied that instructions on filling-in of citizenship security cards was issued in 1985 and is still in effect; his ministry has issued instructions on filling-in of race and some of the procedures are—one who applies for the card has to clearly describe his race; if applicant is of mixed blood, the nationality of his/her father must be described first followed by his/her mother; it is to be filled the same if both of applicant's parents are



*Pyithu Hluttaw representatives arrive at meeting hall.—MNA*

of mixed blood; the nationality of applicant's father is to be filled in if his nationality is difficult to accurately describe; only official statement of those

apply for citizenship scrutiny cards are to be recorded.

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**Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 24<sup>th</sup> day  
Answers given to questions of Hluttaw representatives**



*Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arrive at meeting hall.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — The first Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session continued for the 24<sup>th</sup> day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 196 Hluttaw representatives.

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency asked how actions would be carried

out to become a clean judiciary sector. Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo replied that the Union Supreme Court had taken measures including educative, supervising, warning and taking actions in the judiciary sector so that service personnel in the sector could become good judges and service personnel who were reliable for the people.

He continued to say that to get rid off bribery and corruptions at courts, two steps: preventive

and taking action measures: were being taken at courts and the Union Supreme Court had planned to supervise works the judiciary system from top to bottom in accordance with the rules and regulations so that responsible personnel of the sector could not commit bribery and corruptions. Actions would be taken against not only those who had lack of sense of responsibilities, committed bribery or corruptions but also their supervisors, he added.

Dr. Banya Aung Moe of Mon state constituency No. 7 asked if the lection laws were practiced strictly and Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye replied that the multi-party elections was held successfully on 7 November previous year, and to hold the elections, the State Peace and Development Council had unveiled the election laws for Hluttaw and the Union Election Commission rules for the elections including rules for voting lists.

In accordance with the laws, secretaries of the ward/village election commissions and township immigration and population departments worked together to compile voter lists systematically not to leave the eligible voters, he said.

Lists of the eligible voters were put on notice boards before the elections and the notice form-2 which asked the eligible voters who were not included in the lists to inform the election commissions and to inform the commissions when

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