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today. Present on the occasion were Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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### True patriotism

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



*President U Thein Sein receives Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr. Handunnetti Rannulu Piyasiri at President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA*

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Present on the occasion together with U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar were Union Minister at President Office U Soe

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Hygienic food and water

Health is the basic requirement for the entire mankind. Healthy lifestyle calls for proper personal hygiene and environmental cleanliness. It is necessary to stay healthy in accord with health warning in order to prevent infectious diseases caused by unusual weather patterns.

In order to avoid the possible spread of infectious diseases triggered by flooding in towns and wards of some regions due to overflow of river, it is required to be careful to ensure hygienic food and water. As there may be outbreaks of pneumonia, diarrhea and other diseases, systematic measures should be taken for providing health care services.

Diarrhea is highly infectious. It can occur anytime and anywhere. Any one regardless of age can be suffered from the disease, especially, due to environmental pollution and contaminated water. It is necessary to do early prevention as it is caused by bacteria transmitted by flies and which are present in infected water and food and hands.

More outbreaks of diarrhea can be triggered by contaminated water. It is necessary to boil or to chlorinate the water before drinking. It is also required to take necessary measures as infection can spread easily due to inflow of infected water and waste materials into wells or lakes used for drinking water and wells close to the latrine and in low lying area.

It is required not to eat infected food and over-ripened fruits. It is necessary to use clean household utensils and to eat well-cooked food. Attention is to be given to wash our hands carefully with the use of soap before eating or touching household utensils and after using toilet and keeping the practice of using fly-proofed latrines in each and every town and village.

Personal hygiene plays an important role in early prevention measure. People are urged to drink safe water and to eat hygienic food, placing emphasis on environmental cleanliness in accord with health warning.

### Persons who returned artifacts honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department praised a person who returned pieces of gold, eight-angled beads, 101 silver coins, and a pair of earrings to the department yesterday.

At the ceremony to honour U Shwe Lin of Kyaikpi village in Kyaikhto Township of Mon State held at Mon State Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, Mon State Planning and Economy Minister Dr Min Nwe Soe delivered a speech about the excavation of artifacts. U Shwe Lin accepted K 2,309,300 award by the department headquarters.

The artifacts were uncovered when U Shwe Lin prepared his farm for growing rubber plants.—MNA

## Ministry of Border Affairs, INGOs sign Memorandum of Understanding



*Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito at agreement signing ceremony between DPBANR and World Vision Myanmar on community-based regional development project and Bridge Asia Japan on three-year extended arid zone water supply project.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races under the Ministry of Border Affairs and World Vision Myanmar held a signing ceremony for MoU on community-based regional development project in conjunction with the ceremony to sign the MoU on three-year extended arid zone water supply project between Development Affairs Department and Bridge Asia Japan at the Ministry of Border Affairs, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay said that the government is striving for raising quality of life of the people and fulfilling their requirements. All-round development tasks are being undertaken with momentum for narrowing the development gap and improving rural and urban areas, he said. Implementation of Millennium Development Goals is involved in the modernization of the nation, poverty alleviation and strategies, he added. Moreover, he said that eight rural development and poverty alleviation tasks are being implemented for uplifting socio-economic life of rural people. The government is joining hands with UN agencies and internal and international NGOs, local people and private sector for fulfilling basic needs of the people, he said. The Union Minister promised that the ministry will make earnest efforts for implementation of the project as much as possible.

Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito explained assistance of Japan for supply of water to arid zone. Chairperson of Bridge Asia Japan Ms Etsuko Araisai II and Resident Representative Mr

Christopher Paul Herink of World Vision Myanmar explained joint cooperation in the plan.

The director-general of the DPBANR and the resident representative of World Vision Myanmar signed the MoU on community-based regional development project, and the director-general of DAD and the chairperson of Bridge Asia Japan signed the MoU on three-year extended arid zone water supply project.

MoU on community-based regional development project will be implemented to broaden the horizon of the people, raise capability of rural people, undertake education and child care, improvement of micro-economy and agriculture, health care, water availability, sanitation, natural disaster preventive measures and rescue works spending US\$ 3.18 million. The MoU will cover 32 villages in Kokang region of Shan State (North), 21 villages in Hpa-an Township and 14 villages in Hlaingbwe Township of Kayin State, totaling 67 villages.

MoU on three-year extended arid zone water supply project will cover sinking tube-wells in arid regions, maintenance of old tube-wells, conducting of geophysical survey, and uplifting capability of rural people, spending US\$ 1.56 million. The MoU will comprise tasks of water sufficiency in 100 villages of Magway, Natmauk, Yenangyoung and Chauk townships of Magway Region.

Also present on the occasion were deputy ministers for Border Affairs, Myanmar Industrial Development, Finance and Revenue, National Planning and Economic Development, Education and Health and officials.—MNA

### Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association assists flood victims in Toungoo Township

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — The Vice President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members arrived at Piduakkon Village of Shwe layin Village-tract, Toungoo Township in Bago Region on 24 September to supply the flood victims with clothes, cash assistance and their

needs. Next, member doctors gave educative talks on natural disaster and knowledge on disease-after-flood to the victims. They gave medical treatment and referred to necessary patients to Toungoo People's hospital, and so did they in Kanni Village-tract.—MNA

### Dy Construction Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw Circular Road construction

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 25 September inspected construction of

22 miles long Montaekwin-Kyidaung-Thayawun-Kadoseik-Yelwehse-Hnandaw-Thagyaset Nay Pyi Taw circular road implemented by Road Construction Special Group (13).

He also visited staff quarters in Bawgatheikdi, Nyanatheikdi and Pinyatheik wards. —MNA

*The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.*

## 38 killed in school bus accident in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 27 Sept— At least 38 people were killed and some 70 others injured when a school bus carrying 105 people overturned due to brake failure in Pakistan's eastern Punjab Province on Monday night, reported local TV channel Express on Tuesday. Most of the people killed in the accident were students aged between 12 and 13, said local media reports, adding that a principle of the school and some other teachers were also killed in the accident. Hospital sources said that at least a dozen others injured in the accident were still critical condition and the death toll could further rise. The accident took place at about 7:50 pm local time Monday when a school bus coming from Faisalabad, a city in central Punjab Province, overturned on its way back from a study trip on the motorway linking the country's capital Islamabad and Lahore, capital city of Punjab Province. A traffic police spokesman said that the driver lost control over the bus when he was taking a turn on the motorway near Kalar Kahar, a town located some 125 kilometres south of Islamabad.—Xinhua



A local resident stands at a school bus accident site in Kalar Kahar, some 160 kilometres east of Islamabad.—INTERNET

## Seven dead after Typhoon Nesat pounds Philippines



The main street of Roxas boulevard is seen submerged under flood waters in metro Manila on 27 Sept, 2011 after Typhoon Nesat.—Internet

MANILA, 27 Sept— Typhoon Nesat crossed the Philippines' main island late on Tuesday, leaving behind at least seven dead after it lashed crop-growing provinces and brought the capital to a near standstill as it flooded roads and villages and cut power supplies. Among the dead following the typhoon was a 22-month-old boy, and four others were missing, the disaster agency said. As Nesat cleared Luzon island's west coast and headed toward northern Vietnam, weather officials said a

tropical depression was forming in the Pacific Ocean that could affect northern Luzon over the weekend. Nesat was a category 3 typhoon with winds of around 200 km per hour (125 mph) when it hit the northern provinces of Luzon island just before dawn on Tuesday, and then lost strength as it moved across Luzon, Tropical Storm Risk said. Officials shut some rail networks as a precaution after high winds cut power lines and toppled electric

posts. Government offices, the central bank and schools were also closed on Tuesday. Strong winds uprooted trees and tore off some billboards along major roads. Debris blocked roads in the capital and provinces, and officials warned of the risk of landslides from heavy rains in mountainous regions. Residents were evacuated as the Marikina River in metro Manila rose to 18 metres, and water was being released from dams near the capital as they neared overflowing levels.

Reuters

Police check for radioactivity at the site of an explosion in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 26 Sept, 2011. INTERNET



## Argentine blast kills woman, hurts nine; gas blamed

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Sept— An explosion wrecked two homes, a business and several cars early Monday, killing a woman and injuring nine people on the outskirts of Argentina's capital. After the reports of a fireball coming down, the government dispatched the large number of searchers to check for radioactivity and any material that might have come from outer space. Provincial justice and security minister Ricardo Casal said experts were "evaluating all theories, from an explosion to something strange that came from the sky."

Early reports by some witnesses that they had seen a ball of fire fall from the sky around the time of the 2 am explosion caused a sensation, but authorities said later that evidence pointed to an explosion of leaking gas. Officials said a search by the more than 100 police and others turned up a canister of natural gas with a poor connection to a pizza oven. After the reports of a fireball coming down, the government dispatched the large number of searchers to check for radioactivity and any material that might have come from outer space. Provincial justice and security minister Ricardo Casal said experts were "evaluating all theories, from an explosion to something strange that came from the sky."

But the experts found no evidence of a crater, and NASA said its satellite that fell to Earth sometime Saturday landed well clear of South America. Late in the day, the government said it appeared the blast was probably caused by a

pizza oven's poorly connected gas canister. Internet

## Two injured in natural gas explosion in Seattle

SEATTLE, 27 Sept—A natural gas leak inside a home caused an explosion and fire that destroyed a north Seattle home and injured two residents, and has prompted the utility company to look for other leaks in a 5-square mile area, fire and utility spokesmen said Monday.



Seattle firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a home in Seattle following a large explosion, on 26 Sept, 2011. —INTERNET

A couple who lived in the house thought they smelled gas Sunday night but weren't sure so they didn't report it, Seattle Fire Department spokesman Kyle Moore said. "When they woke up this morning and smelled something, they were turning on things and 'boom!' — the explosion," Moore said.

The gas fumes apparently were sparked by an appliance, he said.

The couple — in their 50s —both suffered second-degree burns. The woman was in serious condition in the intensive care unit and the man was in satisfactory condition at Seattle's Harborview Medical Centre, hospital spokesman Susan Gregg said Monday afternoon.

The woman has life threatening injuries. The man in serious condition and was able to talk to investigators.—Internet

## 16 killed as suicide car blast rocks Lashkar Gah town in S Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 27 Sept—A powerful blast rocked Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand Province in south Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing at least 16 people and injuring 20 others.

"It was a suicide car bomb attack happened next to police department in the morning rush hour in Lashkar Gah City, killing and injuring some people including civilians," spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi told

Xinhua. It is too early to say the exact number of the casualties at the moment, he said.

Meantime, deputy provincial police chief Kamaludin Shirzad told Xinhua that 16 people were killed and injured in the blast, but did not give more details. However, hospital sources in Lashkar Gah say that 20 injured people including five police have been taken to hospital for medical treatment.—Xinhua

## Smoking can blind you

Health

SINGAPORE, 27 Sept—A new study has shown that nearly six in 10 or 57.5 per cent of smokers in Singapore are blind to the fact that smoking can cause blindness. The findings, conducted by local doctors and researchers, covered 200 smokers aged between 14 and 83. Blindness is a disability widely feared by most, yet only about four in 10 smokers here are aware of this risk of lighting up.

In fact, the study showed that the link between smoking and Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)—a form of eye disease—is the least recognised, among five other smoking-related diseases.

These include lung cancer and heart attack, which each has more than a 70 percent awareness rate. The study though showed that the fear of blindness is the second biggest motivating factor for smokers to quit the habit, after lung cancer.

More than half of the respondents also felt that graphic health warnings were effective in getting them to stub it out. Medical experts said this showed a need to raise public awareness on blindness as a



smoking-related disease.

The Minister of State for Health, Dr Amy Khor, who was speaking at the AMD Awareness week said there are now more than 30 million people worldwide suffering from some form of AMD. This figure is likely to triple over the next 25 years.

Dr Khor said this makes the disease a “significant public health concern” as the population ages.—*Internet*

## Hip break boosts death risk by five

Health



*Pedestrians walk along the street of Orchard Road.—INTERNET*

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept —Women age 65 to 69 who break a hip face a five-times higher risk of dying within a year than their healthy counterparts, a bigger increase

than in older women, said a US study on Monday.

Women 70 to 79 face double the risk of dying within a year if they break their hip compared to women who do not, and

women 80 and older who break a hip face about the triple risk of dying, it said.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and appears in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

“This study is a wake-up call that the first year after a hip fracture is a critical time for all elderly women, but especially for younger women, ages 65 to 69, who face a much higher death rate compared to their peers,” said lead author Erin LeBlanc.

The International Osteoporosis Foundation has said there are about 1.6 million hip fractures per year, with 51 percent occurring in

Europe and the Americas and most of the remainder in the Western Pacific region and Southeast Asia.

About half of all women over age 50 will break a bone because of osteoporosis, according to the US-based National Osteoporosis Foundation.

*Internet*

## Cheer up the jobless—with a card

Business

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept —At a loss for words when someone you know is suddenly out of work? There’s now a greeting card to solve the problem!

With unemployment in the United States hovering around the nine percent mark, the biggest greeting card manufacturer — Hallmark — has rolled out eight cards to cheer up the jobless.

“It’s hard to know what to say at a sensitive time like this. How about, ‘I’m buying!’” says one card illustrated

## Caregivers have negative health behaviors

Health

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—The estimated 6 million informal caregivers in California show serious psychological distress and negative health behaviors such as smoking, researchers say.

In a policy brief by the University of California, Los Angeles, Centre for Health Policy Research, using data from the 2009 California Health Interview Survey, the authors find California caregivers provide an average of 20 hours of care per week — on such things as bathing, shopping, managing medications or paying bills — for friends or relatives who can no longer do such things for themselves.

### The study finds:

— 25.5 percent of middle-age caregivers are more likely than older or younger caregivers to binge drink; 16 percent are more likely to smoke and 30 percent are more likely to be obese.

— Caregivers of all ages who reported serious psychological distress were 208 percent more than non-caregivers with serious psychological distress to smoke.

— Nearly one-third of middle-aged caregivers are single, divorced or widowed, and more than two-thirds hold down full- or part-time jobs.

— Only 7.4 percent of informal caregivers reported being paid for the help they provide, but nearly 20 percent spent \$250 or more of their own money on caregiving in the past month.

Recent cuts to California’s In-Home Supportive Services programme and the scheduled 1 Dec elimination of the Adult Day Health Care programme will likely place even greater burdens on informal caregivers, the authors say.

*Internet*

## New home sales hit 6-month low, prices drop

Business

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept—Sales and prices of new single-family US homes fell in August despite historically low mortgage rates, under-scoring the difficulties policymakers face in efforts to boost the moribund housing sector.

A stagnant job market and a big overhang of unsold existing homes have combined to keep new home sales on the rocks even as mortgage rates returned to lows not seen since at least the early 1970s.

New home sales slipped 2.3 percent last month to a 295,000 annual rate, a six-month low, the Commerce Department said on Monday. That was in line with analysts’ forecasts and did little to allay fears the United States could slip back into recession.

The median sales price also moved lower from the previous month and was 7.7 percent below year-ago levels.

*Internet*

*New residential homes are shown under construction in Carlsbad, California, on 19 Sept, 2011.*

*INTERNET*



*Job seekers wait in line for assistance at a government-run employment centre in Las Vegas, USA.*

*INTERNET*

with a cartoon line-up outside an unemployment office.

Another says: “Don’t think of it as losing your job. Think of it as a time-out between stupid bosses.”

Hallmark markets its cards through retailers and online, with its loss-of-job products falling under the “encouragement” category. “We know these job-loss

captions are not going to be the strongest (sales) performers, but they are meant to meet a relevant and niche consumer need for many who are looking for it,” a Hallmark spokesman told *AFP* by email on Monday.

It’s not known just how much such card sales have registered in Hallmark’s books.

*Internet*

## Google+ mobbed after doors opened, experts tell Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Sept—Google+ was mobbed with visitors after the social network opened its doors to the public last week, industry tracker Experian Hitwise reported.

Online traffic to Google's nascent social network rocketed 1,269 percent on Wednesday, a day after the Internet titan removed the need to be invited in order to join, according to Hitwise research director Heather Dougherty.

The number of visits

to Google+ tallied nearly 15 million for the week in a leap from the approximately 1.1 million logged in the prior week, Hitwise analysts concluded.

The Hitwise data did not include traffic from mobile gadgets.

"In just one week, Google+ went from ranking as 54th most visited site in our Social Networking and Forums category to 8th place," Dougherty said in a blog post.

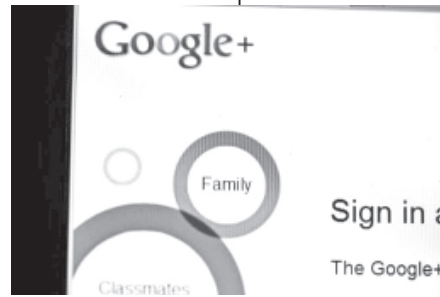
Google on 20th Sept

opened google.com/+ to the public as it ramped up its challenge to leading social network Facebook.

Internet

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INTERNET



## Study seeks reasons for switch to farming Science

SOUTHAMPTON, 27 Sept—Archaeologists say research on islands around Britain could provide clues to why people gave up being hunter-gatherers and turned to farming 6,000 years ago.

The researchers say they hope to settle a longrunning debate about whether the change—around 4,000 BC—was due to colonists moving into Britain from mainland Europe or whether the indigenous population gradually adopted the new agricultural lifestyle

themselves, The Independent reported.

"How people changed from huntergatherers to agricultural lifestyles is one of the big questions in archaeology," Fraser Sturt at the University of Southampton said.

"We know that the first signs of domestication occurred in the Middle East around 10,000 BC and reached France by 5,000 BC" he said. "However, it appears to be another 1,000 years before Neolithic farming activities reached Britain."

Recent archaeological findings such as French pottery in Scotland suggest colonization from the continent may be one possible explanation for this change in lifestyle.

"To understand how possible this could have been, however, we need to turn our attention away from the mainland and towards the seas that form an important travel link between the islands around Britain," researcher Duncan Garrow from the University of Liverpool said. "We are excavating on the Channel Islands, Isles of Scilly and in the Outer Hebrides, which form part of an important maritime zone that surprisingly has been given little scholarly attention in the past."

Internet



*Customers talk to a salesperson about a new laptop at a Lenovo shop in Shanghai on 17 February, 2011.*

INTERNET

Tech

## Lenovo enters \$300 million JV with Taipei's Compal

HONG KONG, 27 Sept—Lenovo, the world's No3 PC brand, has entered into a \$300 million joint venture with contract laptop PC maker Compal to manufacture computers.

Lenovo will own 51 percent of the joint venture company with Compal holding the rest, the PC brand said in a filing to the Hong Kong stock exchange.

Reuters

## Acer sees HP changes chance to grab customers, report Tech

FRANKFURT, 27 Sept—World No 2 computer vendor Acer believes the recent top management change at rival Hewlett-Packard is a huge opportunity for the former to win over some customers, Acer Europe head Walter Deppeler told a German daily.

Hewlett-Packard Co last week named former eBay Inc Chief Executive Meg Whitman its president and CEO, replacing Leo Apotheker in a bid to restore investor confidence in the iconic Silicon Valley company.

"That is a major chance for us because big customers and resellers are uncertain. They are asking themselves: what's next, who can i work with?" Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung quoted Walter Deppeler as saying in a prerelease of its Tuesday edition.

"We want to use this as an opportunity for us," he added.—Reuters

*A man's hand is seen on an Acer logo as he pastes a poster below at a computer mart in Taipei on 23 April, 2008.*

INTERNET



## Poor use, not scarcity, is water problem Science New method cleans up textile industry's most dangerous chemicals Science

RECIFE (Brazil), 27 Sept—River basins globally have enough water to double food production sustainably if efficiently used, an international water resources meeting in Brazil was told.

Delegates at the World Water Congress in Recife heard that while water-related conflicts and shortages abound in Africa, Asia and Latin America, there is sufficient water to sustain food, energy, industrial and environmental needs during the 21st century.

The report by

agricultural researchers published in the journal *Water International* said the "sleeping giant" of water challenges is not scarcity but the inefficient use and inequitable distribution of massive amounts of water that flow through key river basins such as the Nile, Ganges, Andes, Yellow, Niger and Volta.

"Water scarcity is not affecting our ability to grow enough food today," Alain Vidal, director of the Challenge Programme on Water and Food, said. "Yes, there is scarcity in certain areas, but our findings show that

the problem overall is a failure to make efficient and fair use of the water available in these river basins. This is ultimately a political challenge, not a resource concern."

Internet

SCANIA (Sweden), 27 Sept—Textile dyeing is one of the most environmentally hazardous aspects of the textile industry. During dyeing,

harmful chemicals that are difficult to break down are released, all too often into rivers and agricultural land. However, Maria Jonstrup, a doctoral student in Biotechnology at Lund University, has developed a new, environmentally friendly purification process which leaves only clean water.

The findings are presented in Maria Jonstrup's thesis. The research is so far only research, and has therefore only been tested in the laboratory, but Maria Jonstrup is

optimistic about its future potential.

"In the long term it should be possible for textile factories in India, China and Bangladesh to use the technique. If it works on a laboratory scale it is quite likely that it will also work in a real-life situation," she says.

While working on her thesis, she has conducted experiments with both fungal enzymes and bacteria from the drains at textile industry and municipal wastewater treatment plants.—Internet



*Maria Jonstrup, a doctoral student in Biotechnology at Lund University, Sweden.—INTERNET*

## WHO: Iran, South Asia worst for city air pollution

GENEVA, 27 Sept— Cities in Iran, India, Pakistan and the capital of Mongolia rank among the worst on the planet for air pollution, while those in the US and Canada are among the best, according to the first global survey by the World Health Organization.



*In this Tuesday, 15 April, 2008 file photo Iranian oil technician Majid Afshari checks the oil separator facilities in Azadegan oil field, near Ahvaz, Iran.—INTERNET*

## Two Venezuelan planes make emergency landings, no injuries

CARACAS, 27 Sept—Two Venezuelan airplanes were forced to make emergency landings just hours apart on Monday, but no passengers or crew were injured in either incident, transportation authorities said.

In the first incident, an airplane from the local Aeropostal company with 125 passengers aboard was forced to land at 0855 local time (1325 GMT) in the Manuel Carlos Piar International Airport near the City of Puerto Ordaz in the southeastern state of Bolivar after registering failure of the plane's motors.

Four hours later, at 1317 local time (1747 GMT), an aircraft from the Acerca Airline with 90 passengers aboard was forced to make a second emergency landing at the Carlos Piar Airport, after smoke was detected in the cabinet shortly after take-off. In both incidents the aircraft in use was a DC-9 model of the US aircraft manufacturer McDonnell Douglas, a twin-engine plane which is popular with airlines worldwide for domestic and short-haul routes less than two hours.

Both flights were travelling between Puerto Ordaz and Venezuela's main international airport of Maiquetia near Caracas to the airport of Puerto Ordaz, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications said. Lorllys Ramos, president of the MTC's Civil Aviation Accidents Investigation Board (Jiaac), said experts from Jiaac were investigating the cause of the incidents.

Monday's two separate incidents took to three times in a month that local Venezuelan airplanes have been forced to make an emergency landing, and in all three incidents the aircraft in use was a DC-9 model. On 23 Aug, a flight with 95 passengers of the local Laser airline was forced to return to Maiquetia airport north of Caracas due to electrical problems in the cabin.—Xinhua

The southwest Iranian City of Ahvaz walked away with the unfortunate distinction of having the highest measured level of airborne particles smaller than 10 micrometres.

WHO released the list Monday to highlight the need to reduce outdoor air pollution,

which is estimated to cause 1.34 million premature deaths each year. The global body said investments to lower pollution levels quickly pay off due to lower disease rates and, therefore, lower health-care costs.

The list, which relies on country-reported data over the past several years, measures the levels of airborne particles smaller than 10 micrometres — so-called PM10s — for almost 1,100 cities.

WHO recommends an upper limit of 20 micrograms for PM10s, which can cause serious respiratory problems in humans.

They are mostly sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide from power plants, auto exhausts and industry.

Ahvaz's annual average of PM10s was 372 micrograms per cubic metre.

Internet



*Village party secretary Tang Sizhong examines situation of drought in the rice field at Guisa Village in Zhenyuan County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 23 Sept, 2011. The drought in Guisa Village affected 1,840 people of the Miao and Dong ethnic groups. A lot of them are lack of drinking water.—XINHUA*

## Navy says 2 missiles detonated underwater near Calif

SAN DIEGO, 27 Sept— The Navy says two Sea Sparrow missiles have been safely detonated on the floor of the Pacific Ocean off the coast of San Diego County.

The Navy says the controlled detonation occurred Monday less than two miles from Camp Pendleton without

any harm to marine life.

The missiles were dropped into the ocean 30 Aug while being taken by helicopter to an amphibious assault ship. The Navy says the helicopter crew jettisoned the missiles when the load began to swing excessively and struck the aircraft's fuselage,

posing a danger.

Navy explosive ordnance disposal technicians detonated the missiles where they lay in about 60 feet of water. After the detonation, the Navy says its divers inspected the site and found no visible pieces and no dead fish.

Internet

## Two airliners in near miss over Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 27 Sept—Two Hong Kong-bound flights carrying more than 600 people narrowly missed each other over the Asian City, according to officials, after pilots scrambled to react to warning signals.



*This file photo shows an air-bound Cathay Pacific Airways Boeing 777 plane.—INTERNET*

A Cathay Pacific Boeing 777 arriving from New York and a Dragonair Airbus A330 from Taipei were both told to hold off landing due to bad weather on 18 September but strayed into each other's path.

Airline officials said they were one nautical mile (2,000 metres) apart at the same altitude southwest of Hong Kong airport when the traffic collision avoidance system warning sounded.

The Dragonair pilot put his aircraft, carrying 284 passengers and 12 crew, into an immediate climb while the Cathay flight, with 299 passengers and 18 crew on board, descended to resolve the conflict.

According to Hong Kong's former civil aviation chief the two planes came within six seconds of impact, based on their distance and normal aircraft speed.—Internet

## Malaysian health ministry, police launch probe into illegal kidney trade

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Sept—Malaysia's health ministry said on Monday it will work with the federal police to investigate an illegal kidney trade that allegedly involved Malaysia as it viewed the crime "very seriously."

"Malaysia, being a member of the World Health Organization and a signatory to the Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism is committed to ensure such illegal practices are not undertaken in the country," health director-general Hasan Abdul Rahman said.

"It seems a little far-fetched for such an illegal activity, especially involving foreigners, have been

carried out in the specific hospitals where kidney transplants are performed. However, if there are evidence that it happened, the ministry will certainly take action against those involved," he added.

Hasan said transplants from unrelated donors generally needed to be vetted by an independent body appointed by the health ministry for approval.

But to date, the ministry holds no records of such requests or applications. Malaysian state news agency last Thursday reported that Malaysia was among several countries in the radar of the Bangladeshi police who were tracing a cross border kidney trafficking syndicate.—Xinhua

## Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 26<sup>th</sup> day

### Seven questions replied, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted, one new proposal put on record, one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 26<sup>th</sup> day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 379 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Today's session, seven questions were replied, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted, one new proposal put on record and one bill approved.

U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu Constituency said he has leant that natural gas from Shwe natural gas well, 25 miles north of Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State, will be refined at the plant being built near Malakyun village, 6 miles southwest of the town, and then gas will be exported to China. He asked whether there is a plan to generate electricity for Kyaukpyu with the use of some of refined natural gas, and whether there is a plan to supply electricity to Kyaukpyu through national power grid of the nation. Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay replied that natural gas from Shwe project block will be refined at the station near Malakyun Village, 6.4 miles from Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State, and then will be sent to Myanmar-China natural gas pipeline. At present, gas should not be used for another project against the contract. However, there are many prospects for exploration of oil and gas. Although initial capital of the gas power plant is cheaper than that of hydropower plant, production cost for electricity using natural gas is larger than that of hydropower one. Therefore, hydropower plants are built in the places with prospects of hydropower.

According to the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, plans for hydropower projects have been adopted at Thahtaychaung, An, Laymyo and Saidin for electricity sufficiency for the people. The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 has adopted the plans for the 230 KV power grids and main power stations for implementation of one power grid network.

On completion, hydropower projects in Rakhine State will supply electricity not only to Rakhine State but also to power grid system of the nation. At present, it is now impossible to supply electricity to Kyaukpyu through Shwe project natural gas. In the future, coordination will be made to build gas power plant for supply of electricity when natural gas can be produced from offshore Rakhine.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied to six questions raised by six Hluttaw representatives.

U Tin Win of Dedaye Constituency said that if a bridge will be built to link Phayalaykwin Village in Dedaye Township and Kyaiklat, it will be a shortest motor road from Dedaye to Kyaukpat within one hour. He asked whether there is a plan to construct a Dedaye-Kyauklat bridge. The Union Minister replied that 11 miles and five furlongs long Dedaye-Kyaiklat motor road linking Dedaye and Kyaiklat of Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Region, is a gravel road to be used all the year round. It is only inter-township road. The Kyaiklat River is located at Phayalaykwin Village, 11 miles and five furlongs from Dedaye and Kyaiklat is located on the opposite bank. Kyaiklat River is about 1000 feet wide. Dedaye and Kyaiklat are motor road accessible, and the Ministry of Construction is undertaking maintenance work yearly.

People from Dedaye have access to Kyaiklat through Dedaye-Pyapon-Kyaiklat Road. People of Phayalaykwin Village, 11 miles and five furlongs from Dedaye may go to Kyaiklat by boat in a short time. If a plan is under implementation for construction of Kyaiklat Bridge, water clearance must be 40 feet high for triple-decker vessels although the river is 1000 feet wide. The bridge

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will be above 3000 feet long. At present, the people are enjoying better transport, and there is no plan to build Kyaiklat Bridge.

U Mya Thein of Bogale Constituency said that 19 miles and two furlongs long Pyapon-Bogale road in Ayeyawady Region is single route from Bogale to various areas of the region. In the future, it will be included in the road network linking seaside towns such as Ahmar Sub-Township, Setsan and Kadonkani. The road has been placed with asphalt from the start to 4 miles and two furlongs and mile post No. 13/5 to Bogale. He asked whether there is a plan to tarmac 9 miles and three furlongs long section of the road. The Union Minister replied that up to 31-5-2011, Bogale-Pyapon Road has nine miles and seven furlongs long section, nine miles and three furlongs long gravel section, totaling 19 miles and two furlongs. In the rehabilitation period after the Cyclonic storm Nargis, running of vehicles caused damage to the road. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Ministry of Construction has upgraded four furlongs long section to asphalt section, five miles long and 40 feet wide earthen section, build 180 feet long Kyonku Bridge and 120 feet long Kalagyi Creek Bridge.

Depending the ordinary maintenance expenditure in 2011-2012 fiscal year, 2 miles and five furlongs long gravel section was upgraded to the asphalt section, one mile gravel repaired, 50 feet long Koeindan Bridge, 10 feet long Bridge No. 1/7 and 300 feet long Natchaung Bridge maintained. By 2011-2012 fiscal year, the road will be upgraded to 13 miles long asphalt section. Therefore, there will remain six miles and two furlongs long gravel section. In 2012-2013 fiscal year, the capital expenditure will be demanded for upgrading the roads and bridges.

U Saw James of Einme Constituency said that Myowin wooden Bridge (125x13x21 feet) on Einme-Kyaunggon Creek in Ayeyawady Region was built in 1975. At present, the bridge is old and not strong. He asked whether there is a plan to build one RC bridge. The Union Minister replied that in the past, Einme of Myaungmya District in Ayeyawady Region relied on only water way, however the local people are now enjoying fruits of better transport thanks to Myaungmya-Einme-Kyaunggon Road, Einme-Dahka Road and Einme-Pantanaw Road. Einme-Pantanaw Road is facilitated Myaungmya-Einme-Kyaunggon Road with 270 feet long Thongwa Creek Bridge, with 200 feet long Kan Gyi bridge and 200 feet long Mayangu Bridge, and 276 feet long Einme Bridge on Einme-Dahka Road.

125-foot Chaungwa wooden bridge across Yekyaw Creek at the entrance to Einme was built in 1975. The Ministry of Construction focuses on maintenance of the bridge. The ministry has demanded necessary funds for upgrading wooden and bailey bridges to RC ones under the plans yearly. Therefore, the fund will be demanded in 2012-2013 fiscal year for upgrading Chaungwa wooden bridge to the RC one.

Daw Khin Than Myint of Ngapudaw Constituency said that in previous years, she saw construction of Ngapudaw-Myaungmya Road project and a plan was underway to build a river crossing bridge. Now, the road project was suspended. She asked whether there is a plan to upgrading Ngapudaw-Myaungmya Road. The Union Minister replied that ordinary maintenance of Myaungmya-Ngapudaw Road is being undertaken with the use of the 2011-2012 funds. According to the survey, Panmawady Bridge must be built 2700 feet in length. It will have 4000 feet long bridge depending on water clearance. The Ministry of Construction is upgrading 21 miles long Pathein-Ngapudaw. The ministry is responsible to upgrade 16 miles long section from mile post No 5/0 to 21/0.

Pathein District Public Works, Bridge Construction Special Groups 7 and 12 of the ministry participate in construction of Pathein-Ngapudaw road. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, capital expenditure was used for upgrading six miles long hard section to gravel section, the ordinary maintenance expenditure on one mile and seven furlongs long hard section to gravel section. The tasks will be completed by 2011, Pathein-Ngapudaw Road will be gravel road. In upgrading Pathein-Ngapudaw Road, 700 feet long Paypin Bridge and 1820 feet long Thekkel Creek Bridge, 45 feet long Salu Creek Bridge, 40 feet long Wegyi Creek Bridge and 75 feet long Phyanayjayw Creek Bridge are under construction.

The 27 miles and three furlongs long Pathein-Myaungmya Road is stretching along Pathein-Kangon-Myinkaseik-Myaungmya. Pathein District Public Works of the Ministry of Construction is maintaining 17 miles and six furlongs long section from mile post No. 9/5 in Kangyidaunt Township to mile post No. 27/3 in Myaungmya. People may visit Myaungmya from Pathein along Pathein-Ngapudaw Road and then to Ngapudaw by car. There is no plan to upgrade Ngapudaw-Myaungmya Road and build Panmawady Bridge.

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U Ko Ko Lwin of Mawlamyinegyun Constituency said that **as 43 miles and five furlongs long Maubin-Yelegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun gravel road has completed, the local people enjoy fruits of better transport. He asked whether there is a plan to upgrade it to the all weather use facility.** The Union Minister replied that Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyine-gyun is No. 1 road linking Maubin and Mawlamyinegyun of Ayeyawady Region included in the Ayeyawady Delta Road Network Project. After cyclone Nargis, roads and bridges were built and maintained. Thus, 51 miles and six furlongs long roads including seven miles long Kyunhtaik-Yondaung-Taungbogyi Road were built. Yazundaing Bridge No. 1 and No. 2 were constructed on Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyine-gyun Road. Therefore, vehicles can drive to Mawlamyinegyun directly. In addition to above-mentioned two bridges, under-100 feet long wooden bridges are being upgraded to RC facilities.

Road Construction Project Special Group No. 4, Airport Construction Project Special Group No. 5 and Yangon Crown Company are participating in road upgrading works. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, capital expenditure is being spent on construction of three miles long and 12 feet wide asphalt road and one mile long hard road. Funds will be demanded for 2012-2013 fiscal year for upgrading the roads.

U Kyaw Myint of Nawngkhio Constituency said that **in accord with the toll gate rules, distance of two toll gates must be 40 miles long. Although the distance between Nawngkhio and PyinOoLwin is 30 miles long only, there are two toll gates. Therefore, daily travelers face loss in toll gate charges. He asked whether there is a plan to annul one of two toll gates.** The Union Minister replied that toll gates are not in equal distances due to different distances among towns, situations of entrance and exist roads and convenience of smooth administration and maintenance. As it is single company in operating the toll gates, the long-term plan is being implemented for its tasks without limitation of distance. Toll gates are being used not only for levying the charge of using roads but for functioning management office, machines and heavy machinery, staff of engineering and accounts sections, road maintenance and extension. Moreover, the toll gates are centred for immediate gathering of workers to do emergency works.

Especially, Bantbwe Gate and PyinOoLwini Gate are close to each another. Although a plan was set to build PyinOoLwini Gate at mile post No. 39/1 at the entrance to PyinOoLwin, the area was insufficiency for the toll gate and it was close to Pwetaung coffee farm on the right side and housings on the left sight. Therefore, the toll gate was built at mile post No. 47/4 at the exit of the town, so it is 12 miles and four furlongs long distance to Bantbwe Toll Gate. In levying

the charges through BOT system, there was no complaint from vehicle owners and drivers during 10 years period to date. They said convenience along the route.

Due to no problem at levying charges at toll gates, systematic maintenance of road and average charge fixed by Asia World Co Ltd, it is not burden for the people, and there is no plan to annul one of two toll gates.

With regard to the proposal to fix **Minimum Purchase Guarantee Price in the framework of market-oriented economy under the supervision of the Union government after setting limitations for the crops in period, region, type and time** submitted by U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency on 23 September, U Maung Maung Tin of Yekyi Constituency, U Khin Maung Oo of Monywa Constituency, U Htay Win of Lewe Constituency, U Sai Saw Tin of Mongyawng Constituency, Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunhing Constituency, U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Tok of Momeik Constituency, U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency and U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency said that farmers are delighted at endeavours of the new government for disbursement of agricultural loans, sharing of technologies, distribution of quality strains and seeking reasonable price for crops, and stability of foreign exchange. However, they all seem that it is necessary to provide continuous assistance to farmers for economic recovery. It is important that any crop must be sold at fair price. Availability of guarantee price may contribute not only to boosting cultivation and production but also to raising productivity. Therefore, they supported the proposal of U Tin Htut because it benefits the farmers.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan replied that it can be witnessed that the government is encouraging in freely selling and buying crops in the markets of producers and merchants. It is required to try hard for enhancement of quality as well as quantity in production and fetching good prices, having access to the market and market share in trading. Under the long-term development strategic plan, the government placed emphasis on infrastructural development during the period of 20 years by implementing dams, reservoirs and water pumping projects essential for agricultural production of farmers and building roads and bridges so as to transport produce to the market. As a result, export of agricultural produce has increased to US\$ 1756.39 million in 2010-11 fiscal year.

Since 2009, the government, joining hands with farmers, local merchants, brokers, mill owners and entrepreneurs, made necessary arrangements with less government's intervention for setting up of rice and paddy companies and beans and pulses companies which are in conformity with the market economy with the aim of increased producing quality and marketable crops and improving in living standard of farmers and in agricultural production.

The companies are rendering quality strains, fertilizers and farm equipment to

farmers, using modern machines for production of valued-added products and making necessary arrangements for enabling farmers to have access to domestic and foreign markets. This is a fundamental support of the government for the farmers in order to fetch good price for their produce in global markets.

Measures being taken by the government for development of agriculture sector and improvement in socioeconomic status of farmers are not different from arrangements to be given by the government for fetching good price proposed by U Tin Htut. So the government set strategies and tactics variously in order to develop the agricultural sector and to generate their

and was under discussion on 23 September was approved and paragraphs with proposal of amendment were discussed one by one.

As there is no amendment for paragraph 1 and 2 of Chapter (1) title, paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 of Chapter (2) title and paragraph 5, 6 and 7 of Chapter (3) title and Chapter (4) title, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be part of the Bill.

U Khin Maung Shwe of Tamu Constituency submitted a proposal to substitute the clause **First Hluttaw regular session** stated in paragraph 8, subparagraph (a) of original provision with **first regular**. While the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Hluttaw Rights Committee, Secretary of the committee



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**Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Win of Dedaye Constituency raising question.**—MNA



**Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Myint of Nawngkhio Constituency raising question.**—MNA

incomes. The government is making supervising on minimum purchase guarantee price within the framework of the market economy after setting time frame in accord with time, region and kinds of crops.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Tin Htut.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Htay Naing submitted the proposal to **enact a law to use the word Myanmar in works of writing, compiling and publishing with the aim of promoting the national prestige and integrity and in noble place or usage which are concerned with the country and all national races only and to prohibit use of the word in unsuitable place and usage including use of the word as a brand.**

The proposal will be discussed on 28 September and those wishing to take part in discussions may enlist their names this evening.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency reported to the Hluttaw that she would like to withdraw her proposal. **Pyithu Hluttaw is urged to form a commission with experts so as to formulate a new administrative mechanism which is in conformity with changing political and economic system in accord with the Constitution, assisting national interest,** as Hluttaw committees are put into action, and to put it in record. The Hluttaw put the proposal on record and allowed to withdraw.

As paragraph and subparagraph without proposal of amendment of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill submitted on 21 September

Dr Soe Yin supported the proposal as more appropriate one.

So paragraph 8, subparagraph (a) shall be part of the Bill.

As there is no amendment from subparagraph (b) to subparagraph (d) of paragraph 8, they shall be part of the Bill.

Next, U Sai Boe Aung of Muse Constituency submitted a proposal to substitute the word "authority" stated in paragraph 9, subparagraph (e) of original provision with **service personnel**. U Hla Tun of Khamti Constituency to substitute the word **authority** stated in paragraph 9, subparagraph (e) of original provision with **administrative body**. U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency, to substitute the word **Hluttaw area** stated in paragraph 9, subparagraph (e) of original provision with **constituency** and the word "coordinating" with making coordination.

With regard to the proposal of U Pe Than, the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked. Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it was proper, the committee agreed it.

Thus, the proposal of amendment of U Pe Than was approved.

With regard to proposals of U Sai Bo Aung and U Hla Tun, the attitudes of Hluttaw Rights Committee were asked. Secretary of the committee said that it should be kept as original provision.

As approvals were sought for proposals of amendment of U Sai Bo Aung and U Hla Tun and attitude of the Hluttaw Rights Committee, the attitude of the Hluttaw Rights Committee won the majority vote.

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Thus, the Hluttaw approved that the sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 9 shall be part of the bill.

U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency submitted a proposal of amendment to add the phrase **Hluttaw** before the phrase **experience** included in the original provision of sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 9. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary Dr Soe Yin that as it is proper, the committee agreed it.

Thus, the Hluttaw approved that sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 9 shall be part of the bill.

As there was no objection from sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph 9 to sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 12, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be parts of the bill.

U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency submitted a proposal of new paragraph **right of taking cash assistance prescribed in line with law and rules for holding ceremonies on recounting Hluttaw experiences**. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked,

Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is not proper to insert the new paragraph into the bill at present.

U Pe Than submitted to seek decision of the Hluttaw. In the decision, there were many objections to the proposal of U Pe Than, so his proposal was not approved and the original provision was approved.

U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency submitted a proposal to add one new sub-paragraph right of suing the person who dishonoured the Hluttaw representative and intentionally discredited his admiration of the people as sub-paragraph (g) after sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 12. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is not proper to insert the new sub-paragraph.

U Aung Thein accepted the reply of the Hluttaw Rights Committee.

Thus, they approved that the sub-paragraphs of paragraph 12 shall be part of the bill in line with the original provisions.

As there was no objection from paragraph 13 in Chapter V to paragraph 34 in Chapter IX, the Hluttaw approved they shall be part of the bill.

U Khin Maung Shwe of Tamu Constituency submitted a proposal to cancel the phrase **at least** in the provision

of paragraph 35. Dr Mya Oo of Ngazun Constituency submitted that it shall convene at necessary time instead of three times a year.

U Khin Maung Shwe agreed it.

In asking attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that it should be.

Thus, the proposal that "it should present amendment without any digit that the Speaker shall convene the Hluttaw regular session at necessary time" was approved.

As there was any objection from paragraph 36 to 48, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be part of the bill.

U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency submitted a proposal to add the phrase **slandering other party** after the phrase **slandering other religion** in line No. 4 of original provision in paragraph 49. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is proper, the committee agreed it.

Thus, the paragraph 49 was approved as part of the bill in line with the amendment of U Aung Mya Than.

There was no objection from paragraph 50 to sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 52. Therefore, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be part of the bill.

U Than Myint of Salingyi Constituency submitted a proposal to add two new sub-paragraphs—sub-paragraph (c) as **Hluttaw representatives have rights not only to clarify and suggest the proposals but also to reply the questions concerning own organizations submitted Hluttaw representatives when they attend the Hluttaw meeting under the permission of the Hluttaw Speaker** behind the sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 52 of the original provision and sub-paragraph (d) as **the Hluttaw representatives have rights to reply the incompleteness or completion of the works on schedule when Hluttaw committees raise questions concerning the own organizations to submit the report to the Hluttaw**. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is proper, the committee agreed it.

Thus, the proposal was approved.

With regard to remaining paragraphs to be approved, individual paragraphs of the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill will be discussed on 28 September.

The 26<sup>th</sup> day of the second regular session was adjourned at 3.45 pm, and the 27<sup>th</sup> day session will be held at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

## Union Mines Minister meets Belarusian Ambassador



Union Mines Minister U Thein Htaik receives Belarusian Ambassador Dr Valery Sadokho.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Belarusian Ambassador Dr Valery Sadokho to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at his office here at 11 am today.

They discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation in using machinery and vehicles in mining.

Also present at the call were the Director-General of Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, the Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise, the Acting Managing Director of No. 3 Mining Enterprise and the Deputy Director-General of Mining Department under the Ministry of Mines.— MNA

## Colombia seizes another cocaine-loaded submarine

BOGOTA, 27 Sept—Colombian police have seized a submarine used by drug cartels to ship cocaine in international waters, authorities said Monday.

It's a sophisticated vessel equipped with modern navigation systems, and was caught in a village in the remote western Province of Choco on the Pacific coast, south of Panama,

according to Carlos Enrique Rodriguez, deputy director of the anti-narcotics police.

It was the second such submarine seized over last weekend, he told a news Conference. On Saturday, authorities found a bigger submarine which could carry up to 10 tons of cocaine in the southern Province of Valle del Cauca.—Xinhua

## Media, public relations training course opened in Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Magway Region Information and Public Relations Department launched a media and public relations training course No. 1/2011 at the meeting hall of the administration department of Magway Region this morning, with an opening speech of Magway Region Minister for Social

Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min among the Regional Minister for Transportation and regional level departmental heads, the districts and townships' administrators, and the course instructors.

To promote media sector is the purpose of the one-week course being taken by a total of 28 trainees.—MNA

## Wife of Mexican drug lord gives birth in Calif

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—The young wife of Mexico's most wanted drug lord has given birth to twin girls at a hospital in northern Los Angeles County, according to a news-paper report.

Emma Coronel, the 22-year-old wife of Joaquin Guzman, crossed the border in mid-July and delivered her daughters at Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster on 15 Aug, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on its website Monday (<http://lat.ms/nyfqmn>).

Coronel, a former beauty queen who holds US citizenship, returned to Mexico after they were born.

Birth certificates listed Coronel as

the mother of the girls, but the spaces for the father's name are blank.

US law enforcement officials, who tracked her movements even before she traveled to Lancaster, told the *Times* that Coronel was not arrested because there are no charges against her.

Coronel is believed to be the third or fourth wife of Guzman, the 54-year-old multi-billionaire head of Mexico's most powerful drug-trafficking gang, the Sinaloa cartel.

The couple married the day she turned 18 at a lavish wedding in the highlands of central Mexico in 2007.

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## Toyota adds first tiny 'minicar' to Japan lineup

TOKYO, 27 Sept—Toyota is selling its first "minicar" in Japan as demand increases for the tiny vehicles which are popular for short commutes. Toyota Motor Corp, Japan's top automaker, launched the tiny Pixis Space minivehicle manufactured by group company Daihatsu Motor Co, on Monday.

Minivehicles, or "kei," are defined under Japanese regulations as having

maximum length of 3.4 metres (11.15 feet), width of 1.48 metres (4.86 feet), height of 2 metres (6.56 feet) and engine displacement of less than 660 cc. Taxes are lower for minicars, which now make up about a third of Japan's annual vehicle sales. Toyota is planning two more minicar models for the Japanese market, although it has not said when those will go on sale.—Internet

## Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 26<sup>th</sup> day

### Eight questions raised and answered; one question transferred to Public Complaints and Petitions Committee, one proposal discussed and approved

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— The first Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session continued for the 26<sup>th</sup> day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Hluttaw representatives.

During the meeting, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No. 1 asked **whether there was a plan to upgrade the Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung earth road linking Yathedaung and Buthidaung townships to an all-weather gravel road, and to a tarred road as the road would play a part for development of eastern region of the May Yu Mountain.**

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replied that as part of the Union Government's efforts for better transportation, Rakhine State Development Affairs Department earmarked K 922.921 million for roads and bridges in urban areas and K 422.821 million for roads and bridges in rural areas.

Similarly, Buthidaung Township Development Affairs Committee earmarked K 28.82 million and Yathedaung Township DAC K 8.775 million for roads and bridges in rural areas. The Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung road passed through 22/4 miles in Yathedaung Township and 18/6 miles Buthidaung Township, he said.

He continued to say that on the Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung road there were 70 bridges : over-100 ft long seven bridges and under-100 ft long 63 bridges: jointly constructed by departments, the people and UNHCR. Buthidaung Township Development Affairs Committee had injected K 49.97 million into upgrading of roads, maintenance of Takyatbat Bridge and construction of a reinforced concrete bridge in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Buthidaung Township and Yathedaung Township development affairs departments had a plan to spend K 40.1 million in the 2011-2012 fiscal year: K 25 million funded by the Development Affairs Department (Head Office), K 15.1 million funded by the township development affairs committee: on maintenance of the Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung road, and had a plan to ask the central committee for implementation of development of border areas and national races to fund the roadwork.

Afterwards, U Saw Taw Pale of Kayin State Constituency No. 7 asked **if there was a plan to move Thandaunggyi Township offices to the previous administrative town Thandaung for the convenience of the people and government service personnel.**

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said Thandaunggyi Township was established in 1900 during the colonial period and it became the seat of the local administrative body. The office was moved to Leiktho (now sub-township) in 1910 and to Thandaunggyi, a summer resort, in 1935. In 1959, the office was moved to Thandaung Myothit, about 15 miles from Thandaunggyi, for security reasons. In 2002, Thandaunggyi was upgraded from the village-tract to the sub-township, and in 2006, from the township-branch to the township. For the development of areas in the north-east part and eastern part of Thandaunggyi, the offices had been opened as from 1, January, 2007, he added.

A plan had been made to upgrade the road linking Thandaunggyi and Leiktho and the 15-mile long Thandaungthit-Thandaunggyi Road had been upgraded to a two-lane tarred road.

Necessary infrastructures had been laid down to supply electricity and water round the clock to Thandaunggyi as part of efforts for development of Thandaunggyi though it was located on the mountain,

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the Union Minister said. Buildings for departmental offices were being constructed in the township and the seat of the township administrative body was moved to Thandaunggyi for the development of the region, the Union Minister said.

Afterwards, U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency No. 11 asked **if there was a plan to allocate alluvial land left by rivers and creeks to the right hands when the plains were allocated to farmers.**

The Union Minister replied that the Rule 16 (1) of the 1963 Tenancy Law had allowed to allocate the alluvial land caused by change of watercourse of rivers and creeks to farmers in accordance with the rules and regulations 16 (4) of the law.

Regarding the allocation of alluvial land, region and state governments concerned made decisions in accordance with the Rule 16 (4) (b) of the 1963 Tenancy Law and allowed the district administrative bodies to allocate the land to farmers. According to the question, the alluvial land located between Shankaing Village-tract Waw Township, Bago Region, and Moppalin Village in Kyaikhto Township, Mon State, was gained from the Sittoung River as from the 1989-1990 fiscal year. When the land had become fertile, farmers from both townships grew plants, causing disputes. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the total area of the alluvial land had reach 514 acres and farmers from Waw and Kyaikhto townships had grown crops.

Except from the land for farmers in Waw Township, the remaining 134 acres had been allocated to Min Min Tun Company with the agreement of Bago Region Government for one season. Regarding the allocation of the alluvial land, measures, which were based on the cooperative system, were taken to allocate the land to right farmers who had no farmland and anyone could apply for the land to region/state governments concerned in accordance with the rules and regulations.

U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State constituency No. 4 asked **how the Union Government would solve complaints about farmland confiscation in Ngan Tat Village-tract and Hpontha Village-tract in Minhya Township, Rakhine State.**

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that the Section 37 (a) of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar says "The Union is the ultimate owner of all lands and all natural resources above and below the ground, above and beneath the water and in the atmosphere in the Union." Therefore, to protect the sovereignty and territories and

to take the national security duties, security forces were posted in the interests of the State, he said.

To carry out such tasks, designating areas for local regiments and battalions to protect the State and the people was the far-sighted management of the government. Regarding the tenancy of the farmland by the local regiments and battalions, local authorities would re-scrutinize the tenancy and would coordinate with officials of local regiments and battalions and the Rakhine State Government to make assessment of the farmland in the interests of the local people.

The Hluttaw decided to let Public Complaints and Petitions Committee handle the proposal.

Next, Union Minister for Industry (1) and for Industry (2) U Soe Thein answered queries raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 asked **"whether Ministry of Industry (2) can manufacture industrial quantities of Myanmar mini saloon automobile so that the public can easily purchase it; whether the ministry could permit importation of Cherry wagon like Myanmar mini saloon from the People's Republic of China; whether the ministry could permit importation of other mini automobiles with less fuel consumption."**

The Union Minister replied that the nature of industrial production is to be considered; to increase the daily rate of production, primary factory is to be established first; moreover, purchase of necessary parts for production of automobiles is to be included in the budget; the Ministry of Industry (2) has to practice division of budget as it has to manufacture other industrial products in addition to automobiles.

The Union Minister went on that the ministry is implemented projected production of home-made automobiles; in addition, it is focusing on use of skilled workers, equipment, jigs & robot welding; importation of automobiles may affect the local job market, deterring the development of automobile production techniques; in addition if automobiles are imported, levied taxes will be paid to the government according to the procedures, which means an inevitable rise in current price of automobiles; so the ministry has increasingly focused on localization and sale at lower price.

The Union Minister went on that the Ministry of Industry (2) will manufacture about 1500 units of Myanmar mini saloon automobile in 2011-2012 fiscal year and will manufacture more in the future, equipping

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more machines; the Ministry of Rail Transportation has issued notification of importation of automobiles on 11-9-2011; in addition, foreign, joint-venture and enterprise automobile makers will be permitted in Myanmar foreign automobile makers; the ministry is taking measures for people to be able to purchase automobiles either at showrooms or import from abroad freely in the future.

U Kyi Tun of Mandalay Region Constituency No 1 asked **"whether the ministry would permit private sector to engage in western pharmaceutical manufacturing industry."**

The Union Minister replied that Myanmar Investment Law is in the process of amendment and local and foreign entrepreneurs can make investment in medicine production industry in line with existing laws, rules and regulations; currently, Myanmar Economic Holdings is running medicine factory in PyinOoLwin; western pharmaceutical products are to be produced at separate rooms dividing sterile product, non-sterile product and biological product room and production processes has to be in line with internationally-recognized WHO good manufacturing practice at least; factory equipment should be purchased from ISO certificate holder companies and the storage of raw materials and finished goods must be in line with good storage practices described in internationally-recognized GMP of WHO; in addition, raw materials to be used in medicine production are to be B.P, U.S.P, and I.P standard pharmaceutical ingredients and the suppliers should be certificate holders recognized by the WHO; each step of water pre-treatment system and water for injection (WFI) water processing system,



**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative of Rakhine State Constituency No. 1 Dr Aye Maung raises queries.**

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which are vital in pharmaceutical manufacturing, are to observed in accordance with WHO GMP and ASEAN GMP; moreover, workers engaged in pharmaceutical manufacturing have to be well-trained, skillful, pharmacists, chemist and biologists who are healthy and care personal hygiene.

The Union Minister said that production of western medicines will be permitted if standard medicines are manufactured in line with Myanmar Investment Law, Private Industry Law, National Pharmaceutical Law, rules and regulations and required principles for establishment of western pharmaceuticals industry.

U Zone Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No 2 asked **"progress in power supply tasks for Haka, Falam, Tiddim, Matupi, Mindat, Paletwa and Kanpetlet townships"** and Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe said that although Chin State still cannot enjoy power from national grid, it has access to electric power through as 11 township electrical engineers offices in Haka, Falam, Tiddim, Tonzang, Htantalan, Kyikha, Reedhorda, Mindat, Matupi, Kanpetlet and Rawza townships are supplying electric power with 23 generators and the State is using 3640 gallons of oil per month for power supply to Chin State.

The Union Minister went on that Kyaw has already access to national grid, from which construction of 30 miles long 66 KV power lines and power stations in Gangaw have been started in 2011-2012 in fiscal year, in consideration of potential surplus of the national grid; projected construction of 66 KV power lines such as Gangaw-Haka (60 miles), Haka-Falam-Thaingngin-Kalay-Kalewa (90 miles), Kalay-Tamu (70 miles), Pauk-Mindat (35 miles), Mindat-Matupi (110 miles)

**Deputy Border Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win responding queries.**

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and related power stations are in the process of implementation; upon completion of those projects, electricity can be supplied to Haka, Falam and Thaingngin through national grid; power lines can be connected to Tiddim, Tonzang and Kyikah from Thaingngin and on completion of Myittha, Manipura hydropower projects, 230/66/11 KV, 100 MVA main power station is projected to be constructed in Gangaw so as to link with national grid.

The Union Minister went on that upon completion of Saidin hydropower projects, electric power can be supplied to Paletwa of Chin State through Kyauktaw of Rakhine State and upon completion of Pauk-Mindat-Matupi power line, electric power can be supplied to Kanpetlet of Chin State through Saw of Magway Region.

U Zone Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No 2 asked **"whether there is progress in detailed coordination between Myanmar and India to sign national agreement on tourism in Chin State"** and Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replied that although a particular MoU on entrance and exit between Myanmar and India has not been signed, Zokawdo exit in Mizoram State of India and Reedhorda border check point in Reedhorda sub-township of Falam District of Chin State of Myanmar have been legally opened since 11-2-1989 under the agreement of border area authorities of the two nations; the entrance fee is 10 Rupiah per head for Indians with one-day visit allowance to Reedhorda and around Reed Lake and the exit fee is K 500 per head with one-day period.

The Myanmar-India border gate in Tamu of Sagaing Region was opened on 1-2-1989; it was closed on 11-10-1997 following the insurgent attacks under the agreement of security authorities of both sides; for legal entrance, State level agreement which requires to report to each levels is needed; negotiations between Myanmar and India over entrance started as of 2003; under the resolution of State-level Myanmar-India Border Authorities Meeting held in Yangon in October, 2003, Indian side sent Myanmar-India Border Agreement (Draft) drafted by India via the embassy in July, 2004; in the draft, India demanded to establish border gates in Zokhoda, Pansha and Nampaung in Myanmar; the border gate, namely Zokhoda in India and Reedkhoda in Myanmar, has been established; Myanmar side discussed that the opening of border gates in other two places was not currently possible in 12<sup>th</sup> State level Meeting of

**Union**

**Minister**

**U Soe**

**Thein**

**answering**

**queries.**

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Myanmar-India Border Authorities Meeting held in New Delhi of India; 17<sup>th</sup> State level Meeting of Myanmar-India Border Authorities will be hosted in Myanmar in opportune time and attitudes and discussions of Indian side will be considered, the Union minister said.

Hluttaw representatives Dr Khin Swe, Dr Myint Kyi, U Zaw Naing Oo, U J Raw Wu, Dr Banyar Aung Moe, U Sai Thant Zin, U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than, U Phone Myint Aung and U Hmat Gyi discussed the proposal submitted by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No 2 on 26 September that **"the Union government is urged to handle plethora of unsettled cases regarding farmland/land losses"**.

They discussed that peasant means the individual who operate the farm with his own hands as a main vocation or constantly, or who supervise the farm in the whole growing season as a main vocation; peasants representing 75% of ration's population deserve thanks of the people as they are doing agricultural works for food security and livings of over 60 million people; honest peasants are experiencing losses as the private companies did not pay full compensations for centralization of farmland, property, plots, plantations.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw said the centralization of farmlands is carried out if it is a bona fide need for regional development and construction works; in so doing, existing laws, rules and regulations, and directives are to be applied to settle the case at all in order to avoid loss of peasants; as the new government prioritizes rural development and poverty alleviation as the main task; the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is realizing short-term and long-term plans for agricultural development as well; the President in his address to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on the first day of second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said that the Region/State governments are to handle the cases correctly as they understand the reality of their own region, laws, rules and regulations, directives and coordination are needed to define functions among regional authorities, respective enterprises and departments according the powers to be shared; law experts are drafting Farmland Law, rules and regulations (drafts) to prevent losses of peasants, to settle farmland disputes correctly and hastily; nine matters related to the ministry regarding farmland and cropland disputes will be dealt in 2011.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

The 26<sup>th</sup> day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 3.15 pm and the session continues for 27<sup>th</sup> day at 10 am on 29 September.

At today's session, eight questions were raised and answered; one question was transferred to People's Complaints and Petitions Committee; and one proposal was discussed and approved.

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**MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (315)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (315) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**Suspect arrested in Argentine girl's murder case**

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Sept— Police in Argentina have arrested a man suspected of masterminding the kidnapping and killing of an 11-year-old girl, which shocked the nation. The disappearance of Candela Rodriguez received widespread media coverage.

Her body was found dumped on the outskirts of the Argentine capital nine days after she disappeared last month.

Police suspect Hector



*Candela's murder shocked Argentina*

Moreira of planning the crime in revenge for a debt incurred by the girl's father, a charge that Mr Moreira denies.

Mr Moreira, 40, is the seventh person to be arrested in connection with the crime.

Sources close to the

**"DURGA PUJA INVITATION"**

THE SARADIYA DURGA PUJA (Sandhi Mai Daw Puzaw Pwe) will be celebrated from Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Hindu temple Sri Sri Durga Bari No. 307, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

All are cordially invited to attend the Durga Puja Celebration with family and friends.

Durga Puja Celebration Committee 2011.

**\$230m in silver found in WWII shipwreck off Ireland**

NEW YORK, 27 Sept —US treasure hunters have found a World War II shipwreck containing an estimated \$230 million in silver, the largest cache



*A stern compass of the SS Gairsoppa on the poop deck. A German U-boat torpedoed the 1919 steamer off Ireland in February 1941 during its voyage from India.—INTERNET*

of precious-metal booty ever, the BBC reports. A German submarine torpedoed the British cargo ship *SS Gairsoppa* about 300 miles off the coast of Ireland on 17 Feb, 1941.

The 1919 steamship was hauling 219 tons of silver—7 million ounces—of privately held bullion and government-owned coins and ingots, some of which may also contain 2.5% gold, according to documents. The ship was headed to Galway from India. Only one of the 85 crewmembers survived.

Using deep sonar and robotics submersibles, Odyssey Marine Exploration found the treasure this summer in more than 14,000 feet of water. Under a contract with the UK government, the Tampa-based company will keep 80% of the cargo's value. Recovery work is to begin next spring. — *Internet*

*This 15 September image shows a cargo hold and a ladder leading up onto the forecandle deck of the SS Gairsoppa, which was sunk by a German submarine off Ireland in February 1941 carrying 7 million ounces—more than 200 tons—of silver. Tampa-based Odyssey Marine Exploration found the shipwreck more than 14,000 feet deep in the North Atlantic.—INTERNET*

**Scientists say coffee may prevent depression**



*Coffee must contain caffeine to have the effect, say the researchers*

NEW YORK, 27 Sept— Women who drink two or more cups of coffee a day are less likely to get depressed, research suggests. It is not clear why it might have this effect, but the authors believe caffeine in coffee may alter the brain's chemistry. Decaffeinated coffee did not have the same effect.

The findings, published in *Archives of Internal Medicine*, come from a study of more than 50,000 US female nurses. The experts are now recommending more work to better understand the link.

And they say it is certainly too soon to start recommending that women should drink more coffee to boost mood.

The Harvard Medical School team tracked the health of the women over a decade from 1996 to 2006 and relied on questionnaires to record their coffee consumption. Just over 2,600 of the women developed depression over this time period. More of these women tended to be non- or low-coffee drinkers rather than frequent coffee consumers. Compared with women who drank one cup of caffeinated coffee or less per week, those who consumed two to three cups per day had a 15% decreased risk of developing depression. Those who drank four or more cups a day cut their risk by 20%. — *Internet*



**Low vitamin B12 levels may lead to brain shrinkage, cognitive problems: study**

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept —Older people with low blood levels of vitamin B12 markers may be more likely to have lower brain volumes and have problems with their thinking skills, according to researchers at Rush University Medical Centre in Chicago. The results of the study will be published Tuesday in *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

Foods that come from animals, including fish, meat, especially liver, milk, eggs and poultry are usual sources of vitamin B12. The study involved 121 older residents of the south side of Chicago over the age of 65. They had blood drawn to measure levels of vitamin B12 and B12-related markers that can indicate a B12 deficiency. The same subjects took tests measuring their memory and other cognitive skills.

An average of four-and-a-half years later, MRI scans of the participants' brains were taken to measure total brain volume and look for other signs of brain damage. Having high levels of four of five markers for vitamin B12 deficiency was associated with having lower scores on the cognitive tests and smaller total brain volume.

*Xinhua*

*Actors perform during the opening ceremony of the China Today Art Week in Malmo, Sweden, on 26 Sept, 2011. XINHUA*



## 'Bad wine' maker gets professional tips

A New York state man who admits he has made a lot of bad wine says he is hoping to change that as the winner of a week with winemaking professionals.

Donald Schlafer of Mecklenburg, winner of the "Winemaker for a Week" contest organized by the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail, the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance and Greek Peak Resort, said he hopes the pros can help him create a better product than the "gallons of bad wine" he has created in the past, The Rochester (NY) Democrat and Chronicle reported Monday. "I think I know what I'm supposed to do, I just can't figure out how to do it," Schlafer said.

Schlafer's taped entry in the contest was chosen by all three sponsors. "He seemed so sincere," said Cathy Millsbaugh, executive director of the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail. "He's very personable and you could tell he's someone who wants to learn."



Wine glasses sit on a table during the State Dinner with US President Barack Obama and Angela Merkel, on the South Lawn at the White House in Washington, DC, on 7 June, 2011.



A police boat is seen on the Thames river below an inflatable pink pig, which was made famous on the sleeve of the 1976 Pink Floyd album 'Animals', and flies once again over Battersea Power Station in south west London, on 26 Sept, 2011, 35 years later, to announce the launch of the reissue and collector's edition of "Why Pink Floyd....?"

## Pig flies over London in Pink Floyd album tribute

It's a bird, it's a plane — no, it's a pig, floating above London.

The 30 foot by 15 foot (9 meter by 4.5 metre) inflatable porker soared Monday over the derelict Battersea Power station — an image famous from the cover of Pink Floyd's 1977 album "Animals."

The scene was recreated to mark the release of remastered versions of Pink Floyd's 14 studio albums.

Organizers had hoped to use the original vinyl pig, which has been in storage for 35 years. But it was found to be leaky, and a replica was created instead. There was no replay of the moment during the 1976 photo shoot when the original pig broke free of its moorings and floated into the flight path for Heathrow Airport. It was later found in a farmer's field.

## News Album

### Woman with 2 uteruses gives birth to twins

Authorities say a Florida woman with a rare medical condition has delivered twins — one from each of her two uteruses.

The *St Petersburg Times* reports Andrea Barbosa and her husband, Miguel, conceived the twins without reproductive medicine. Nathan and Natalie Barbosa were born 15 Sept at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. They join 2-year-old sister, Izabella.

The newspaper says Barbosa's obstetrician, Dr Patricia St John, placed the odds of such a pregnancy at 1 in about 5 million. The doctor explained that two eggs had to be released and fertilized at the same time in each uterus.

Barbosa's condition is called uterus didelphys. She says it was diagnosed four years ago.

St John says Barbosa's pregnancy was perfect and the twins were born via C-section at 36 weeks.



Britney Spears

## Riot-hit London district slams Britney's gun video

LONDON, 27 Sept— Britney Spears has raised some hackles in Hackney.

Officials in the east London borough, which was scarred by last month's riots, are miffed that the singer filmed a

video in the area that shows her robbing a store and brandishing a gun.

Spears shot the clip for her upcoming single "Criminal" while she was on tour in Britain this month.

The singer's public relations firm says the video depicts Spears and boyfriend Jason Trawick "in a Bonnie and Clyde-style setup, holding shops up while on the run as armed robbers."

For Hackney Council, that was in poor taste.

It said Monday officials had approved the video shoot but "did not agree that a replica gun could be used on location."

The council is "taking this up with the production company."

Internet

Xie Na (L) and Zhang Jie during their wedding ceremony.

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## Chinese TV host Xie Na ties knot with singer boyfriend

BEIJING, 27 Sept— Chinese TV host Xie Na and singer Zhang Jie held their wedding ceremony on Monday in Shangri-la, Yunnan Province.

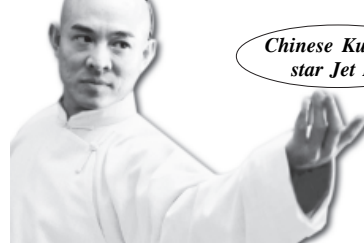
Many of their celebrity friends like TV host He Jiong, singer Li Yuchun and comedian Xiao Shenyang came to

attend the ceremony.

Xie Na and Zhang Jie met each other in 2006 during a popular singing competition, "Happy Boy" or "Kui Le Nan Sheng", which was hosted by Xie Na. Zhang won the fourth place in the show and then started his career as a professional singer.—Xinhua



## Jet Li shifts focus to charity, tai chi



Chinese Kungfu star Jet Li

BEIJING, 27 Sept— Filmmaking is just a hobby now, says kungfu star Jet Li, who is spending more time on his charity and on promoting martial arts.

He has turned down

three films in 2011, including an American one, Li says at the premiere of his latest film, *It's Love*, a fantasy flick based on a Chinese folktale about the romance between a man

and a snake fairy.

He plays a kungfu monk in the film, which will be released on 28 Sept. The 48-year-old, while running his charity institution One Foundation, will soon start a company to promote tai chi with Alibaba Group Chairman Jack Ma. Alibaba is one of the largest online commerce platforms in China.

Xinhua

## Latin Grammys name Shakira person of the year

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Organizers for the Latin Grammys, the top honours for Latin music, on Monday named Colombian superstar Shakira as their person of the year to be feted at the group's annual awards show in November.

Shakira, who was nominated for three Latin Grammys this year

including album of the year for her "Sale el Sol," will be given the award not only for her songs and performing but for philanthropic work through her Pies Descalzos Foundation. Shakira's foundation focuses on helping impoverished children receive an education.

Reuters



Colombian superstar Shakira

## Mancini wants Balotelli to kick on

MANCHESTER, 27 Sept — Roberto Mancini believes Mario Balotelli has the attributes to become one of the world's top strikers. The Manchester City striker has only been in England for just over a year, yet he has already managed to get himself involved in more scrapes than most players endure in an entire career. It has led to a perception of Balotelli, a scorer against Everton at the weekend, being hard to handle as well as talented, an assessment James Milner thinks is "pretty accurate".

"With Mario it is never easy," laughed Mancini. "But we keep in our mind that Mario is young, and young guys can have different behaviour. I know

him very well. I know he is a fantastic guy. "I want him to work well all the time, in every training session and every match because this year he could be an important player for us.

"He has everything. He has the technical ability. He is strong. He shoots very well. He can score with his head. He needs time but he can become one of the top players." Balotelli's pivotal contribution to the 2-0 victory



Mario Balotelli played a key role in Man City's win over Everton



City manager Roberto Mancini thinks Balotelli can be world class

over Everton on Saturday, that was sealed by fellow substitute Milner in the final minute, justified Mancini's decision to introduce the Italian ahead of Carlos Tevez, who remained on the bench throughout.— *Internet*

## Love looking to earn playing spot on US he will captain

NEW YORK, 27 Sept — Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III will try to play his way onto the team he will lead but European captain Jose Maria Olazabal will not tee it up next year at Medinah Golf Club if he qualifies for a spot. Marking the one-year countdown to the Ryder Cup, the two captains exchanged memories, extended compliments and sketched out their long term plans on Monday at a Chicago news

conference ahead of the biennial competition that will run from September 25-30.

While Love is eager to add a playing role to his duties, Olazabal, who represented Europe in seven Ryder Cups as a player, for three wins and a tie, said he wants no part of the action this time. "I will be part of the team but not as a player," the Spaniard told reporters. "I gave my word that I was going to be captain and with that comes a lot of responsibility, a lot of things you have to do. I think the Ryder Cup has become the third biggest sporting event in the world." — *Internet*



Davis Love III

## Bayern look for perfect 10 against City

MUNICH, 27 Sept — Bayern Munich are looking for their 10th straight win and the chance to take control of Group A when they host Manchester City in the Champions League at the Allianz Arena on Tuesday.

Bayern are on a nine-match winning streak, having won all their games in all competitions since Moechengladbach poached a 1-0 win in the opening German league game back on August 7.

With Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer between the posts, Bayern have also not conceded a goal in those nine games and it has been 838 minutes since he was last beaten in a Munich shirt. Bayern opened their campaign with an impressive 2-0 win at Villarreal in Spain, while City were held to a 1-1 draw in Manchester by Italy's Napoli. However, the visit of City, who are second in England's Premier League behind neighbours United, is largely seen as Bayern's biggest test of the season so far. — *Internet*

## Lucas: Win vital for confidence

LIVERPOOL, 27 Sept — Liverpool midfielder Lucas Leiva knows the victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers was important. Having lost to Stoke City and Tottenham Hotspur, the Reds laid the foundation for their 2-1 win over Mick McCarthy's side with a morale-boosting midweek Carling Cup win over Brighton & Hove Albion. However, that would have counted for nothing had they not picked up three points at Anfield, especially with tough matches at Everton and home to Manchester United to follow.

"It was an important win, especially after the defeat against Spurs," said the Brazil international. "It was a heavy defeat at Spurs (4-0 - in which they had two men sent off) and it was important to win in the Carling Cup and get three points in

the Premier League which gives us chance to be close to the top four. Of course against Spurs everyone could see the situation of the game when we lost two men and it is always difficult to come back." — *Internet*



Lucas helped the Reds to a 2-1 victory over Wolves

## Wozniacki claims three-set win in Tokyo

TOKYO, 27 Sept — World No 1 Caroline Wozniacki needed three sets to finish a second-round match Tuesday at the Toray Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo.

Wozniacki defeated Jarmila Gajdosova 6-1, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3 in beginning her Pan Pacific title defence. She had received a first-round bye. Wozniacki sailed through the first set and was on the verge of a straight-set victory when serving at 5-4 in the second. But Gajdosova posted her lone break of the match and forced the

tiebreaker. Wozniacki took the lead in the third set by breaking Gajdosova at love for a 5-3 lead. No 3-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat Irina-Camelia Begu 6-1, 6-3; fourth-seeded Vera Zvonareva defeated Tsvetana Pironkova 7-5, 6-0 and fifth-seeded Petra Kvitova swept past Mandy Minella 6-2, 6-3 among seeded players winning second-round matches.

However, four seeds were ousted. Maria Kirilenko eliminated No. 6-seeded Samantha Stosur 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 and Vania King was a 6-4, 7-

6 (8-6) winner over 11th-seeded Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova while Klara Zakopalova took a 6-3, 6-1 decision over No. 16 Shahar Peer. Also, Iveta Benesova eliminated 14th-seeded Domi-nika Cibulkova 6-4, 6-2. No 10-seeded Peng Shuai won twice Tuesday, beating Jill Craybas 6-2, 6-0 in a first-round match and then topping Christina McHale 6-0, 6-3 in the second round.



Caroline Wozniacki, shown after a match win at the 2011 US Open, was pushed to three set but won a second-round match Tuesday at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo.— *INTERNET*

## UAE star who scored

### backheeled penalty killed

DUBAI, 27 Sept — The United Arab Emirates soccer player who became an Internet sensation this year when he scored a backheeled penalty kick was killed in a car accident. Theyab Awana died when a car he was in collided with a truck late Sunday while on the way back to Abu Dhabi after national team training in Al Ain. He was 21.

"I feel the loss of one of my family," UAE soccer president Mohammed Khalfan al-Rumaithi said Monday on the national federation's website. "I felt bitter tragedy. May the almighty bless him and may he rest in eternal peace." Al-Rumaithi praised Awana's commitment to the UAE. The winger was a rising star on the country's national team, becoming even more prominent after his penalty kick during a 7-2 drubbing of Lebanon in July.

Awana jogged up to the ball before spinning and flicking the ball past the goalkeeper with his right heel. The YouTube video has been viewed more than 1.2 million times. Awana, who also played for UAE club Bani Yas, had been injured and was due to fly to Germany for treatment. — *Internet*

## Wilshere set for long lay-off

LONDON, 27 Sept — Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere will be sidelined for four to five months following ankle surgery. Wilshere has not featured for the Gunners in a competitive match this season after suffering the injury in a pre-season friendly against the New York Red Bulls at the Emirates Stadium. A statement on the club's official website this evening read: "Jack Wilshere has this morning undergone ankle surgery at a central London hospital.

"Under the care of two world-renowned sur-

geons, Jack has had the stress fracture of his right ankle repaired. "The initial indications are that the following ankle surgery. Wilshere has been successful and Jack will now undergo a prolonged period of rehabilitation. It is envisaged that Jack's rehabilitation will take a period of four to five months." — *Internet*



Jack Wilshere.

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We the bereaved family of the late Dr. Daw Khin Htway (87) years (M.B.B.S) (Ygn) express our deepest gratitude to all friends and relatives who attended the funeral, offered prayers, sent messages of sympathy, floral tributes and shared in our moment of grief. Please accept this acknowledgement as token of our appreciation and a sincere apology for not being able to thank individually.

Bereaved family

## Tens of thousands stranded by floodwaters in India

BHUBANESHWAR, 27 Sept—Indian air force helicopters dropped food parcels and hundreds of boats shuttled stranded people to safer ground as surging floodwaters hit eastern India.

The floods caused

by heavy rains have inundated more than 3,000 villages in Orissa state that are home to more than 2 million people.

Orissa relief commissioner PK Mohapatra says five people were missing Tuesday in

addition to the 27 killed in the eastern state since Friday.

More than 120,000 people have evacuated but tens of thousands are still marooned. Air force helicopters are delivering food, and more than 370 boats

were relocating stranded residents.

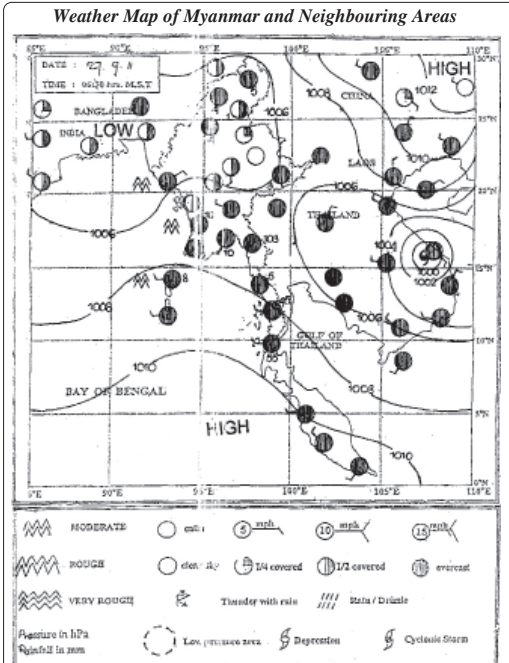
More than 77 people have died in Orissa since the monsoons began in August. Flooding also killed at least 44 since Friday in northern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar states.

In Bihar, 13 people have died over the past three days when mud houses collapsed due to incessant rain, or trees fell on them, crushing residents.

At least 500,000 people have been affected by floods as torrential rains and overflowing rivers inundated northern and central Bihar, said Vyas Ji, a government official in Patna.—Internet



Indian villagers sit in a rescue boat in the flooded Rasulpur village in Orissa's Jajpur district, India, on 26 Sept, 2011. INTERNET



### Weather forecast for 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

S. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	30/86	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	32/90	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers(H)	80%
4	Chin	22/72	12/54	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taintharyi	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	37/90	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
12	Yangon	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	30/86	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	26/79	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	60%

**Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today**  
 During the past (24) hours, Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from North Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar areas. Weather have been Partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway, Mandalay and Bago Regions and Rakhine State, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region and Shan State, fairly widespread in Taintharyi Region, Kachin, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Chaungzone (5.63) inches, Ye (5.12) inches, Mawlamyine (4.06) inches, Kyaukse (3.39) inches, Paung (3.15) inches, Kawthoung (2.36) inches, Myeik (1.84) inches, Pindang (1.81) inches and Gangaw (0.98) inch.

**Bay Inference**  
 Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Significant Features**  
 According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the tropical storm (Haitang) over South China Sea has crossed Vietnam Coast and weakened into a Land Depression. It is forecast to move westward.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days**  
 Likelihood of increase of rain in Eastern Myanmar areas.



Wednesday, 28 September  
View on today

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

- 7:55 am  
7. Cultural Dances
- 8:05 am  
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:25 am  
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am  
10. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Higher Education Level) (Men)
- 8:40 am  
11. International News
- 8:45 am  
12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm  
1. Merial Song
- 4:10 pm  
2. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm  
3. Myanmar Traditional

- Cultural Performing Arts Competition
- 4:35 pm  
4. Dance of National Races
- 4:45 pm  
5. Classical Song
- 5:00 pm  
6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Chem:)
- 5:15 pm  
7. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:20 pm  
8. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 5:30 pm  
9. International News
- 5:40 pm  
10. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Higher Level) (Women)

- 5:50 pm  
11. Documentary
- 6:00 pm  
12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm  
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm  
14. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm  
15. Shwe Yin Khone Than
- 7:10 pm  
16. Teleplay
- 8:00 pm  
17. News
- 18. International News
- 19. Weather Report
- 20. 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview
- 21. Korea NG Award Series
- 22. TV Drama Series
- 23. Dramatic Arts Competition (Traditional Drama)

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (28-9-2011) (Wednesday)

	Transmissions	Times
Local		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(28-9-11 09:30 am ~ 29-9-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- \* Opening
  - \* News
  - \* Beikthano the Ancient Glory of Myanmar
  - \* News
  - \* Creative Expert in Myanmar "The life of a Movie Director"
  - \* News
  - \* Music Gallery
  - \* News
  - \* Myanmar Handicrafts
- Overseas Transmission**
- \* Opening
  - \* News
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- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Handicrafts
- \* News
- \* Youth & Music (Part-4)
- \* News
- \* Festive Events of Twantay
- \* News
- \* Live Concert
- \* Products of the Loom
- \* News
- \* Press Conference for the Fantastic Dream Wedding World 2011
- \* Beauties of Makyee Island
- \* Grand Charity Event
- \* Myanmar Movie "Do contact Kyaye Hmone, if you meet exigency"

# President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of newly-accredited Malaysian Ambassador

*President U Thein Sein receives Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhammad, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhammad, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Malaysia 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. Present on the occasion were Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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## Southwest monsoon withdraws

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—During the past (24) hours, Southwest monsoon has withdrawn, from Northern Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar areas.—MNA

## Isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers likely to be continued

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that although southwest monsoon has withdrawn from northern

Myanmar, northern Bay of Bengal and central Myanmar areas, due to the troughs which are drifting in the westerlies, storm from the South China Sea crossed Vietnam Coast and its remnants of storm moving to the west, isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in northern, eastern and central Myanmar areas during next 48 hrs commencing noon today.—MNA

## Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 26<sup>th</sup> day

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## Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 26<sup>th</sup> day

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**Ministry of Border Affairs, INGOs sign Memorandum of Understanding**

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## Davydenko among early winners in Malaysia



*Nikolay Davydenko, shown in a 2010 file photo, was among the first-round winners Tuesday at the Malaysian Open.—INTERNET*

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Sept— Seeded players Nikolay Davydenko and Kei Nishikori collected first-round wins Tuesday at the Malaysian Open tennis tournament.

Davydenko, seeded fifth, defeated Ryan Harrison 6-3, 6-2 by getting seven service breaks. Davydenko won 59 percent of the points when receiving serve but won just more than half (33-30) when serving. He saved nine of 12 break points he faced. The eighth-seeded Nishikori rallied for a 4-6,

6-4, 6-1 win over Teymuraz Gabashvili. He lost his serve four times but only once after the first set.

Qualifier Rik de Voest earned a second-round slot with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Ryan Sweeting. De Voest lost all three of the break points he saw in the first set but didn't drop his serve after that.

In other first-round play Tuesday, Philipp Petzschner defeated Mischa Zverev 7-5, 6-3; Lukasz Kubot topped Lukas Rosol 6-3, 6-3; and Somdev Devvarman edged past Mikhail Ledovskikh 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Also, Albert Ramos advanced when Mikhail Kukushkin retired with Ramos ahead 4-6, 6-3, 4-2.—Internet

*Team Melo's LeBron James scores against Team Philly in the first half of the "Battle of I-95" basketball game on 25 Sept, 2011, in Philadelphia.*

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