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Also present on the occasion together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Our Three Main National Causes

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



President U Thein Sein receives Ambassador of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria Mr. Cherif Chikhi at President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Portuguese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Dr. Jorge Ryder Torres Pereira, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Portuguese Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the President Office, here, at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occa-

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 27 September, 2011

Speedy flow of commodities through better transportation

People can travel easily from one region to another as a great number of new roads and bridges have been built across the nation. Thanks to the Ayeyawady river crossing bridges, better transportation can be witnessed in the regions on western bank of the Ayeyawady River where there was poor transport due to geographical condition in the past. Now, a day trip to some regions with poor transport in the past can be made now.

Better transportation is of vital importance to regional development. Transport of commodities has become speedy thanks to a road network connecting every part of the entire Union, thereby contributing towards all-round development of the region in economic, social, education; health and administrative sectors.

Sittoung Canal bridge located on DaikU-Sittoung road in Waw Township of Bago Region was put into service on 25 September. The RC type facility with two way lane is 250 feet long and can withstand 60-ton load inclusive of the vehicles.

The bridge lies on the shortcut linking DaikU on Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway with Sittoung on Yangon-Bago-Mawlamyine road. Cutting 24 miles of the route, it can benefit vehicles running on DaikU-Sittoung road.

Thanks to opening of this facility, locals can go easily from Bago Region to the regions in upper and lower Myanmar and to Mon and Kayin States and Taninthayi Region.

In the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, six bridges which are 180 feet and above long including Sittoung Canal bridge were inaugurated successfully in regions and states. People are bound to maintain them constantly for durability. Only with construction of new roads and bridges across the nation, will traveling and flow of commodities be smoother and easier resulting in economic development.

RUMFCCI delegation to participate in 4th Myanmar-India Joint Trade Committee Meeting

YANGON, 26 Sept — A Myanmar delegation comprising entrepreneurs left here for India yesterday to participate in the 4th Myanmar-India Joint Trade Committee Meeting in New Delhi tomorrow.

The delegation was led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Vice-Presidents of the federation U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, U Thuang Tin and U Tun Aung and responsible personnel.

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Appointment of Swedish Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr Klas Fredrik Molin as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

HE Mr Klas Fredrik Molin was born on 19 July 1959. He obtained the Bachelor of Arts in 1983 and Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy in 1985. He worked as an intern at the Office of Senator Edward M Kennedy of United States Senate in 1984. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1985 and served in various capacities at the Ministry and Embassies of Sweden in Bangkok and Washington DC and Permanent Representation of Sweden to the United Nations, New York. At present, he is serving as Deputy Director-General, Head of Department for Asia and the Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden.

He will be accredited as Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.—MNA

Appointment of German Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

He studied law and political science at Universities of Munich and Paris from 1971 to 1997. He served as junior barrister and lecturer at the Institute for Politics at Munich University from 1977 to 1979. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980 and served in various capacities at the Ministry and German embassies in Athens, Beijing, Kuala Lumpur and Algeria at Federal Chancellor's Office, Berlin from 2000 to 2003. He served as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 2003 to 2007. Currently, he has been serving as Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of the Philippines. He is married and has two children.

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Union Auditor-General receives Vietnamese guests



Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung receives Vietnamese delegation led by Deputy Auditor-General Mr Cao Tan Khong.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung received a six-member delegation led by Deputy Auditor-General of Auditor-General's Office of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Cao Tan Khong at his office here this afternoon.

They shared auditing experiences and discussed matters for promoting cooperation.

Also present at the call were the deputy auditor-general, the director-general (duty), the deputy director-general and directors.—MNA

Deputy Transport Minister visits dockyards

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept —Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein inspected functions of Ahlon and Dalla Dockyards of Inland Water Transport, Theinbyu, Setsan and Antgyi Dockyards of Myanma Port Authority, and Dawbon Dockyard of Department of Marine Administration on 24 September and yesterday and gave necessary instructions.

Minor and major repairs of vessels, shipbuilding, maintenance of navigation devices and developing new devices and nurturing skilled works



Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein inspects Setsan dockyard of Inland Water Transport.—MNA

are being carried at dockyards under the Ministry of Transport.

The ministry is placing emphasis on capacity

building of dockyards and staff in order to meet annual work targets.

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Donate Blood

Indonesian ferry catches fire after tug collision

JAKARTA, 26 Sept—An Indonesian ferry with more than 400 people on board collided with a barge and caught fire, killing at least four, a search and rescue official said. The KM Marina Nusantara, travelling on Monday from Surabaya in eastern Java, collided with the barge as it approached the City of Banjarmasin in South Kalimantan Province on Indonesian Borneo.

“The accident happened after 7 am this morning. So far, two people have died. We can’t confirm how many are injured, but we are expecting more casualties,” said Rusli Ansyah, head of search and rescue in South Kalimantan.

“The boat was carrying 443 people, some vehicles and other goods. Everyone has now been evacuated and some have been taken to hospital,” he said. The Indonesian archipelago of more than 17,000 islands has a poor sea safety record, and fatal accidents are common.—*Internet*



This file illustration photo shows a transport ferry sailing towards the sea port in Merak, on Java island.—INTERNET

Typhoon nears Philippines, shuts schools, flights

MANILA, 26 Sept—Schools in the Philippine capital have suspended classes and many local flights are canceled as the country’s main island braces for heavy rains and winds brought by fast-moving Typhoon Nesat.

Forecasters say Nesat will make landfall in eastern Aurora Province in the next 24 hours and cross Luzon Island north of Manila with winds of up to 133 miles (215 kilometres) per hour.

Heavy downpours and wind on Monday prompted the government to shut schools in Manila while airlines canceled flights to central and eastern parts of the country.

Internet

Rains, flooding kill dozens in north, east India

LUCKNOW, 26 Sept—Monsoon rains have collapsed mud huts and flooded wide swaths of north and east India, killing at least 48 people in recent days and leaving hundreds of thousands of people marooned by the raging waters, officials said Monday.

Those stranded were taking shelter atop trees, hills and rooftops in eastern Orissa state and the northern states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. National rescue helicopters were dropping food parcels in hard-to-reach areas, while hundreds of boats were being used to ferry the stranded to safety.

But the rains, expected to continue for another two days, were holding up rescue efforts, officials said.

Internet

Seven militants killed, 32 arrested in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Sept—Afghan and NATO-led forces during operations have killed seven militants and captured 32 in eastern Afghanistan’s Provinces over the past 24 hours, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Monday.

“Ten Afghan and Coalition force conducted operations in RC-East (Regional Command-East) killing seven enemies, the detaining 32 suspected individuals and a weapon

cache turned in over the past 24 hours throughout the region,” said a statement issued by ISAF’s RC-East here.

A concerned local Afghan civilian turned over a weapons cache that included 11 mortar rounds, two anti-tank mines, an anti-personnel mine, a jug of homemade explosives, a bag of improvised explosive device (IED) components, 24 rocket primers, two 82mm recoilless rifle rounds, two bolt actions rifles and

two shotguns and a heavy machine gun barrel, according to the statement.

It also confirmed that a Coalition drone was crashed in country’s eastern Paktika Province in the same period of time.

“An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) crashed in the Sar Rowzah District of Paktika Province.

The UAV was recovered and there was no enemy activity in the area prior to the crash,” it said.

■ ■ ■ *Xinhua*

Photo News



In this 8 Aug, 2011 photo, State Park Ranger Brandon Dunham stands at an overlook point above Lake Meredith near Fritch, Texas. The lake that measured 102 feet deep in 1973 now reaches a depth of slightly over 32-feet according to park officials. On paper, at least, Texas is well-prepared to meet the water needs of its rapidly expanding population, even when Mother Nature lays down some of the worst drought conditions imaginable.—INTERNET

Blasts kill two NATO soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Sept—Two soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in two separate blasts in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday.

“An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” ISAF said in a statement.

In a separate incident, one International Security Assistance Force service member died following an IED attack, also in eastern

Afghanistan today, the statement added.

However, it did not identify the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

More than 400 foreign soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year.

Taliban militants have been largely relying on suicide and roadside bombs to fight Afghan and NATO-led troops.

■ ■ ■ *Xinhua*



A wounded man arrives to a hospital for further treatment after a bomb attack in Karbala, 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 25 Sept, 2011. A series of blasts hit a Shiite holy city in Iraq on Sunday, killing and wounding scores of people, police and hospital officials said. INTERNET



In this photo taken on 25 Sept, 2011, an Indian woman returns to her village through flood waters at Rasulpur village in Orissa’s Jajpur District, India. India’s monsoon season, which runs from June through September, brings rains that are vital to agriculture but also cause floods and landslides.—INTERNET

11 killed as bus plunges into ditch in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 26 Sept—At least 11 people were killed and another two critically injured when a small bus veered off a road and plunged into a ditch in Bangladesh’s Magura District, some 150 km west of Capital Dhaka, on Sunday evening.

The district’s police chief, Proloy Cisim, told *Xinhua* over phone: “The accident which killed 11 people on the spot and injured 2 critically took place at about 4 pm local time Sunday.”

Quoting witnesses, he said the small vehicle skidded off the road as it gave way to a speedy truck from its behind. The injured were rushed to a local hospital.—*Xinhua*

Dining as a family may create happier, healthier teens

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept—A new survey reveals that a family sit-down at dinnertime can benefit teenagers in more ways that you may think, and may even reduce your child's risk

for trying or using drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol.

Last week, the US National Centre on Addiction and Substance Abuse released a report on family dining trends and how family mealtimes can impact the health of teenagers.

The study surveyed more than 1,000 teens and found that 58 percent dine with their families at least five times per week — a number that has held steady over the years, experts say.

In the report, teenagers who dined with their families five to seven times a week were four times less likely to use alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana than those teens who ate with their families fewer than three times a week.

Also a recent wide-scale UK survey revealed that dining together is a key ingredient to ensuring your child's happiness. Researchers stated

that children in the survey reported higher levels of happiness when they dined together with their families at least three times a week.

Other factors in increasing childhood happiness? Spending time together. "Contrary to the popular belief that children only want to spend time playing videogames or watching TV," said researcher Dr Maris Iacovou of the University of Essex, "we found that they were most happy when interacting with their parents or siblings." WebMD advises doing things together as a family, putting family before friends, and limiting your child's after-school activities to opt for more time together at home. Also, create a calm environment at home by never arguing in front of the kids, experts say.

Health

Internet



Dining as a family may create happier, healthier teens.—INTERNET

Healthy snacks take a bit of planning

Health

SANTA MONICA, (Calif) 26 Sept—After-school snacks for children and teens are fuel for growth, but with some planning can also boost their nutrition, a US food expert says.

Phil Lempert, a food industry analyst, trend watcher and creator of the Web site supermarketguru.com, said children will mimic what their parents eat and what they find handy at home.

Fresh fruit is an easy choice, with bananas, apples, oranges available all year long. Frozen berries and other fruit taste can be defrosted and mixed in with a scoop of ricotta cheese or plain yogurt.

Cut up stalks of celery, baby peeled carrots, red, yellow or green bell peppers, and lightly blanched cauliflower or broccoli florets all make delicious snacks — no dips are necessary, Lempert

says. The blender can make freshly made vegetable juices. It also can be used to turn leftover or fresh vegetables, water and a bit of vegetable or chicken stock into a pureed soup. Small quantities of raisins, currants, nuts or a homemade trail mix are delicious with a small glass of milk or juice.

Peanut, almond, sunflower and other nut butters — excellent sources of protein, healthy fats, minerals and vitamins — can be slathered on sliced apples, celery stalks or whole grain crackers, Lempert advises.

On cold wintry days, vegetable soup, homemade chicken soup, stir-fried veggies with brown rice or a bowl of hot cereal topped with apple sauce for sweetening all make hot snacks, Lempert says.

Internet

Rio Tinto eyeing Australia aluminum business spin-off

Business



A train loaded with iron ore travels towards the Rio Tinto Parker Point iron ore facility in Dampier at the Pilbarra Region in Western Australia on 20 April, 2011.

INTERNET

SYDNEY, 26 Sept—Global miner Rio Tinto is considering spinning off part of its Australian aluminum assets as a planned carbon would raise costs, the *Australian Financial Review* said on Monday.

Rio has been working with Macquarie Group and PricewaterhouseCoopers to consider its options for the business, the paper said.

Rio's aluminum business in Australia is made up of three refineries, three smelters and two bauxite mines, the paper said, adding Rio would hold onto the mines as they offer the highest margins.

Rio last week told investors it plans to achieve 40 percent earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization margin from the aluminum business through the sale of two non-specified assets, the paper said.

Rio Tinto officials could not be immediately reached for comment by Reuters.—Reuters

UNSG's message on World Tourism Day

27 September 2011

The theme of this year's World Tourism Day, "Tourism – linking cultures", highlights the powerful role of tourism in building international understanding and mutual respect.

There is no better way to learn about a new culture than to experience it first-hand. Tourism offers a wonderful connecting thread between visitor and host community. It promotes dialogue and interaction. Such contact between people of different backgrounds is the very foundation for tolerance. In a world struggling for peaceful coexistence, tourism can build bridges and contribute to peace.

Tourism's contributions to development also advance the cause of global solidarity. At a time of profound global economic uncertainty, tourism's ability to generate socio-economic opportunities and help reduce the gap between rich and poor, is more important than ever.

I encourage all involved in tourism to embrace the ten principles of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism. These guidelines for sustainable and responsible tourism development, approved by the UN General Assembly in 2001, are based on the proven interaction between tourism and peace, human rights and understanding.

World Tourism Day is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of tourism to global well-being. As we travel, let us engage with other cultures and celebrate human diversity. On this observance, let us recognize tourism as a force for a more tolerant, open and united world.—UNIC

Asia stocks drop amid recession fears, debt crisis

Business

BANGKOK, 26 Sept—Asian stock markets fell Monday as investors worried about Europe's prolonged debt crisis and the possibility of a global recession continued to flee riskier assets.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.7 percent to 8,419.36, as a stubbornly strong yen weighed on the country's export sector, making its products more expensive overseas. Consumer electronics giants Panasonic Corp fell 3.8 percent and Sharp Corp lost 3.6 percent. Isuzu Motors Ltd tumbled 4.7 percent. South Korea's Kospi index was 0.8 percent lower at 1,684.48. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 0.7 percent to 17,538.43.

Bucking the trend was Australia's S&P/ASX 200 index, up 0.2 percent to 3,911.10.

Gold shares slumped as investors sold off holdings in the precious metal to raise cash. Hong Kong-listed shares of Zijin Mining, China's largest gold miner, fell 7.6 percent. "Gold's sharp decline and extreme volatility in recent weeks has raised questions about it retaining its traditional role as a safe-haven asset and the sustainability of its multiyear rally," Credit Agricole CIB wrote in a report.

On Wall Street on Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average rose slightly — but closed the week down 6.4 percent, its worst showing since the depths of the financial crisis three years ago. Meanwhile, fears about Europe's debt increased early Friday on news that Moody's Investors Service had downgraded its ratings of eight Greek banks by two notches.

Investors have been waiting in vain for news that Greece will receive the next installment of a bailout package in time to avoid defaulting on its debt next month. In currencies, the euro fell to \$1.3427 from \$1.3467 late Friday in New York. The dollar fell to 76.40 yen from 76.72 Japanese yen.—Internet



A man walks past an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, on 26 Sept, 2011.

INTERNET

Forecasts signal late-week launch of Tiangong-1

BEIJING, 26 Sept—Weather forecasts showed that Thursday or Friday might be suitable for launching the *Tiangong-1* spacecraft, experts said.

The unmanned spacecraft, part of China's first spacecraft rendezvous and docking mission, was set to blast off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Northwest China at an appropriate time between Tuesday and Friday. But the latest weather forecast showed that Tuesday and Wednesday would not be suitable for a launch, Cui Jijun, chief commander of the mission's launch site system, was quoted by China National Radio as



The 8.5-ton Tiangong-1 spacecraft and the Long March II-F rocket stand at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre on 20 Sept.—XINHUA

Science

saying on Sunday.

A precondition for launching is that the average wind speed at the launch site should not be faster than 10 metres a second. The upper-level wind, at 300 metres to 25,000 metres above the Earth, should be no faster than 70

meters a second.

If the wind is too strong, the rising rocket carrier could wiggle and pose a danger, experts said. "Everything is ready now except for the right weather," Cui said.

On Sunday afternoon, all systems of the *Tiangong-1* project went

through a joint maneuver, he said. Before that, the 8.5-ton spacecraft, and the Long March II-F rocket that will carry it skyward, were positioned onto the launch pad last Tuesday.

Engineers carried out checkups on the conditions of the rocket and the spacecraft, among many other tests in the past few days. All preparation work is done except for fuel loading, he said.

Wang Xiaoqing, a publicity official at the launch site, said that the fuel loading usually begins one day before the launch. Once the fuel is loaded into the carrier vehicle, the launch becomes "irreversible".

Xinhua



A tourist surfs the internet through the free WiFi service in a scenic spot in Putuo District, Zhoushan City, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 25 Sept, 2011. Zhoushan has offered free WiFi service that covers the whole city, making it one of the first group of Chinese cities for tourism that offer free WiFi service.

XINHUA

Honda shows fuel efficient commuter-scooter engine

Tech

Tokyo, 26 Sept— Honda has developed a new fuel-efficient motorcycle engine that will be used in a scooter that goes on sale globally next year.

Honda Motor Co said Monday that the new engine for 125-cc scooters is 25 percent more fuel efficient than similar conventional ones.

It targets people who use scooters to commute not only in Japan but also in Southeast Asia and other nations, according to Tokyo-based Honda, which also makes the Odyssey minivan and Civic sedan.

Honda developed a series of little ideas that worked incrementally, rather than one major breakthrough, to reduce friction in engine parts such as new types of pistons as well as better control over combustion and improved electronic starters. Honda did not give a price for the new scooter, but acknowledged that keeping prices low through cost cuts is the crucial challenge for the business.

Honda also said it was planning green technology for a bigger motorcycle engine that will be sold globally, but targeting especially Europe.

Honda did not say when the midsize motorcycle will go on sale. Details will be announced at the Milan and Tokyo auto shows next month, it said.

Honda has a strong motorcycle division and controls nearly half of the global market in commuter scooters.

That has helped drive growth and profits, compared to rival Japanese automakers including Toyota Motor Corp and Nissan Motor Co that don't have such businesses.—*Internet* ■■■

GetGlue offers an entertainment-based social media Android app

Tech News

NEW YORK, 26 Sept—Social media networks have become a big part of our lives. Facebook is here to stay, Twitter continues to grow, and Google+ just opened up to everyone. Do we need more? If you think we do, then check out GetGlue. Many people prefer an entertainment-based social media site, and for them, GetGlue is the one. The app serves this niche market, has got attractive features and offers an easy-to-use friendly interface.

GetGlue, just like other social networking sites, allows users to share what they're watching, listening to or thinking. Interestingly, this app gives shiny and nice looking stickers as rewards for sharing these entertainment activities and thoughts with friends, which other social networking site don't do.—*Internet*



File photo shows a model holding Samsung Electronics' new tablet computer, the Galaxy Tab 10.1, during its launch on 20 July, 2011.

INTERNET

Apple argues iPad case in Australia tablet row

Tech

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept—American computer giant Apple claimed on Monday that Samsung Electronics' latest tablet computer infringes on patents relating to touch screen technology.

Lawyers for Apple addressed the Federal Court after the firm launched legal action against the South Korean company last month, accusing it of intellectual property infringements with the Galaxy Tab 10.1 tablet.

Apple is seeking a permanent ban on the sale or promotion of the latest Galaxy in Australia, where it would compete with its popular iPad.

Samsung disputes the claims but has agreed to delay the product's Australian launch pending a decision by the court.

Earlier this month, Samsung launched a counter-claim alleging Apple's iPhone and iPad 2 tablet violate wireless-technology patents held by Samsung.

Apple attorney Steven Burley told the court Samsung's product was similar in "form, factor and shape" to Apple's iPad 2, although the case centres on at least three patents that relate to touch screen technology.—*Internet*

Researchers attack studies linking increased brain function to video games

Tech

NEW YORK, 26 Sept—Published within Frontiers in Cognition, Walter R Boot and Daniel P. Blakely of Florida State University as well as Daniel J Simons of the University of Illinois called into doubt the methods used within studies that found video

game players out performing non-gamers in cognition and perception. Cognition includes aspects like solving problems, attention, making decisions as well as linguistic skills while perception involves understanding the

environment and awareness of surroundings. While the previous research shows a clear lead in cognitive ability with people who play games regularly, the researchers don't believe that games are the only possible cause for the increased cognition. It's

possible that people with increased levels of cognition are naturally drawn to video games due to the requirements of solving puzzles in games like Tomb Raider or deciding which path to take in games like Mass Effect. The group also found no link to

video game training when trying to increase someone's cognitive ability and weak control groups didn't show any sign of improving even the most basic measures of attention after training with action games.

The researchers also found issues with the method that people were recruited into these studies.—*Internet*

Nearly 100 pangolins seized by Thai officials



A Thai customs official holds the tail of a pangolin before putting it in a cage prior to a news conference at the customs office in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 Sept, 2011. Authorities in Thailand have rescued nearly 100 endangered pangolins worth about \$32,000 that they say were to be sold and eaten outside the country.—INTERNET

BANGKOK, 26 Sept— Authorities in Thailand have rescued nearly 100 endangered pangolins worth about \$32,000 that they say were to be sold and eaten outside the

country. Customs Department Director-General Prasong Poontaneat says the anteaters were seized from a truck Sunday evening in the southern

Indonesia, Poland signs MoU on energy, coal mining

JAKARTA, 26 Sept—Indonesia and Poland Monday on signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on energy and coal mining sectors, a press statement said here. The Polish delegation chaired by Deputy Economic Minister Maciej Kaliski signed the MoU with Indonesia's Ministry for Energy and Mineral resources.

The MoU contains strategic values as Poland is a country with technology and expertise in the sector while Indonesia is one of the world's largest coal producers that need increasing energy to support its sustainable economic development.

The MoU signing was one of both countries' agendas during a business meeting on 26-29 Sept to foster economic ties.

The Polish delegation will also visit South Sumatra to directly see investment potentials and opportunities in the province.

In the last five years, economic cooperation between Indonesia and Poland has been increasing.

However, the cooperation level has not yet represented the real potentials.

Through the business meeting, the Polish delegation's awareness on Indonesia is expected to be increased, ending up with rising investment.

Xinhua

Korean Air wins 400 mln USD order from US Air Force

SEOUL, 26 Sept—Korean Air, South Korea's top air carrier, said Monday that it has won an order worth 400 million US dollars from the US Air Force to improve performance of F-15 fighter jets.

Under the deal with the US Air Force, Korean Air will conduct performance improvement processes and aircraft condition inspections on 60 F-15 fighter jets stationed in the Pacific region by

2016. Korean Air has successfully carried out projects for repairing and improving fighter jets and helicopters of the US Army, Navy and Air Force.

It has repaired some 530 F-15 fighter jets of the US Air Force since 1983, serving as a central facility needed for the US Air Force to maintain combat strength in the Pacific region.—*Xinhua*

province of Prachuap Khiri Khan after a driver fled a checkpoint there.

Prasong says the driver was detained.

Prasong said Monday the mammals might have come from Malaysia or Indonesia and were en route to either Vietnam or China, where many believe they can cure ailments and boost sexual prowess.

The animals are protected by a convention on international trade in endangered species of which Thailand is a member.

Internet



Representatives attend the opening ceremony of the 17th Middle East Oil & Gas Show and Conference in Manama, Bahrain, on 25 Sept, 2011. The 17th Middle East Oil & Gas Show and Conference kicked off here on Sunday.—XINHUA

Spain's Catalonia bids farewell to bullfighting

BARCELONA, 26 Sept—Matadors drove the killing sword into bulls for the last time Sunday in Spain's powerful northeastern Region of Catalonia in an emotive farewell fight before a polemical regional ban on the

country's emblematic tradition takes effect.

Three of Spain's top bullfighters, including No 1 Jose Tomas, starred in the sold-out show at Barcelona's 20,000-seat Monumental ring. Catalan bullfighter Serafin Marin closed the

fight killing the last of six bulls to great applause.

Many fans then invaded the ring to grab handfuls of sand to keep as souvenirs. The bullfighters were later carried shoulder high from the ring into the

streets outside the bullring while the crowd chanted slogans in favor of freedom and against the prohibition. A brief bout of scuffling broke out as fans confronted about 20 animal welfare activists, but there were no reports of injuries or arrests.

The fight was also preceded by moments of tension as pro- and anti-bullfighting activists exchanged insults. Catalonia's Parliament banned bullfighting in July 2010 following a signature-collection campaign by animal rights activists. The ban does not take effect until 1 Jan, but Sunday's fight was the last scheduled this season.

Internet

This photo, provided by the US Navy, shows Somali pirates travelling on their speedboat in Indian Ocean. A Vietnamese shipping firm paid more than \$2 million in ransom to free its crewmen held for months by Somali pirates, a company executive said after the sailors arrived home.—INTERNET



Vietnam firm pays 'millions' to free pirated ship

HANOI, 26 Sept—A Vietnamese shipping firm paid more than \$2 million in ransom to free its crewmen held for months by Somali pirates, a company executive said after the sailors arrived home.

All 24 Vietnamese crew members landed on Friday at Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport, Nguyen Truong Son, deputy general director of the Hoang Son Ltd Co, told AFP.

"We had to pay the pirates \$2.6 million. The money was from our own company," said Son, whose firm has an office in the northern port City of Haiphong.

The European Union's anti-piracy naval force reported on 20 January that the Hoang Son Sun, a 22,835-tonne bulk carrier, was believed to have been captured about 520 nautical miles south-east of Muscat.

The ship was Mongolian-flagged but Vietnamese-owned.

Piracy has flourished in war-torn Somalia, outwitting international efforts including constant patrols by warships and tough sentencing of convicted pirates.

According to Hans Tino Hansen, managing director of Denmark-based Risk Intelligence, the size of ransoms paid has steadily risen to about \$5 million for an average-sized merchant vessel.

Son said the repatriated Vietnamese sailors will undergo health checks.

"We know that some might have been affected, physically and mentally," he said, but gave no details about the piracy attack or the treatment of the crew.



Spain's bullfighter Jose Tomas performs at the Monumental bullring in Barcelona, Spain, on 25 Sept, 2011. Spain's powerful northeastern Region of Catalonia bids farewell Sunday to the country's emblematic tradition of bullfighting with a final bash at the Barcelona bullring.—INTERNET

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 25th day

Six questions answered, one proposal discussed, one bill approved, one bill submitted



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at 25th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — The Second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 25th day at the Pyithu Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 381 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Six questions were answered, one proposal was discussed, one bill was approved and one bill was submitted at today's meeting.

U Ba Hti of Yanbye Township Constituency asked **whether there was a plan to construct a bridge over the Kin Creek which was 750 ft wide and 35 ft deep located in Kimmyaut Village-tract in Kyaukpyu Township and Laytaung region in Yanbye Township** and Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replied that Kin Creek bridge would link Yanbye island ring road and Zinchaung-Kinmyauk road in Kyaukpyu Township and Kin Creek was located at the border of Kyaukpyu and Yanbye townships and the bridge would provide smooth transportation in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye and Manaung townships and bridge would benefit a population of 22630 from 4500 households in 56 villages. He continued to say that the ministry would make assessment of the site where the bridge would be constructed and would draw yearly plans for the construction after reporting the committee for development of border areas and national races to fund the bridge construction as the township development affairs department had not enough funds to construct the bridge.

U Paik Lin of Paletwa Township Constituency asked the Hluttaw **whether the government had a plan to include the Kimomon (a) Kyauk Pann Mountain, a home to wildlife and local floral and fauna, about 20-miles east of Paletwa Township in the list of seven nature reserves as hunting and forest fire**

not prevented there though it was designated as a sanctuary.

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied that the ministry had already released the notification No. 17/2001 on 18, April, 2001, declaring the 32768 acres of forest in the Kyauk Pann Mountain with 51.2 square miles as a Wildlife Reserve and it was included in the seven nature reserves. In accordance with the notification, the preliminary assessment team had been set up to deal with grievances of the local people in the reserve and to establish the reserve.

He continued to say that plans had been made to make field trips to the area to carry out survey tasks in the opening season. While the departments concerned were working together to establish the forest in the Kyauk Pann Mountain as the wildlife reserve, local people should cooperate with them to emerge the reserve as soon as possible and should conserve the wildlife and local floral and fauna to be able to pass them to their generations as a heritage, he said.

U Aung Myint of Gangaw Constituency asked **whether the government had a plan to allow farmers to work in the farm in forest reserves legally, getting grantee that the farmland would not be confiscated, without paying high tax on the farmland.**

The Union Minister replied that the Forest Department had been protecting the forests and forest reserves in accordance with the rules and regulations of the forest law. When the forest reserves were established, farmland of the villages were excluded in the reserves and only forest areas were established as the reserves under the permission of the Union Government, he added. Reclamation of farmland was not allowed in a forest reserve in accordance with the Section 40 of the Forest Law. The

farmland in a forest reserve should be the ones which had been allowed for farming since the establishment of the forest reserve. A land survey officer was appointed to assess farmland in a forest reserve and farmers were allowed to work in the farmland in the forest reserve not to cause loss of them as the land possess good fertility.

When forest reserves were established, local people were allowed to graze their cattle, to cultivate and to collect fire wood in the reserves after their demands were scrutinized by the land survey officer. The forest reserves were established in accordance with the rules and regulations as the work was related to the interests of the State and the people. He continued to say that designating the illegal farmland in forest reserves as the legal farmland did not comply with the existing rules and regulations of the Forest Law and that could lead to deforestation and environmental degradation. Apart from the state-owned forest, the Ministry had allowed the private sector to establish private-owned forest. The ministry had planned to promulgate the environmental conservation law to be able to conserve the environment.

Therefore, the farmland which had been allowed for cultivation since the establishment of the forest reserves would be considered to be designated as legal farmland, and it was necessary to protect the forests and forest reserves in accordance with the rules and regulations for the sustainable development of forests, he said.

Afterwards, U Se Ke Kaw of Monghkat Constituency asked **whether there was a plan to assign an assistant doctor to Monghkat Hospital as the assistant doctor of the hospital was also appointed as the assistant doctor of Tachilek Hospital concurrently, causing troubles at Monghkat Hospital to handle emergency cases. For there were one township medical officer and one assistant doctor there.**

Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin replied that Monghkat Township medical officer had been transferred to Htantabin Township People's Hospital in Yangon Region and other two doctors were taking their duties as assistant doctors at Tachilek Hospital. Arrangements are being made to assign one township medical officer and one assistant doctor to Monghkat Hospital.

U Maung Maung Soe of Ingapu Township Constituency asked **if arrangements were made to assign doctors and to provide an ambulance to Ingapu Township's 25-bed hospital as there were only one doctor, no dentists, and it needs an ambulance to carry patients to specialists in Hinthada, 27 miles from Ingapu.**

The Union Minister replied that Ingapu Township Hospital had one township medical officer and arrangements were being made to post an assistant doctor and

one dentist to the hospital. The Ministry of Health had provided central hospitals, region/state hospitals and some district hospitals with ambulances, however it had not yet provided ambulances to the township hospitals. Some township hospitals were using ambulances donated by wellwishers, he said.

Afterwards, U Sai Khattiya of Monghsat Constituency asked **whether the government had a plan to assign one physician, one senior surgeon, senior anaesthetist, five assistant doctors and one dentist to Monghsat Township as the township had only one township medical officer and could not be able to provide sufficient medical services to local population.**

The Union Minister replied that one assistant doctor had been assigned to Monghsat People's Hospital while one township medical officer was working at the hospital. Besides, arrangements were being made to post one assistant doctor to the hospital and to fill vacancies of the specialists and one dentist at the hospital.

Then, three representatives discussed the proposal of U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency **"to implement national level health care security plan in coordination by separately setting up (a) insurance policy for all national people, (b) fund raised with monthly/yearly premiums of paid employees, further contributed by employers and the government, and (c) temporary fund by the government on behalf of the jobless, farmers who earn seasonally, and hawkers."**

Dr Maung Maung Wint of Bahan Constituency said that the proposal is advisable in principle, but there exist basic needs to be fulfilled and thus calling for assessment and coordination of respective departments and the proposal can be put into practice only when conditions and situations are mature.

Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency said that it is still not time for implementation of health Insurance System and conditions and situations are not mature.

U Than Win of Taungdwinggyi Constituency said that the proposal would be a shot in the arm for the basic strata but the government will have to take time to prepare necessary.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that national economic condition, proficiency and management skills, amount of available tax for the project, domestic workforce and income, and health care infrastructures are to be evaluated in setting a national level health care security plan; firstly, the national economy must be developing healthily and sustainably, in addition, the plan is not a simple task and requires proficiency and management skills, which in turn need spending; the fund for the plan is basically

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raised with the premiums of employers/employees; it is difficult to collect the full amount from the employees in times of low salary; employers may also limit the number of workforce in order to reduce the rate, which deters job opportunity; if most of the employees are government staff, the government has to act as the main contributor to the primary financial source of burdening itself with increased spending.

He went on that in developing countries, most of the population are engaged in informal industries and agriculture, and have no normal income and thus have difficulty in paying fixed dues, the same is true for the hawkers; it is needed to provide desired



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Se Ke Kaw of Mongkhat Constituency.—MNA

services to persons who pay fixed premiums.

He said that Social Welfare Association of the Ministry of Health is currently implementing a social welfare programme for workers at factories and workshops, who are the only eligible persons in accord with 1954 Social Wel-

fare Act and thus only one per cent of the population of the nation can enjoy the programme; his ministry has planned to do feasibility study in two townships in 2011 in order to launch township health care insurance system for the poor and based on the study, township-based health care insurance system compatible with Myanmar will be run on trial; as to insurance policy for all national people, a private insurance system can be set up for well-off persons.

He went on that regarding the fund raised with monthly/yearly premiums of regularly paid employees, further contributed by the employers and the government, the current social welfare programme being implemented by Social Welfare Association under the Ministry of Labour can be expanded to cover government staff and their families; as to temporary fund raised by the government on behalf of the famers who earn seasonally and hawkers, public health insurance system can be set up either with the contributions of the government, wellwishers and social organizations or full contribution of the government for the poor.

He went on that there will be different health care insurance systems covering well-off persons, staff and paid workers, and those who do not have regular work and income if implemented in accordance with above-mentioned methods after basic needs are fulfilled for health care coverage of the entire nation; the



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State will take full responsibility for the poor; setting up national-level healthy care security plan calls for collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Health, private health care providers, insurance, banks, social welfare department, Union Attorney-General's Office, and social organizations, and it should be long-term system agreeable with all rural development and poverty alleviation schemes; so, the proposal is agreed in principle but currently primary needs are to be fulfilled and conditions are not mature, concluded the Union Minister.

U Kyi Myint, proposer of national health care security plan, said that he would respect the decision of the Hluttaw which agreed that the proposal is advisable in principle but to be recorded first for implementation in the future as it needs comprehensive preparation.

In passing the bill, the chairman of the Bill Committee submitted "Private School Bill", which was approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw and sent to Pyithu Hluttaw on 9 September, to the Hluttaw. As of 14 September, no representatives made any amendment

to the bill and the Hluttaw discussed the amendment of the committee to the bill paragraph by paragraph.

On behalf of the government, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, when asked what government's opinions about the proposal "The Section 4 should not be canceled and remain as originally prescribed by the ministry" were, answered he seconded the proposal.

The Union Minister, on behalf of the government, also seconded the proposal to replace the Paragraph 8 (a) with the phrase "arranging for providing either basic education middle school level, or basic education high school level, or basic education middle to high school level".

He again supported the proposal to add "to arrange messing hall meeting hygienic conditions" as the subparagraph under Paragraph 8 (h) (iv).

The Union Minister also affirmed the proposal to "keep the Sub paragraph (a) of the Paragraph 10 of the bill as originally prescribed by the ministry concerned."

The Union Minister said



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin answers questions.

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he had no objection, when the bill committee asked about the opinions of the government on its proposal to delete "other grades except primary grades" prescribed in Sub-paragraph (q) of Paragraph (15) of the bill as there is no prescription in the bill prohibiting founding of private school for primary education.

The Hluttaw approved the proposals as no representative made objection. Pyithu Hluttaw then passed the amended Private School Bill sent by Amyotha Hluttaw as its representative approved the amended version of the bill.

In submitting bill,

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted bill on "Peaceful gathering and demonstration" and U Ngun Maung, member of the Bill Committee, read the analysis report of the committee.

Date for discussion of the bill will be announced later and Hluttaw representatives wishing to amend the bill may register, clearly describing paragraph, subparagraph, and topic by 29 September.

The 25th day of the second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw ended at 2.50 pm and the 26th meeting continues tomorrow.

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Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister views use of modern farming equipment

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning inspected harvesting, threshing and winnowing of 500-acre farmer educative paddy plantations with the use of 200-HP Hurricane TSY brand combined harvester and 70-HP Hurricane

harvester in Nyaungbin-gyisu of Pobbathiri Township, here, this morning.

The Union Minister conducted a 50-farmer led by Manager U Aung Myo Oo of Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise of Kachin State round 10 acres of sugarcane plant propagation farm that can pro-

duce 60 tons of sugarcane per acre.

At five acres quality sugarcane plantation that can produce 60 tons of sugarcane near Thabyebin Village-tract in Zeyathiri Township, the excursion group members viewed cultivation of sugarcane and use of fertilizer.

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At 20-hectare modern mechanized farm in Chaing Village of Dekkhnathiri Township, they viewed 25-day thriving paddy plantation, 100-day high yield paddy plantation on 40 acres of farmland, ripening paddy plantations. They also looked into sugarcane special yield plantation that can produce 60 tons of sugarcane near Kyiin Village of Pyinmana Township.

Training of selected yachting teams inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan visited the training camp of Myanmar Yachting Federation at Ngwehsaung beach in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

The Union Min-

ister cordially met selected Myanmar yachting athletes and viewed participation of athletes in training.

Next, he inspected the water surface area for yachting contests in XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar and sites for construction of buildings.—MNA

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Seven questions replied, one of two bills decided to rehear, one bill approved, one proposal discussed, approved, three proposals submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—The second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 25th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 204 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U Zon Hle Htang of Chin State Constituency No. 2 said that in the second term of Pyithu Hluttaw of the Myanma Socialist Programme Party, the single chromites reserve in Myanmar was found at Mwe Hill region of Chin State. The government declared that there would be 8000 million tons of chromites and 100 million tons of nickel at the reserve, and he asked how about prospects of mining works there are. Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik replied that the Mineral Exploration Corporation of the Ministry of Mines conducted tests for chromites at Mwe Hill region of Tiddim Township in Chin State in 1965-66 and the Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department in 1973, 1982 and 1999. Despite finding nickel at Mwe Hill region on a wider scale, chromites were found in blocks.

No. 3 Mining Enterprise and Kingbao Mining Ltd signed an agreement for conducting feasibility studies on nickel at Mwe Hill region. They found 44.89 million tons of nickel ore at the region. The commercial-scale deposit comprises about 36 million tons of nickel with the content of 1.48 per cent of nickel on average.

Despite signing the production sharing contract (draft) on the Mwe Hill nickel deposit to produce nickel signed by No 3 Mining Enterprise and Kingbao Mining Ltd, the work could not be operated, and the contract was cancelled.

With regard to the deposit, New Top Hong Kong Group Ltd of the People's Republic of China held a meeting at the Ministry of Mines on 24-3-2011. They made a field trip as preliminary observation to Mwe Hill region on 7 and 8 July and then held discussions with departments and enterprises concerned of the Ministry of Mines on production of nickel from Mwe Hill.

North Mining Investment Co Ltd of China, China Nonferrous Metal Industry's Foreign Engineering & Construction Co Ltd and Guiling Research Institute of Geology for Mineral Resources held discussions on exploration and production of the deposit. Four nickel deposit areas in Mwe Hill, Webula Hill, Hakhalay and Nat Hill and four chromites areas in Mwe Hill, Webula Hill, Hakhalay, Nat Hill, Bopibun, Muwelut, Maungtaw-Hnamataw and Falam were found. The record states that there would be 110.57 million



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeawady Region Constituency No. 6.

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tons of nickel ore and 38,100 tons of chromites ore in Chin State.

According to the information given by the Chin State government, two field groups of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department launched the

exploration and test of chromites at Webula-Pamonchaung region, west of Mwe Hill beginning 30 July. If there is electricity sufficiency in exploration of nickel ore at Mwe Hill in Chin State, there would be good prospects with foreign investment. Moreover, if chromites is explored on a small scale, good prospects can be found, he replied.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeawady Region Constituency No. 6 asked whether there is a plan to open one Technical High School or one Government Technical Institute in Myanaung Township and if it is true, when the institution will be opened in fiscal year or academic year. Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint replied that the Ministry of Science and Technology opened the Technological University (Pathein), Technological University (Maubin), Technological University (Hinthada) and AGTI (Wakema) to turn out engineers and technicians. Moreover, six THS are opened in Pathein, Ahmar, Pyinsalu, Chaungwa, Hinthada and Maubin Townships in providing basic engineering and mechanical courses to the trainees.

Technological universities and GTIs in Ayeawady Region have produced 1359 BE graduates, 3372 BTEch graduates, and 8229 AGTI diploma holders, totaling 12960. In 2010-2011 academic year, 1962 first year AGTI students, 1109 second year AGTI students, 856 first year BTEch students, 511 second year BTEch students and 612 BE students totaling 5050 are attending the universities and GTIs. Six THS in Ayeawady Region have turned out 614 technicians. These schools admit 261 first year students and 268 second year students totaling 529 students in

2010-2011 academic year. Eligible students who passed the second year courses from THS are allowed to attend first year course of AGTI, and more eligible ones, BTEch and BE courses. Therefore, students from Ayeawady Region can pursue high education and technology based on their abilities. Moreover, Pyay Technological University and THS (Pyay) is opened in Pyay, western of Bago Region, close to Kyangin and Myanaung townships as part of efforts to create the learning opportunity for the local youths from townships in Bago Region (West) and some townships of Ayeawady Region. They have the opportunity to pursue seven subjects of engineering courses in their respective regions. There is no plan to open more AGTI and THS in Myanaung Township.



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint at 25th-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

regard to various kinds of contracts described in the appendix table (1) of Article 3 of Myanmar Stamp Act 1899.

U Zon Hle Htang of Chin State Constituency No. 2 asked whether a contract should be stamped or not and he would like to know empowerment of registration officer according to the contract law and township revenue officer according to the stamp duty to make decisions for stamping the contract. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than replied that with

regard to various kinds of contracts described in the appendix table (1) of Article 3 of Myanmar Stamp Act

1899. With regard to registration of contracts for handing over of unmovable

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint answers queries.
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1899, it is necessary to pay stamp duty in line with the rates described in the table. Moreover, the table states exemptions for the various kinds of contracts.

If the contract is not included in the contract types described in the table, it is not necessary to pay stamp duty. According to the announcement No. 146/97 issued on 27 July 1997, the authority of Collector Officer prescribed in the Myanmar Stamp Act, its rules and orders have been entrusted to respective heads of Township Revenue Department on 1 August 1997. Therefore, the head of respective Township Revenue Department has authority in accord with the

property, the representatives from Township Revenue Department, Development Affairs Committee/ Development Affairs Department, Township General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Township Planning Department and Township Land Records and Settlement Department are formed as a current value assessment group to assess the value of property. It is necessary to pay stamp duty for the contract in line with the value assessed by the group. Therefore, customers concerned are to pay tax including stamp duty to the government.

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Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan replied to questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 said that **buses and trucks running across the nation are facing degradation of strength. He asked whether there is a plan to manufacture adequate number of modern buses and trucks at home and whether there is a plan to allow import of vehicles at fair prices.** The Deputy Minister replied that the Ministry of Industry-2 and industrial zones across the nation are manufacturing buses and trucks. With a view to contributing to the construction tasks of the State and convenient traveling of the people, import of new vehicles with left steering are allowed to be able to substitute placement of trucks, heavy machinery and buses with left steering manufactured last seven years.

With regard to levying tax answered by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, 20 per cent of commercial tax and 3 per cent of custom duty are levied for buses, over 10-person-capacity vehicles and trucks. If the vehicle is manufactured by ASEAN countries with evidences, custom duty will be free.

U Min Myo Tint Lwin of Kayin State Constituency No. 10 said **the Phayathonhsu is located at Thai-Myanmar border. Phayathonhsu Town of Myanmar and Phayathonhsu Village of Thailand are inspirable area. Therefore, he asked whether there is a plan to open a border trade camp, and if it is true, when it will be opened.** The Deputy Minister replied that State has been opening 12 border trade camps beginning 1988 for trading. In so doing, basic reasons for opening individual camps are different, so these camps were opened in different time.

In opening a border trade camp, the local security and better transport need between two

countries. Moreover, opening of the camps is based on friendly ties between two countries, agreement for opening border trade camp, facilities of trade, custom, baking and immigration tasks at the border gates, reasonable volume for fairly trading between two countries beyond the ordinary trade volume, and trade situation for linking other regions and states. There is no plan to open a border trade camp at Thai-Myanmar border in Phayathonhsu of Kyain-seikkyi Township of Kayin State.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye replied to educational questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 about promulgation of a law to provide assistance to monastic education schools monastic education system which are under management of the Ministry of Religious Affairs by the government for realization of effective and free primary education system, saying that Myanmar has 65,000 villages and there is one monastic education school in five villages on average, the Union minister replied that altogether 215,000 students, novices and nuns including 176,000 primary level students are attending 1431 monastic education schools which are being opened in 252 townships for the 2010-2011 academic year. In basic education sector, three are more than three basic education schools in five villages on average and more than eight million students are pursuing their education yearly. Starting from the 2011-2012 academic year, free primary education system was introduced nationwide. The government spent K2087.2 million on providing more than five million students including students in monastic education schools with school text books free of charge. Stationery and notebooks will be provided in equal terms.

Since monastic education schools were opened, school textbooks are being distributed yearly to students of those schools in coordination with the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Under State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, supervisory committee for monastic education (central) was formed and annual meetings are held with the participation of members of central supervisory committee chairman sayadaws of Region/State supervisory committees and officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Education. Proposals for monastic education schools submitted by respective chairman sayadaws are under discussions.



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As students of monastic education schools are being provided with school textbooks free of charge under free primary education system and coordination meetings of central supervisory committee are yearly held in cooperation with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Education, it is not necessary to enact a law to provide assistance to monastic education schools.

Regarding the question raised by U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 who asked how the Ministry of Education manage to upgrade 6000 post primary schools and 300 affiliated middle schools across the Union to middle schools (branch) under four-year plan starting from the 2012-2013 academic year, the Union minister replied that 41,272 schools including 6767 post primary schools and 338 affiliated middle schools have been opened

up to July 2011. There are 5799 post primary schools that can accept Grade VIII students, 609 that can accept Grade VII students and 359 that can accept Grade VI students. All affiliated middle school can accept Grade IX students.

Of primary schools with a lot of middle school students and are far from middle and high schools, some schools which are suitable to be allowed were upgraded to post primary schools or middle schools. Temporary teachers are allowed to be appointed with the assistance of the local community in affiliated middle schools. Post primary schools are being allowed to accept Grade VI students starting from academic year the school was opened and permissions have been granted to them to accept Grade VI, VII and VIII students year after year. More teachers were appointed at school with high ratio of students and teachers and affiliated middle schools and post primary schools were upgraded to middle schools (branch) with the appointment of four more JATs. During the 2011-12 academic year, 84 affiliated middle schools and 45 post primary school totaling 129 schools were upgraded to middle schools (branch) with the appointment of four more JATs.

Regarding the Pyithu Hluttaw-approved Myanmar Micro Credit Scheme Bill, U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency No. 1 discussed matters related to points that should be added in section (2), subsection (a) in Chapter (1), section (7), subsection (c) in Chapter (4), section (10), subsection (a) in Chapter (5), section (16), subsection (a) in Chapter (8), section (28) and section (32), subsection (b) in Chapter (9).

The Hluttaw decided that Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee shall discuss the suggestion of U Nyan Lin.

Regarding the Pyithu Hluttaw-approved Bill to amend Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No. 4 discussed that original clauses should be placed in Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law Section 49(a) stated in paragraph 2, subparagraph (a) of the Bill.

Regarding the proposal of U Sai Thant Zin to place **original clauses in Section 49(a)**, the Hluttaw decided that the proposal shall be part of the Bill as it is in conformity with the approval of Pyithu Hluttaw and the report of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee. Next, the Hluttaw decided that paragraph 1 and 2 of the Bill are part of the Bill. U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constituency No. 9 submitted a proposal that **the Union government is urged to use various ways and means including mass activities for eradication of gambling that can damage micro credit scheme for poverty alleviation.** Hluttaw representatives U Nyi Nyi Tun, U Hla Swe, U Swe Aung and U Sai Win Naung

seconded the proposal, saying that micro credit scheme is aimed for enabling the people to start the business with the capital. The act of spending money in gambling including three-digit gambling is that of tarnishing the goodwill of the government.

It is necessary to take eradication of gambling into consideration widely. Elimination of gambling calls for effective actions to be taken. Gambling can destroy socioeconomic status of the youths and their moral conducts. It is required to put pressure and to take action against those who commit gambling and to conduct educative talks. Although it is difficult to control, many ways and means are available. It is necessary to designate gambling-free zone, township and village. Firstly, actions are to be taken in accord with the law. Secondly, measures should be taken to organize the people through mass campaign. Gambling has caused evil consequences to the entire mankind. It is learnt that the incumbent government is taking measures to eradicate various forms of gambling.

Next, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that there are various form of gambling since yore. Not only in our country but also across the globe, people are gambling as a kind of relaxing or as a business. Now two-digit gambling has been infiltrating among the public.

The deputy minister continued to say that gambling has been suppressed in successive eras; 1986 gambling law prescribes prison terms

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from six months to five years for gambling offences; Myanmar Police Force prioritizes gambling in its nine crime preventive measures; each Region and State has drafted gambling eradication plans; thanks to the plans followed by strict actions, gambling cases have shrunk and the number of gamblers decreased; corrupted MPF members, regardless of their ranks, who extracted bribes, did misdeeds in connection with gamblers, and failed to detain the gamblers are investigated and actions were brought against them.

As arrests and actions did not eliminate corrupted police members at all,

people and other partner departmental institutions are to join hands for eradication of corruption; the drafting of plans is directed in order to tackle gambling issues with broad coverage which could deter the new government's stride to foster Good Governance and Clean Government, to build up the rule of law, to address security issues, to develop rural regions and to reduce poverty; in response to the directive, the plan was drafted completely and the period between 1 and 30 June, 2011 was designed as educative period; the arrest of gambling cases was to be accelerated as of 1 July in accord with the special plan; central, Region/State,

district, and township level gambling elimination supervisory committees, gambling control special squads, gambling educative groups, statistics teams, and audit teams were established to supervise the activity at each level; under the plan, Union Supreme Court, Union Attorney-General's Office, General Administration Department, Special Investigation Department, Higher Education Department and Basic Education Department are also cooperating in the attempt, said the deputy minister.

He went on that the Ministry of Home Affairs is monitoring the actions against gambling daily and encouraging daily, weekly and monthly progress; as the complaints that any police members is making contacts with gamblers or committing mischievous

deeds, immediate investigation is conducted and substantial penalties are imposed.

The deputy minister highlighted the need to work in concert by regional authorities, departments, non-governmental organizations, and the entire people to deal with gambling till their own region is recognized as gambling-free region in realizing the nationwide gambling elimination plan as a national duty.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency (2) submitted the proposal that "the Union government is urged to handle plethora of unsettled cases regarding farmland/land centralization systema-

tically" which the Hluttaw gave assent to discuss.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) submitted the proposal that "the Union government is urged to prescribe law which defines least salary for labours at reasonable rate". The Hluttaw decided to change the proposal to "the Union government is urged to set least salary for labours at foreign investment enterprises at reasonable rate" and to pass it to the Peasants and Local/Foreign Workers Committee to review.

U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency (11) submitted the proposal that "the Union government is urged to share alluvial lands to the farmers who actually want to establish farm formed by the change in waterway of

rivers and streams". The Hluttaw decided to change the proposal to question.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint briefed the attending of 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

The 25th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 2.20 pm and the session continues for 26th day at 10 am on 27 September.

At today's session, seven questions were raised and answered, one bill out of two was decided to review by Bill Committee, another one was approved, one proposal was discussed and approved and three proposals were submitted.

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Criminal special appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—The special appellate court comprising of Union Chief Justice of Union

Supreme Court U Tun Tun Oo, and Judges of Union Supreme Court U Myint Aung and U Myint Han sat at No (1) Office

of Union Supreme Court at 9.30 am today and heard 10 criminal special appeal cases.

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Myanmar Ambassador concurrently appointed to Andorra

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Zwar Minn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of

the Union of Myanmar to the French Public, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Principality of Andorra.—MNA

Union Defence Minister receives Belarusian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min received Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus Dr. Valery Sadokho to

the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Ministry of Defence, here, at 4 pm today.

They discussed mutual cooperation

between the two countries.

Also present at the call was Deputy Minister for Defence Captain Aung Thaw.—MNA

After 3 years, Boeing Dreamliner becomes reality



Boeing employees work on a Boeing 787 Dreamliner for United Airlines on 25 Sept, 2011 in Everett, Washington. Boeing delivered its long-awaited and delayed first 787 airliner to All Nippon Airways which it will celebrate before ANA flies the airliner to Japan on 27 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

SEATTLE, 26 Sept— Boeing's long-awaited dream machine became a commercial reality on Sunday when the lightweight plastic-composites 787 Dreamliner was formally delivered to its first Japanese customer.

Boeing says the revolutionary carbon fiber design will hand 20 percent fuel savings to airlines struggling to avoid a new recession, and give passengers a more comfortable ride with better cabin air and large electronically dimmable

windows. The first \$200 million aircraft was handed over to Japanese carrier All Nippon Airways three years behind schedule after persistent delays that cost Boeing billions of dollars.

"It took a lot of hard work to get to this day," said Scott Fancher, vice president and general manager of the 787 programme, at the outset of two days of celebrations at the plane's Seattle production plant.

The blue and white-painted long-range aircraft, which boasts a graceful new design with raked wingtips, will leave for Japan on Tuesday and enter service domestically on 26 October. Boeing has taken orders for 821 Dreamliners, which will compete with the future Airbus A350, due in 2013.

Reuters



A police dog catches a "criminal" during an air-raid and anti-terrorism military exercise in Zunyi, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 26 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

Vietnam's economy grows 5.7 pct in first 9 months

HANOI, 26 Sept— Vietnam's gross domestic product grew at a slower pace in the first nine months of 2011 compared with the same period a year ago amid high inflation and a trade deficit.

The government's General Statistics Office said Monday the

country's economy has maintained "reasonable" growth at 5.7 percent. Vietnam's economic growth in the first nine months of 2010 was 6.5 percent.

Inflation in the first nine months of 2011 surged to 18 percent from 8.6 percent a year earlier. The trade deficit

stood at \$6.9 billion, down from \$8.5 billion a year ago.

The government has introduced a series of measures, including tighter monetary policies and cutting public spending, to try to tame one of Asia's highest inflation rates.

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (145)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (145) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (195) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Six charged with terrorism
offences in Britain**

LONDON, 26 Sept—Six men from Birmingham, the second largest city of Britain, were charged with terrorism offences on Sunday evening following a counter-terrorism operation. A statement released by West Midlands Police said that four men had been charged with preparing for an act of terrorism, and two with failing to disclose information.

One of the men has additionally been charged with terrorist fund-raising, while the seventh will until Thursday to be charged, released or applied for further warrant of detention, the statement said. The six charged will appear at West London Magistrates Court on Monday afternoon. Among the charged, Ashik Ali, 26, was accused of preparing for an act of terrorism, which involved planning a bombing campaign, providing premises for the planning of terrorist attack

and stating an intention to be a suicide bomber.

They were arrested during a major pre-planned and intelligence-led operation carried out by the West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit.—*Xinhua*

**Films lined up
for a sparkling
new dimension**

BEIJING, 26 Sept—One of the world's brightest minds aims to bring to the world a new, advanced three-dimensional image technology that will leave other such technology in the shadows. "Our new technology will be better than that used in Avatar," says Professor Yau Shing-tung of Harvard University. "The image will be more vivid than with technologies used in previous movies. The new technology is not only quicker but cheaper."

Yau is one of the world's greatest mathematicians, having won the prestigious Fields Medal. He was once the dean of the department of mathematics at Harvard, and is now a professor there. He is also a visiting professor at Tsinghua University. Professor Yau and his team met professionals from Tsinghua University and Renmin University of China last week, and they discussed possible cooperation to apply the technology in making a demonstration movie using the new technology.

Yau and a team started working on the new 3D technology, founded on geometrical principles, at Harvard 10 years ago. *Xinhua*

Colin Powell advises "get mad" in new book

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept—Former Secretary of State, General Colin Powell has penned a book on leadership skills with the advice "get mad, then get over it," set to hit book stores in May 2012, publisher HarperCollins said on Sunday. "It Worked For Me: Lessons in


Leadership and Life" is a collection of personal tales from the four-star Army general starting with his famous "13 Rules," as well as the 'get mad' advice and 'share credit,' the publisher said.

Powell, 74, was the first African American to serve as Secretary of

**Authorities investigate killing of
Mexican congressman**

MEXICO CITY, 26 Sept—A day after authorities announced that the body of a Mexican congressman was found along a highway in the coastal state of Guerrero, lawmakers from his political party called on Monday for a swift investigation of his killing.


Authorities found Moises Villanueva de la Cruz near the same highway when he went missing after a party on 4 September.—*Internet*



**2011
INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF OLDER PERSONS**

1st October 2011

**"TOWARDS A SOCIETY FOR ALL
AGES"**



"Sharpen up" acupuncture study



A patient suffering from facial paralysis receives acupuncture treatment at a hospital in Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu Province, on 6 Dec, 2010.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 26 Sept—Although it is home to traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), China must do much more to improve its academic research capacity for acupuncture, a form of TCM, to take the lead worldwide on both the academic and clinical sides.

At present, among all academic theses on acupuncture indexed by the Science Citation Index (SCI), a leading world thesis index sys-

tem, only 5 percent are from the Chinese mainland, according to Wang Linpeng, the director of the acupuncture and moxibustion centre of the Beijing Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, which is affiliated with the Capital Medical University. Although Chinese acupuncturists absolutely excel worldwide in clinical practice, "they are not as good as their foreign

peers in academic capacity, particularly Western-style research methods and lab experiment design," he told *China Daily* on Friday during the 2011 International Symposium on Acupuncture.

Studies by TCM practitioners — including acupuncturists — largely focus on their area of specialization, and few are in line with global interest in the medical science that has been proven effective over thousands of years, he said. "Chinese TCM practitioners are very good at treating conditions, but they are clumsy at showing how and why it really works in an internationally accepted 'language' and 'manner'," said Gao Sihua, chancellor of the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine. *Xinhua*

**19 killed as
small plane
crashes in Nepal**

KATHMANDU, 26 Sept—Nineteen people aboard a small plane were killed on Sunday when it crashed while trying to land at the airport in Kathmandu, police in Nepal said. Among the occupants onboard were two Americans, officials said.

The *Beechcraft* plane was returning from a sight-seeing tour when it hit a mountain and broke into pieces about 12 kilometres (7 miles) from the airport, said police spokesman Binod Singh. It was carrying 16 passengers and three crew members.—*Internet*



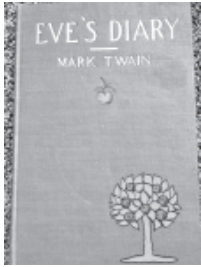
Former US Secretary of State Colin Powell.
INTERNET

State, where he worked in the first term of President George W Bush's administration. In the 1990s, he was widely considered a possible presidential candidate. He rose the army's ranks, fighting

in the Vietnam war and rising to the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he played a key role in the Persian Gulf War and in the administration of President Bill Clinton. *Reuters*

Library lifts 1906 ban on Mark Twain book

A Mark Twain book with nude illustrations, added to a Massachusetts public library after a century-old ban was lifted, was plucked from the shelf within hours on Thursday.



The cover to *Eve's Diary* by Mark Twain is seen in a handout photo.

Trustees of the Charlton Public Library lifted the 1906 ban earlier this week of "Eve's Diary," Twain's satirical version of the Adam and Eve story, said Cheryl Hansen, the

library's director. Two paperback copies were made available at the library in central Massachusetts on Thursday and, within hours, one of them was in a reader's hands, she said.

"I think there'll be a lot of interest in taking it out," Hansen added, saying the unanimous vote to lift the ban came just in time for Banned Books Week, which begins on Saturday.

A library trustee learned about the ban from a local newspaper article and last year tracked down a first edition of the book, which will be on display through next week, she said. The book, published in 1906, was banned when the library's then-trustees took issue with illustrations by Lester Ralph that showed Eve naked. Adam appears covered up in the pictures, she said.



Participants ride a homemade roller cart during the 2nd Red Bull Balineras Race in Bogota on 25 Sept, 2011.

News Album

Diplomats owe \$17 million in New York parking fines

New York City is owed nearly \$17 million (10 million pounds) in parking tickets issued to diplomats, a hefty amount that may have grown this week as world leaders gathered for the UN General Assembly.

The city's Department of Finance said unpaid tickets totaled \$16.7 million through the end of July. Egypt topped the list with \$1.9 million in tickets, followed by Nigeria with about \$1 million and Indonesia with about \$725,000.

US congressmen Michael Grimm, Peter King and Edolphus Towns have introduced legislation that would impose sanctions on countries with diplomats who fail to pay parking fines in New York City.

"We can only imagine how much is being racked up this week," Grimm's spokeswoman, Carol Danko, said of the diplomats and world leaders who met at the United Nations in New York.

Under current law, 110 percent of total unpaid parking fines owed to New York City and Washington will be withheld from the foreign aid and obligations to the offending countries.

Giant panda found to be male after four years

Mei Lan, a giant panda incorrectly identified as female by staff at Zoo Atlanta, was determined to be male at the Chengdu Research Base in China.

Staff members at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding noticed the appearance of testes on the panda born in 2006 sometime

after his arrival in China in February 2010, Zoo Atlanta said in a release Friday.

Giant panda cubs are sexed as infants, however, it is sometimes difficult to determine sex, especially if a cub is more than a few days old. Male testes do not descend for more than three years.

Mei Lan was not examined by Zoo Atlanta staff until he was 19 days old and was incorrectly sexed.



Giant panda cub Mei Lan nuzzles its mother, Lun Lun, at the public debut of the cub in their habitat at Zoo Atlanta in Atlanta on 12 January, 2007.

Prince Jackson appears at charity event

BERLIN, 26 Sept—Michael Jackson's 14-year-old son, Prince, seemed to make a good impression when he appeared on stage at a weekend charity event in Berlin, attendees reported.

Prince told a crowd of about 800 people he wanted to help affect changes for the better in the world. "With everything I do, I try to build on what my father did. I also try to help and change things — just like he did," Prince told the Tribute to Bambi Friday night.

Audience members said Prince appeared poised and well-bred and apologized for leaving early because he had to get back to the United States for school. "I think we can expect to hear more from him," one guest told People magazine.

Prince presented the charity with three handwritten copies of his father's hits "Bad," "Billie Jean" and "Smooth Criminal" to be auctioned.

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Paris Jackson, (L), Prince Michael Jackson I and Prince Michael Jackson II on stage during the memorial service for Michael Jackson at Staples Centre in Los Angeles on 7 July, 2009.

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Long lost Hitchcock film takes a bow in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Suspense master Alfred Hitchcock died in 1980 but that hasn't stopped him from adding a new title to his filmography. "The White Shadow," produced in 1924, is the earliest known film bearing his creative touch.

The long lost film was unveiled to audiences on Thursday night at the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills with a screening attended by the stars of two

Hitchcock classics, Eva Marie Saint ("North by Northwest") and Norman Lloyd ("Saboteur").

Also on hand were experts from the New Zealand Film Archive where the print was uncovered by Leslie Anne Lewis of the National Film Preservation Foundation. Lewis stumbled upon the first three reels of the film while poring through original nitrate prints unseen for decades. The movie had no credits, requiring Lewis to match documentation from various sources to the movie. "She's worked through inter-titles, identifying actors or locations," said Frank Stark, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Film Archive. "So it came into focus exactly what this film might be and we had a consultation internationally to confirm things. Ultimately we got to that



Aldred Hitchcock

moment where it's inescapable — we do have a film that Hitchcock worked on."

A lush melodrama, "The White Shadow" stars Betty Compson as twin sisters, Georgia (pure of heart), and Nancy, (black as Hades). Clive Brook plays an American art student who meets Nancy in transit to Europe and ultimately falls in love. But Nancy disappears, leaving her father grief stricken and wandering the land looking for her.

Reuters



Singers Selena Gomez (L) and Justin Bieber mingle backstage at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles on 28 Aug, 2011 in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

Bieber takes Gomez on special date

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Pop star Justin Bieber took over Los Angeles' Staples Centre to watch "Titanic" alone with his girlfriend, actress and singer Selena Gomez.

After a day at the beach and seeing friend Demi Lovato in concert, Bieber, 17, and Gomez, 19, headed to Staples Centre to watch the 1997 film starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio in privacy in the 20,000-seat arena, People magazine reported.

Bieber reportedly didn't have to pay for the privilege. The Staples Centre's management let the couple use the place for free because Bieber sold out the arena three times. "Romance isn't dead," Bieber tweeted Friday. "Treat your lady right fellas."

Internet

Diana Nyad: Ending swim was 'huge disappointment'

MIAMI, 26 Sept — Marathon swimmer Diana Nyad spent more than 40 hours in the shark-filled waters between Cuba and the Florida Keys, climbing into a boat only to be treated for searing welts left by Portuguese man o' war stings. Left swollen



In this photo released by the Florida Keys News Bureau, endurance swimmer Diana Nyad shows Portuguese Man o' War jellyfish stings after she arrived in Key West, Fla., on 25 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

and red, Nyad had no choice but to end her trek early when medics warned another sting could be deadly.

The 62-year-old soldiered on for a time, cutting eye and mouth holes into a cap she wore over her face to protect against future stings. She surpassed 100,000 strokes, but the stings — which team members said left what looked like branding marks from the jellyfish-like creatures' tentacles — were too much of a risk.

"I trained this hard for this big dream I had for so many years, and to think these stupid little Portuguese man o' war take it down," Nyad told *The Associated Press*, just hours after getting out of the water.—*Internet*

Wenger: Van Persie growing into captain's role



Arsene Wenger is pleased with Robin van Persie's maturity as captain

LONDON, 26 Sept — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is encouraged at how Robin van Persie has taken on his responsibilities as captain. The Dutchman became only the 17th Arsenal player to score 100 goals for the club in Saturday's 3-0 win over Bolton Wanderers, writes Stewart Coggin.

After struggling to find their rhythm in the first-half, van Persie put the Gunners ahead with a low

near post finish and the Gunners eased to victory after David Wheeler was sent-off for a professional foul on Theo Walcott shortly afterwards.

Van Persie added a second and Alex Song curled in a superb third late on as Arsenal returned to winning ways in the league after last week's 4-3 defeat at Blackburn Rovers. Striker Van Persie took over the captaincy after Cesc Fabregas joined Barcelona in August and Wenger is pleased with how he has adapted.

Internet



Robin van Persie

Barcelona's Messi closing in on Kubala 194-goal record

BARCELONA, 26 Sept — Lionel Messi is determined to keep breaking goal-scoring records at Barcelona after his 12th career hat-trick for the European and Spanish champions took him to 192 at the club. The 24-year-old Argentine magician hit his latest hat-



Barcelona's Lionel Messi

Internet

trick in the 5-0 demolition of Atletico Madrid and is now just two behind Hungary's Laszlo Kubala who scored 194 in his career at the Camp Nou in the 1950s.

Once he gets past that, the all-time club record of 235, set by Cesar Rodriguez between 1939 and 1955, will be easily within his sights. "I'm pretty calm about it. I just take it a game at a time, but obviously I'm very excited about becoming top scorer," Messi told *fcbarcelona.com*.

Sneijder amongst Inter absentees in Moscow

MILAN, 26 Sept — Playmaker Wesley Sneijder was amongst the absentees as Inter Milan named their squad for Tuesday's Champions League clash with CSKA in Moscow. Brazil full-back Maicon and Serbia captain and midfielder Dejan Stankovic will also miss the crunch encounter. Having lost their opening match at home to group outsiders Trabzonspor, Inter are desperate to take something from the game.

Nigerian midfielder Joel Obi will make the trip but such are Inter's injury

problems that coach Claudio Ranieri has called up youth team midfielders Lorenzo Crisetig and Andrea Romano into his 21-man squad. He also has to do without forward Diego Forlan, who is cup-tied having represented Atletico Madrid in the Europa League qualifying rounds.—*Internet*



Playmaker Wesley Sneijder

Bradley sets up 2 goals as Chievo rallies

ROME, 26 Sept — American midfielder Michael Bradley helped set up two goals as Chievo Verona rallied to beat Genoa 2-1 in the Italian Serie A.

Sergio Pellissier tied the score in the 74th minute with a header off Bradley's corner kick. In injury time, Bradley sent a long pass up the right flank to Gennaro Sardo, who crossed to Davide Moscardelli for the go-ahead goal.

Michael's father, Bob



Michael Bradley

Bradley, was hired Saturday as Egypt's coach. Bob Bradley coached the US from 2006 until July.

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Haas wins high-stakes FedEx Cup

ATLANTA, 26 Sept — Bill Haas had a sinking feeling when he heard the gallery groan, the first indication that his shot had tumbled down the slope and into the lake.

When he saw the ball only half-submerged in water, Haas figured he still had the slightest chance. To somehow save par.

Against all odds, to stay

alive in his sudden-death playoff with Hunter Mahan at the Tour Championship, the richest playoff in golf history with FedEx Cup and its \$10 million bonus riding on the outcome.

"It was an all or nothing shot," Haas said. "So if I don't pull it off, I'm shaking Hunter's hand."

As he did through the final, frenzied hour at East Lake on Sunday, it worked to near perfection. Haas splashed the ball out onto the green to 3 feet for par, then won the Tour Championship — and the FedEx Cup — on the third extra playoff hole. In the five-year history of this FedEx Cup, no finish was more compelling.—*Internet*



Bill Haas

Martinez Sanchez wins tennis Hansol Korea Open



Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain

SEOUL, 26 Sept — Spaniard Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez beat Kazakhstan's Galina

Voskoboeva in the final of the \$220,000 Hansol Korea Open on Sunday to win her fifth WTA title. The 29-year-old Martinez Sanchez defeated Voskoboeva, a first-time WTA finalist, 7-6 7-6 to win her first hardcourt tournament on the WTA and \$37,000 in prize money.

Internet

Tennis star Wozniacki says it's tough at the top

TOKYO, 26 Sept — Caroline Wozniacki Sunday admitted she found it tough trying to stay at the top after nearly a year as world number one, as she prepared to defend her Pan Pacific Open title in Tokyo. Wozniacki is among seven of the world's top 10 players — including



Caroline Wozniacki

the top four — gunning for the trophy in the star-studded tournament.

The Dane lost to Venus Williams in the US Open semi-finals, meaning that she is still without a Grand Slam, but controversially, that has not prevented her from topping the rankings. "It's very tough to be number one. But it's even tougher to stay there because everyone wants to beat you," said the 21-year-old, as the first round of the \$2.05 million tournament got under way.—*Internet*

Woods to hire Dustin Johnson's caddie

ATLANTA, 26 Sept — Tiger Woods has hired Joe LaCava to be his third full-time caddie. LaCava decided to leave Dustin Johnson, one of the most talented young Ameri-



Dustin Johnson, right, talks with his caddie Joe LaCava on the second tee during the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on 25 Sept, 2011.

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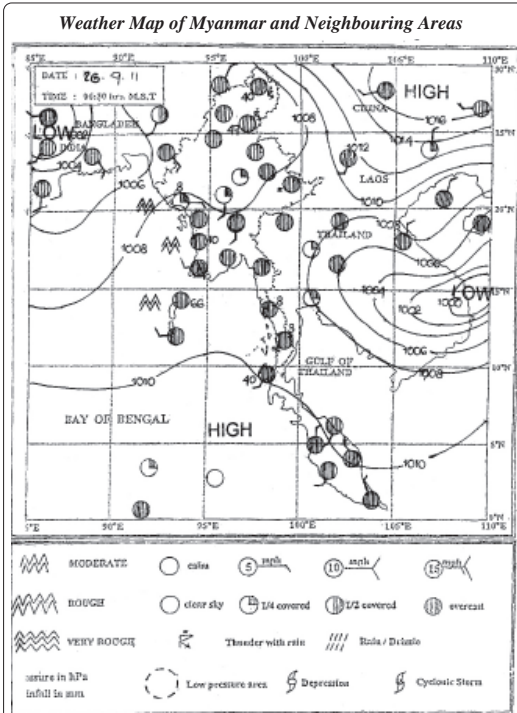
cans, to go to work for the former world No. 1 who hasn't won in the last two years.

According to a story posted on Woods' website Sunday night, LaCava approached Woods and his agent, Mark Steinberg, about the job.

"This was an important decision, and I wanted to think about it carefully," Woods said in the story. "Also, out of deference for the FedEx Cup Playoffs, I decided to wait until they were concluding to have substantive talks. We then spoke to Joe and came to an agreement.

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Weather forecast for 27th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayah	33/91	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers(H)	80%
4	Chin	23/73	12/54	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	36/97	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	33/91	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	35/95	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	28/82	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	34/93	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, Southwest monsoon has been withdrawn from the Northern Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Rakhine and Shan States and isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions. Kayah State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coengyan (2.60) inches, Manauing (2.01) inches, Myitkyina and Pyappon (1.92) inches each, Kawthoung and Launglon (1.77) inches each, Patao (1.57) inches, Kayah (1.46) inches and Nyaunglebin (1.42) inches.

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

State of the Sea
Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Gulf of Mottma off and along Maw-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days
Southwest monsoon are likely withdrawal in the Central Myanmar areas.

Sammir wants to redeem himself in Lyon

MADRID, 26 Sept—Dinamo Zagreb’s Brazilian-born midfielder Sammir is hoping for a better performance in the Champions League against Lyon on Tuesday than he gave at home to Real Madrid earlier this month.

“I admit, it was not the real me against Real. If I was at my usual level, maybe we would remain undefeated. I still regret it,” said the 24-year-old of the 1-0 loss to the Spanish giants in Zagreb.

Although it was not an easy win for Real Madrid, Sammir, considered Dinamo Zagreb’s key player, was not at his top level.

“The rest of the team played very well and I’m convinced that we can repeat that in Lyon. I believe that we can earn a point, although we are going for a victory,” he said.

“I believe I will redeem myself in Lyon, that I will be much better. Lyon are a big team, but Real’s defence is much better.

“I feel much better than against Real,



Dinamo Zagreb’s Brazilian-born midfielder Sammir, seen here in 2010, is hoping for a better performance in the Champions League against Lyon on Tuesday than he gave at home to Real Madrid earlier this month.—INTERNET

I feel that I will play a good match in Lyon. Not only me but the whole team,” the former Brazil under-19 player added.

Sammir joined Dinamo Zagreb in 2006 and a procedure to grant him Croatian citizenship is underway. If he gets it, Sammir will become the second Brazilian, after former Arsenal striker Eduardo, to play for Croatia.

With Dinamo Zagreb, has Sammir won five national championships and four national cups.

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Tuesday, 27 September View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
7. Songs of yester years
- 8:15 am**
8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Amateur (second) Division Level) (Women)
- 8:30 am**
9. International News
- 8:40 am**
10. Islands of Dhamma (5)
- 8:45 am**
11. The nine precepts

- 3:00 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Delay) (Southern Myanmar & Magway)
- 5:00 pm**
2. Documentary
- 5:10 pm**
3. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Amateur (second) Division Level) (Women)
- 5:30 pm**
4. Greatest Famous Songs
- 6:00 pm**
5. Evening News

- 6:15 pm**
6. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
7. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm**
8. Sing a song
- 7:00 pm**
9. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
10. News
- 11. International News
- 12. Weather Report
- 13. TV play in honour of Myanmar Library Foundation
- 14. Bakery World
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. Metta Bhavana by Mingun Sayadaw

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (27-9-2011) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(27-9-11 09:30 am ~ 28-9-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace
- * Living with the Love of the Nature

- * News
- * Taste Around the City
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Myanmar’s Traditions and Culture “The Mystique of Shwedagon Pagoda”

Overseas Transmission

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- * Myanmar’s Traditions and Culture “The Mystique of Shwedagon Pagoda”
- * News
- * She & Her Melodious Music
- * News
- * A Festival on Buddha’s Life Story (Part-1)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Sea of Love Dream Wedding Fair 2011
- * Myanmar Movie “I miss you painfully”

President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Belarusian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Dr. Valery Sadokho, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at President Office, here, at 11 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-

General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr. Valery Sadokho.—MNA



Final round over case concerning delimitation of Maritime Boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Oral pleadings for the final round over the case concerning the delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal is concluded on 24 September 2011 before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Prof Alain Pellet, Sir Michael Wood, Prof Mathias Forteau, Mr Daniel Muller, and Mr Coalter Lathrop, legal counsels for Myanmar side had pleaded on behalf of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in order to achieve equitable results for both States.

Dr Tun Shin, Attorney-General of the Union and the Agent of Myanmar for the case Concerning Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between

Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal made a concluding statement by expressing his gratitude towards all those who had worked so hard over the last few weeks on this case, the President and all distinguished Judges of the Tribunal, the Registrar and the members of the Registry.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is confident that the judgment will resolve the dispute between Myanmar and Bangladesh in the Bay of Bengal on the basis of the modern law of maritime delimitation, thus making an important contribution to friendly relations between the two countries.

It is learnt that the Judgement on this case will be awarded on March 2012.—MNA

Water level of Sittoung River in Madauk has exceeded above its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1107) cm has exceeded by (37) cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today, announced Meterology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Haase hits stride in opening Bangkok tennis win



Drawcards Andy Murray and Gael Monfils arrived in Bangkok from Europe as the Thailand Open got under way with a victory for Dutchman Robin Haase, seen here on 2 Sept, over a plucky local wildcard.—INTERNET

BANGKOK, 26 Sept—Drawcards Andy Murray and Gael Monfils arrived in Bangkok from Europe on Monday as the Thailand Open got under way with a victory for Dutchman Robin Haase over a plucky local wildcard.

Top-seed Murray and number two Monfils have first-round byes on the hard courts at the Impact Arena in the Thai capital.

World number four Murray, the losing finalist to Roger Federer seven years ago, will be starting little more than a week after leading Britain to victory in

the Davis Cup. He has complained bitterly about the busy schedule.

Monfils will test the knee injury which kept him from Davis Cup duties as France went down to Spain in the World Group semi-final.

Haase made a successful debut in Thailand with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) defeat of Kittiphong Wachiramanowong.

The Thai, ranked a lowly 523 in the world, has yet to win any of his three Thailand Open appearances but put up a brave fight in the second set before succumbing to Haase's superior class and experience.

"When I was a break up in the second set I thought it was looking like an easy win," said Haase, the world-ranked 42 who won his first career title in August on clay in Kitzbuehel, Austria.

"I was playing better than in the first set. On the big points and the break points especially I was doing well. But he also played better when he was down," he said.

"I knew I didn't have to worry even if we got into a tiebreaker as I have so much more experience than him. I think that was a big advantage for me today."

Haase will next line up against 2010 losing finalist Jarkko Nieminen of Finland or wildcard Dominic Thieme of Austria.

Only four main draw matches were scheduled on the opening day, with Croatian fifth seed Ivan Dodig playing Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria, Italian Fabio Fognini facing Thai Danai Udomchoke and Dudi Sela of Israel taking on Colombian Santiago Giraldo.—Internet

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