Yangon Region Ministers reshuffled

NA Pyi Taw, 30 June—The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Order No. 33/2011 today. The Order No. 33/2011 is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
(Order No. 33/2011)
14th Waning of Nayon, 1373 ME
(30 June, 2011)

Reshuffle of Ministers of Yangon Region

The following Ministers of Yangon Region submitted by the Yangon Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.

(a) Col Zaw Min Oo Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
(b) U Nan Za Mon Ministry of Finance and Revenue
(c) U Van Thoong Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding
(d) U Kyaw Nyein Ministry of Forestry and Mines
(e) U Ram Mann Ministry of Planning and Economics
(f) U Cim Lyan Paung Ministry of Transport
(g) U Nein Nine Ministry of Development Affairs
(h) Dr Ba Maung Ministry of Social Affairs

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Kayah State Ministers reshuffled

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Reshuffle of Ministers of Kayah State

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(a) Col Tin Soe Ministry of Security and Border Affairs
(b) U Than Kyaw Soe Ministry of Finance and Revenue
(c) U Po Yei Yan Aung Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding
(d) U Ye Win Ministry of Forestry and Mines
(e) U Tawt Yei Ministry of Planning and Economics
(f) U Chit Hla Ministry of Transport
(g) U Saw Hu Hu Ministry of Electric Power and Industry
(h) U Aung Naing Oo Ministry of Development Affairs
(i) U Koe Yei Ministry of Social Affairs

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**PERSPECTIVES**

Friday, 1 July, 2011

**Gear up construction of roads and bridges in Ayeyawady Region**

Southern part of the delta in Ayeyawady Region is teeming with plenty of rivers, creeks and lakes. The area blessed with fertile soil and abundant natural resources is producing paddy, beans and pulses, meat, fish, salt and various kinds of marine products.

At present, emphasis is being placed on infrastructures in transport sector of the region, whereby building over 9000 more miles in length of asphalt roads, gravel roads, hard roads and earthen roads than that of the past. Roads have been constructed as a network among 25 townships of 26. Likewise, new bridges have been commissioned into service.

Auknat Creek Bridge on Bogale-Sethsaing-Ahmar Road was inaugurated in Bogale Township of Pyapon District on 25 June. The bridge in length of over 400 feet can withstand 13 tons of vehicle plus commodity for individual vehicle. In the past, those wishing to go to Ahmar from Bogale used Pyapon-Kyonkadun-Daw Nyein-Ahmar Road. The new road is 32 miles shorter than the old one.

Thanks to Auknat Creek Bridge, local people have easy access to other areas through land route at any time. If natural disasters fell, they could be evacuated to safe places in a short time using the bridge. Local people can travel to various regions through the bridge that links completed road networks.

As a result of building new roads and bridges with momentum in the region, rice, paddy and marine products can be transported to regions and states for ensuring swift flow of commodities.

Ayeyawady Region is now facilitated with not only better water courses but also motor roads and railroads. The eastern bank of Ayeyawady River is in a scene of oneness with the western bank. Consequently, Ayeyawady Region is taking the position of most economic development region due to smooth trading of paddy, rice, meat and fish products while building new roads and bridges.

US Vision Sports basketball team to undergo joint training with Myanmar team

YANGON, 30 June—Vision Sports basketball team from the United States America to undergo joint training with selected Myanmar basketball players camping for XVI SEA Games arrived here today. Ministry of Sports together with Myanmar Basketball Federation organized the joint training. The US basketball team will make joint practice with Myanmar team at National Indoor Stadium (1) from 1 to 7 July.—MNA

**Appointment of Ambassador agreed on**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—**The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Handunnethi Rannulu Piayasiri as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr Newton Gunaratna.

Mr Handunnethi Rannulu Piayasiri was born in 1944 and passed GCE O/L. He served as a member of Dickwella MPCs Board of Directors from 1972 to 1975 and as a Chairman of National Lotteries Board from 1977 to 1983. He assumed the post of Minister of Labour, Local Government Power and Energy in 1988. From 1989 to 1994, he served as a member of Parliament and State Minister of Labour and National Vocational Trainer. From 1990 to 1993, he served as a member of Strategy Decision Making Committee under the President. In 1994, he was Chairman of Petroleum Corporation. He is presently serving as a member of Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

Mr Handunnethi Rannulu Piayasiri is married.—MNA

**People’s Desire**

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* Oppose those trying to jeopardize the stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**Diary of FM arrives back from Lao PDR**

**Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint meets Lao Minister Mr Somsavat Lengsavad.**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint arrived back in Yangon by air yesterday evening after paying an official visit to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic from 27 to 29 June at the invitation of Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR.

On 28 June morning, the deputy minister called on Lao Deputy Prime Minister Mr Somsavat Lengsavad at the Prime Minister’s Office of Lao PDR.

In the afternoon, he met Lao Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak and held a discussion on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Nyunt Hlaing and Minister Counsellor U Thitha Han were also present at the meeting.

The Myanmar delegation attended the dinner hosted by the Laotian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs at Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane. While in Vientiane, the deputy minister together with the Myanmar ambassador and officials paid homage to Thatluang Temple and visited Lao National Museum, Public Security’s Museum, Lao handicraft and weaving center, Lao Institute of Foreign Affairs and Stock Market.

Yesterday morning, the deputy minister visited the Myanmar Embassy in Vientiane and met the ambassador and staff members.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation left Vientiane by air and arrived back in Yangon in the evening.—MNA

**Foreign guests to attend Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sale-2011**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Five chartered planes carrying 979 guests from Macao and Hong Kong account to visit Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sale-2011 to be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 1 to 13 July arrived here this morning. They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by officials of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. The ministry will hold Tourism and Food Show under tourism promotion programme.—MNA

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction on expiry of the one-year probation period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Director-General U Hay Lwin of the Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development as Director-General of the Department of Myanmar Language Commission under the Ministry of Education from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Director U Tin Htoo of the Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue as Director-General of Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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Obama says drawdown from Afghanistan to be done in responsible way

WASHINGTON, 30 June—US President Barack Obama said on Wednesday that the drawdown of US military forces from Afghanistan will be done “in a responsible way.” The troop withdrawal will be conducted in a manner “that will allow Afghanistan to defend itself and will give us the operational capacity to continue to put pressure on al-Qaeda,” Obama said at a White House Press Conference.

The president also said the United States is being successful in the Afghan mission, and has severely crippled al-Qaeda’s capacities. Obama’s remarks come as American troops are starting to leave Afghanistan next month under the president’s newly unveiled withdrawal plan. According to the plan, 10,000 troops will be pulled out from the country by yearend, and a total of 33,000 troops will be out by next summer, fully recovering the surge troops the president announced in late 2009.

Costs of US war on terror up to 4.4 trillion US dollars

WASHINGTON, 30 June—The United States could end up spending as much as 4.4 trillion dollars on wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, a new research report estimates. Nearly 10 years after a US declaration of a war on terror, wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan have cost the US between 2.3 trillion dollars to 2.7 trillion dollars, according to the report from Brown University’s Watson Institute for International Studies.

The report not only covered direct costs of post-9/11 wars, but also included costs of caring for current and future war veterans and project war spending from 2012 to 2020. The final price tag for the wars will range from 3.7 trillion dollars to 4.4 trillion dollars, the report estimated.

The wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan have killed at least 225,000 people, including men and women in uniform, contractors, and civilians, the report said. Among the victims were 137,000 civilians killed by all parties to these conflicts. In addition, the wars have created more than 7.8 million refugees among Iraqis, Afghans, and Pakistanis.

US military says three American soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 June—The US military says three American soldiers have been killed in southern Iraq in the deadliest month for US troops in two years.

A statement issued Thursday says the troops were killed Wednesday but gives no other details, and the names of the dead are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The deaths bring to 4,469 the number of American troops who have died in Iraq. That’s according to an Associated Press count.

Fifteen US troops have died this month in Iraq. It’s the highest number of military deaths in the country since June 2009, and all but one were killed in combat.

Germany arrests teenage suspect linked with “terrorist bodies”

BERLIN, 30 June—German prosecutors said Wednesday they had arrested a teenager on suspicion that he helped “terrorist organizations” recruit suicide bombers through Internet.

Harry M, alias Isa al Khattab, was arrested on Tuesday in the northern German City of Neumuenster, prosecutors said. He was accused of supporting the Islamic State of Iraq, the al-Qaeda front group in Iraq, and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan which hopes to create an Islamic State across central Asia.

Prosecutors said he had operated the “Islamic-Hacker-Union’s” Internet operations since December 2010 and posted 70 text and video messages advocating violent Jihad from February to April 2011 alone.

On the same day, the German coalition government agreed to extend the anti-terror law with some changes for another four years, considering “the anti-terror situation is generally more difficult than 10 years ago.”

6 civilians killed in roadside bomb blast in S Afghanistan

LAGHMAN, 30 June—Six civilians were killed on Thursday morning when their car hit a roadside bomb in Marja District of southern Helmand Province, a statement issued by local government here said.

“Six civilians, all members of the same family, including a woman, a man and four children, were killed as their vehicle touched off a roadside bomb on Thursday morning in Shin Ghizak area of Marja District,” said the statement.

The statement blamed the enemies of Afghanistan, a term used referring for Taleban militants, for planting the bomb on the road and responsible for the attack in the province, some 555 km south of capital of Kabul.

However, the militants group has yet to make comments. The Taleban-led militancy has been rampant since the militant group announced to launch spring offensive from 1 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops stationed in Afghanistan.

A total of 368 civilians were killed in conflicts and Taleban-led militancy in May this year, the deadliest month for Afghan civilians since 2007, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said in a statement earlier this month.
Scientists discover brightest, earliest quasar

Los Angeles, 30 June—A team of European astronomers, glimpsing back in time to when the universe was just a youngster, says it has detected the most distant and earliest quasar yet.

Light from this brilliant, starlike object took nearly 13 billion years to reach Earth, meaning the quasar existed when the universe was only 770 million years old — a kid by cosmic standards. The discovery ranks as the brightest object ever found.

To scientists’ surprise, the black hole powering this quasar was 2 billion times more massive than the sun. How it grew so bulky so early in the universe’s history is a mystery. Black holes are known to feed on stars, gas and other matter, but their growth was always thought to be slow.

The discovery was reported in Thursday’s issue of the journal Nature.

Since quasars are so luminous, they guide astronomers studying the conditions of the cosmos following the Big Bang, the explosion believed to have created the universe 13.7 billion years ago. Researchers are constantly trying to zoom in on their quest to see the universe as an infant. The deeper they peer into space, the further back in time they are looking.

The previous record holder was a quasar that dated to when the universe was 870 million years old.

The new quasar, with the tongue-twisting name ULAS J1120+0641 — was identified in images from a sky survey taken by the United Kingdom Infrared Telescope perched near the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii. The discovery was confirmed by other telescopes.

“It’s like sifting for gold. You’re looking for something shiny,” said lead researcher Daniel Mortlock, an astrophysicist at Imperial College in London.

In an editorial accompanying the research, Chris Willott of the Canadian Astronomy Data Centre called the quasar a “monster” that could upend current theories about the growth of black holes.

“The existence of this quasar will be giving some theorists sleepless nights,” said Willott, who was not part of the discovery team.

Fossil eyes reveal predator’s sharp vision

Washington, 30 June—Ancient animals saw the world through multifaceted compound eyes, a new fossil discovery reveals. The ancient eyes, which date back half a billion years, probably belonged to a predator, likely a giant shrimp-like creature.

Like a modern fly, the ancient creature relied on compound eyes consisting of thousands of separate lenses to see the world. Each lens provides a pixel of vision. The more lenses, the better the creature could see. The mysterious ancient shrimp saw better than any other animal yet discovered from its era: Its eyes contained 3,000 lenses.

The fossil eyes were found by Australian researchers on Kangaroo Island, South Australia. They’re 515 million years old, meaning the animal lived just after the “Cambrian Explosion,” a sudden burst of life and diversity that began 540 million years ago.

“The new fossils reveal that some of the earliest arthropods had already acquired visual systems similar to those of living forms, underscoring the speed and magnitude of the evolutionary innovation that occurred during the Cambrian Explosion,” the authors wrote in the Nature article.

Because the eyes were found isolated, researchers can’t say with certainty what sort of animal carried them. But the fossils were found in the same rock as an array of ancient marine animals, suggesting a creature something like what the world would have looked like to the ancient animal.

World of Warcraft now free to play until level 20

New York, 30 June—The most popular MMORPG of all time, World of Warcraft, will be free to play — at least until your in-game character reaches level 20 — Blizzard has announced.

Blizzard has considered the option for years, and it dabbled with a number of free trial programmes, all of which were time-limited.

Now, under the new programme called World of Warcraft Starter Edition, new players can play at their own pace without having to worry that the free trial will expire. When they reach level 20, they can continue playing, but will stop earning experience, making it impossible to level up. To play past level 20, new players will need to upgrade to the full version of the game, which can be done online here.

Although there’s no time limit for trial players, there’s a great deal of other restrictions besides the 20-level limit: Trial players can have a maximum of 100 gold; their trade skills are capped at 100 ranks; they are unable to trade in the Auction House or join guilds; their chat options are limited; they cannot invite other players into a party and so on.

Tumblr iPhone app 2.0 makes managing blogs easier

Washington, 30 June—Tumblr is out with version 2.0 of its iPhone app, and it has completely overhauled the interface, making it much easier to post from multiple blogs.

Tumblr announced the update via its blog, stating that the app “has been recoded, rewired, and rethought from the ground up to offer you the very best of the Tumblr experience.”

Changes include a new UI for checking out blogs you follow, creating posts and managing multiple blogs.

Check out the new look below. It appears very similar to Instagram in terms of the navigation bar, and it’s pretty intuitive to use. Previously, you had two navigation options — Post and Dashboard — and had to drill down for more usability. Now everything is at your fingertips.

Tumblr also added the ability to read and reply to messages and find new users via your phone’s address book. In addition, version 2.0 allows new users to sign up within the app.

Facebook expands sorting options on comments box plugin

Washington, 30 June—Facebook has announced two new features for its Comments Box plugin, which lets third party websites embed Facebook comments: Chronological Sort, and Boost Comment.

Comments can now be sorted in three ways: besides the reverse chronological sort option, you can now also have the comments sorted chronologically or by their social ranking, which will take into account likes and comments from other users. To choose an option, click the arrow next to the number of comments in the box.

Furthermore, if a particular comment is especially relevant to you and you want to push it to the top, you can do so by clicking the “Boost Comment” option.

Facebook also made improvements to the comments box itself, making it much easier to add a new comment. For example, when you hover over the “Comment” option, Facebook will take into account likes and comments from other users. To choose an option, click the arrow next to the number of comments in the box.

A person poses while using a BlackBerry Bold 2 smartphone made by Research in Motion.
Researchers analyze gene changes in ovarian cancer

Los Angeles, 30 June—Researchers analyzing the genetic makeup of ovarian cancer tumours have found a gene mutation that is surprisingly frequent, suggesting it plays a key role in driving the cancer.

The finding, appearing in Thursday’s issue of the journal Nature, may eventually lead to tests for earlier diagnosis of the disease and to better treatment. Ovarian cancer kills nearly 14,000 women in the United States each year. It’s usually not spotted until at an advanced stage.

The gene sequencing was carried out by The Cancer Genome Atlas, a federally funded network of medical centres that analyzed 316 ovarian tumours.

Scientists found that 96 percent of the tumours had mutated TP53 genes. The mutations were not present in normal tissue from the patients, showing they arose within the tumours. Normally, the gene directs the cell how to make a protein that acts as a tumour suppressor, keeping cells from growing and dividing uncontrollably.

Alterations in nine other genes also played a role in ovarian cancer, though to a much lesser extent, the researchers reported. Among them were the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, which increase the risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

“In other cancers, there are usually several genes that are involved” on almost equal footing, said one of the study authors, Dr David Wheel of Baylor College of Medicine. “This is an unusual pattern.” The new work “is producing impressive insights into the biology” of ovarian cancer, Dr Francis Collins, who heads the National Institutes of Health, said in a statement.

New CEO targets leaner Lloyds with 15,000 job cuts

London, 30 June—Lloyds is to cut 15,000 jobs and halve its international presence under a radical overhaul by its new chief executive aimed at returning the part-nationalized British bank back to health.

Lloyds said on Thursday it will deliver 1.5 billion pounds ($2.4 billion) of annual savings by 2014, which would allow it to invest an extra 2 billion pounds in its core retail banking activities.

The cost of the programme will be 2.3 billion pounds.

The bank aims to cut its international presence to under 15 countries by 2014 from 30 now.

New Chief Executive Antonio Horta-Osorio, whom Lloyds poached from rival Santander UK, said his plan will create a more agile organization by cutting through middle management, centralizing control functions, and creating a simpler legal structure.

“We will unlock the potential in this franchise over time by creating a simpler, more agile and responsive organization, and by making substantial investments in better-value products and services for our customers, to deliver strong, stable and sustainable returns for our shareholders.” Horta-Osorio said in a statement.

Lloyds, 41 percent owned by the UK government after needing to be bailed out during the financial crisis and with 30 million customers, said it will “revitalize” the bank, including the Halifax brand it inherited after its troubled 2008 takeover of HBOS.

Bancassurance will remain a core part of the group and it said it plans to restart a progressive dividend payments once it is allowed to do so.

Lloyds and Royal Bank of Scotland were bailed out and part-nationalized by the British government during the credit crisis.

Britain ended up with a 40.6 percent stake in Lloyds and around 83 percent of RBS.

Lloyds shares closed up 1.1 percent at 44.66 pence on Wednesday.

S Korea lower economic growth outlook to 4.5% for this year

Seoul, 30 June—South Korea revised down its economic growth outlook for 2011 to 4.5 percent in a bid to focus on stabilizing consumer prices, the nation’s finance minister said Thursday.

“The outlook for this year’s economic growth was cut to 4.5 percent from the previous 5 percent, and outlook for consumer prices rise was raised to 4 percent from the prior 3 percent,” Finance Minister Bahk Jae-wan told reporters in a joint Press Conference.

The prediction for economic growth was lower than the 5 percent expansion announced last December when the finance ministry unveiled its annual economic management plan.

Bahk said price stability will be the top priority for economic management in the second half of this year, promising the government will make all-out efforts to stabilize consumer prices.

“The outlook for this year’s consumer prices was almost the same as the 3.9 percent rise predicted by the Bank of Korea (BOK).” —Xinhua

An American Airlines jet touches down at the airport in Port-au-Prince.—INTERNET

AMR talking with Boeing, Airbus for 250 planes

New York, 30 June—AMR Corp’s American Airlines is negotiating with aircraft makers Airbus and Boeing Co to replace its entire domestic fleet by purchasing at least 250 airplanes in a deal valued at about $15 billion, the Wall Street Journal reported.

American, which currently operates an all Boeing fleet, is interested in Airbus’ narrow-body family of A320 planes as well as a new-engine A320 variant that will go into production in 2015, the Journal reported citing people familiar with the matter. American, which is also evaluating Boeing’s 737 family of airplanes, hopes to resolve the terms of the order this summer, the paper reported.—Reuters

Partial view of a CT scanner. Current or former heavy smokers screened with low-dose CT scans experienced a 20 percent reduction in lung cancer deaths compared to those screened using chest X-ray. A U.S. study found Wednesday.—INTERNET
Pension rates of State service personnel and political pension rates increased as of July 2011

Pensioners reminded to contact mother units with pension books and related documents

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—To address the basic needs of pensioners, pension rates of pensioners who started drawing pensions before 1 January 2010 are increased to the same rates as that service personnel in service are allowed to draw pensions when they retire, as of July 2011.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue today reminded that State service personnel pensioners are to take forms from related mother units and nearest Pensions Department (head office/branch), fill in and report as soon as possible to their mother units (head offices/branches) with pension books and related documents.

Political pensioners are to take forms from related mother units and nearest Pensions Department (head office/branch), fill in and report as soon as possible to related departments as follows:

(a) Ward/village/township level - Township General Administration Department
(b) State/Region level - Region/State General Administration Department
(c) Pyithu Hluttaw representative - Hluttaw Office
(d) Central administrative level - related bodies (President Office, Union Government Office, central administrative bodies)

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Indian Ambassador

YANGON, 30 June—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at the Yangon Region Government Office here today.

Agricultural loans and inputs provided to farmers in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Chief Minister U Thein Aung of Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning attended the ceremony to present agricultural loans and inputs provided by Shwe Myay Kyawggon Paddy Company to farmers at the township gymnasium, here.

Chairman of Myanmar Paddy Industry Association U Chit Khang spoke words of thanks and Chairman of Asia World Co Ltd U Myint Naing explained Juncions of Shwe Myay Kyawggon Paddy Company.

The Chief Minister handed over K 345 million as agricultural loan to three farmers and Chairman U Tam Myint Naing of Asia World Co Ltd inputs worth K 164.3 million to local farmers.

The Chief Minister also attended the handing over of new school building at Sagaingdaunt Basic Education Primary School in Ohbo Village-tract in Kyaunggon Township.

Chairman of Max Myanmar Co U Zaw Zaw presented documents related to the school building to Township Education Officer U Tint Swe and K 5 million for sinking tube at the school to an official.

Assistant Region Education Officer U Kyi Aung accepted 50 footballs donated by Vice-Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Win of Ayeyawady United FC and 200 dozens of pencils by Max Myanmar Co Director U TinMaungHlaing.—MNA

CPT Ministry honours outstanding children of staff, provides stipend

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs held the ceremony to award offspring of staff who passed matriculation exams with flying colours this academic year along with stipend—providing ceremony at the ministry here yesterday, attended by Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun.

In today’s ceremony, cash assistance the ministry provided amounted to K 35,164,000.

The Union Minister presented stipend for offspring of all staff across the country through departmental heads.

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Minister’s Office
Announcement No. 106/2011
Nay Pyi Taw
14th Waning of Nayon 1373 ME
30 June 2011
Subject: Pension rates of State service personnel increased

1. The Meeting No. 12/2011 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held on 30 June 2011 passed a resolution to increase pension rates of retired State service personnel to address their basic needs.

2. Pension rates of pensioners who started drawing pensions before 1 January 2010 are hereby increased to the same rates as that service personnel in service are allowed to draw pensions when they retire, as of July 2011.

3. Pension rates will be calculated in accordance with Pension Rule based on the salary rates fixed with Notification No. 184/2009 dated 31 December 2009 of the Office of the Minister for Finance and Revenue, in proportion to their last salaries when they retired.

(Hla Tun)
Union Minister

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2. Pension rates of those who have performed political duties and live in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and started drawing political pensions before 1 April 2006 are hereby increased to the rates in proportion to civil salary rates fixed with Notification No. 184/2009 dated 31 December 2009 of the Office of the Minister for Finance and Revenue, as of July 2011. If a present political pension exceeds K 110,000, the political pension rate shall be as it is at present.

(Hla Tun)
Union Minister
Union Auditor-General receives Indonesian Secretary-General of State Audit Board

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung received Secretary-General Mr Hendar Ristriawan of State Auditor Board of Indonesia.**—MNA

They discussed formation of auditor-general offices organization of Southeast Asian countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint, Director-General (Duty) Daw Khin San Oo, Deputy Director-General Daw Naing Thet Oo and directors.

The Indonesian guests were accompanied by Consular Mr Totok Priamanto of the Indonesian Embassy.—MNA

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**New products of Brother brand introduced**

**YANGON, 30 June—** A ceremony to introduce Brother brand printers, electronic typewriters, labeling system and sewing machines, 2011 new brand printers, labeling system, sewing machine (home/industry) and embroidery machines was held in conjunction with the partner’s night dinner in honour of dealer shops and reseller shops at Chatrium Hotel, here, on 24 June.

Director U Tin Lin Pye of Alliance Stars Co Ltd expressed thanks for holding partner’s dinner. Director Mr Tin Fujimoto of Brother International (Singapore) explained the history of Brother brand new products.

Dealer certificates were presented to current dealers and new ones for sales of Brother brand electronic equipment of Alliance Stars Co Ltd and highest sales dealers were awarded. Those present enjoyed the lucky draw programme. Brother brand electronic equipment are being sold as international brand electronic products with service in 40 world countries.

Alliance Stars Co Ltd is the sole agent for these products beginning May 2010. Sales and Service Centres are located at 379/383 on Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township. Tel: 01-380038 and 01-380137, and Nay Pyi Taw Branch at 63 of Thiri Yadanar Modern Market, Tel: 067-421081 and 067-421082.—NLM

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**Construction Ministry awards outstanding students**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—** The Ministry of Construction held the prize presentation for outstanding students in 2010-2011 matriculation examination and stipend presentation for 2011-2012 academic year at the ministry, here, on 28 June.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint delivered an address and awarded the outstanding students.

He presented stipends for the students through officials. Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin, Officer at Special Duty Thura U Sein Thaung, Managing Director U Kyaw Lwin of Public Works and Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development presented prizes to outstanding students.

The Ministry gave prizes to 375 students and cash assistance to 5246 students.—MNA
Vice-President Thiha Thura
U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends opening...
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The 2011 Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales runs at Mani Yadana Jade Hall from 1 to 13 July. On display at the sales are 22,317 jade lots, 284 gems lots and 355 pearl lots. Pearl lots are on sale on 2 and 3 July and gems lots, on 4 July on Gems Market Floor of the Myanma Gems Museum through tender system and competitive bidding system. Jade lots are on sale through tender system from 3 to 9 July, and through competitive bidding system from 10 to 13 July at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.

Altogether 4310 foreign merchants from 1609 foreign companies from 13 countries and not less than 4065 gems merchants of 950 local companies will reportedly attend the sales that is the third of its kind held in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Yangon Region Hluttaw’s special meeting continues for second day

The second-day First Yangon Region Hluttaw special meeting (1/2011) ended at 10.10 am.

It was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region U Sein Tin Win, the deputy speaker, ministers and hluttaw members.

Altogether 122 or 99.18% of the 123 eligible representatives attended the second-day session.

The Region Hluttaw chairman submitted the list of nominees for respective ministries proposed by the Region chief minister to the hluttaw.

Nominees for reshuffled are Defence Services Representative Col Tin Win as Minister for Security and Border Affairs; retired ambassador U Hla Myint as Minister for Development Affairs; Daw San San Nwe from Shwepyitha Township Constituency (2) as Minister for Finance and Revenue; U Soe Min from Mingaladon Township Constituency (2) as Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, U Kyaw Soe from Mingala Taungnyunt Township Constituency (2), as Minister for Planning and Energy; U Than Myint from Htantabin Township Constituency (1) as Minister for Planning and Economy; U Aung Khin from Kamayut Township Constituency (1) as Minister for Transport; U Nyan Tun Oo from Dagon Township Constituency (2) as Minister for Electric Power and Industry; and Dr Myint Thein from Thongwa Township Constituency (1) as Minister for Social Affairs.

The meeting ended at 10.10 am.—MNA

Taninthayi Region Hluttaw meets

First, the Speaker submitted the President’s proposal to change and reform the ministries in the region to the hluttaw, which was approved unanimously.


The meeting came to an end at 11 am.—MNA

Chin State Hluttaw holds second day of Special Meeting 2011

Yangon, 30 June—Special Meeting (1/2011) of first Region Hluttaw was held in Chin State this morning, attended by the State Chief Minister the State Hluttaw Speaker, the deputy speaker, region ministers and State Hluttaw representatives.

Chin State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Min Hauk announced validity of the meeting as all 24 representatives eligible to attend the meeting were present, accounting for cent per cent.

The State Hluttaw Speaker tabled the proposal of the President for reformation of the ministries in Chin State Region for approval of the Hluttaw which agreed the proposal.

Reformed ministries of the region and ministers to be appointed are Defence Services personnel representative Col Zaw Min Oo for Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Tiddim Township Constituency No. 1 representative U Nan Zaw Mon for Ministry of Finance and Revenue, retired Chin State Manager of Myanma Sericulture Enterprise U Van Tho in for Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, Palewa Township Constituency No. 1 representative U Kyaw Nyein for Ministry of Forestry and Mines, Haka Township Constituency No. 1 representative U Ram Mann for Ministry of Planning and Economy, Tonzang Township Constituency No. 1 representative U Chin Lynn Paung for Ministry of Transport, Mindat Township Constituency No. 1 representative U Nen Nya for Ministry of Development Affairs and retired Director-General of Archaeological Department Dr Ba Maung for Ministry of Social Affairs.

The second day of the special meeting (1/2011) of Chin State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.20 am.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — The first day session of Special Meeting (1/2011) of Mandalay Region Hluttaw took place at the Meeting Hall of Mandalay Region Hluttaw, at 10 am. It was attended by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung and Deputy Speaker U Aung Htay Kyaw, Region Ministers and representatives.

The Hluttaw Speaker announced validity of the meeting as all the 76 region representatives eligible to attend the meeting were present, and start of the meeting.

With consent of all Hluttaw representatives, he also announced validity regarding the proposal of the President tabled by the Region Hluttaw Speaker to the Hluttaw about reforming of ministries in Mandalay Region. The reformed ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Planning and Development Affairs and Ministry of Social Affairs. The first day session came to an end at 10:10 am. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — Magway Region Hluttaw held its first-day special meeting (1/2011) at the meeting hall of the Region Hluttaw at 10 am, attended by Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Ye Myint, the Deputy Speaker, ministers and representatives.

First, the Speaker submitted the President’s proposal to change and reform the ministries in the region, to the Hluttaw, which was approved unanimously.


Next, the Speaker submitted the list of nominees to be appointed as ministers at the ministries in the region.

The meeting came to an end at 11 am. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — First Day session of Special Meeting (1/2011) of Kayah State Hluttaw was held at the Meeting Hall of Kayah State Hluttaw, at 10 am, attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, the speaker the deputy Hluttaw speaker, state ministers and representatives. Altogether 20 or 100 % eligible representatives attended the meeting. The chief minister submitted the President’s proposal for re- construction of Kayah State ministries to the hluttaw, which was then approved unanimously.


The Chief Minister submitted list of nominees for reformed ministries. The meeting came to end at 10.20am. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — The second-day special meeting of First Bago Region Hluttaw was held at the meeting hall of the Bago Region Hluttaw at 10 am, attended by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin, Deputy Speaker U Win Myint Soe, region ministers and Hluttaw representatives. The Chief Minister submitted the list of nominees to be appointed as ministers at the ministries in the region.

Defence Service Personnel Representative Col Thet Tun would be appointed as Minister for Security and Border Affairs; U Myint Lwin Oo of Thayawady Township Constituency No (1), as Minister for Planning and Economy; U Tun Wai of Moenyo Township Constituency No (1), as Minister for Transport; U Baby Ohn of Kyaukkyi Township Constituency No (2), as Minister for Electric Power and Industry; U Ye Myint Tun of Bago Township Constituency No (2), as Minister for Development Affairs; and Dr Kyaw Oo of Toungoo Township Constituency No (2), as Minister for Social Welfare.

Next, the Speaker sought the approval for the list of ministers of changed and reformed ministries in the region, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting came to an end at 10:15 am. —MNA
Sagaing Region Hluttaw holds third day of Special Session 1/2011

NAY Pyi Taw, 30 June—The third day of the Special Session 1/2011 of Sagaing Region Hluttaw was held at the meeting hall of Sagaing Region Hluttaw this morning, attended by Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Speaker of the Hluttaw U Thin Hlaing, the deputy speaker, State Ministers and representatives. The speaker announced the validity of the Hluttaw as all 101 representatives were present at the session, accounting for 93.7 per cent.

The Speaker sought the approval for the table of the Hluttaw from the Hluttaw and approved it to be discussed.

The Speaker announced that the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in the discussions on the motion are to be enlisted at the head of Region Hluttaw Office.

The third day of Special Session 1/2011 ended at 10.20 am.—MNA

Shan State representatives meet at Special Session 1/2011

NAY Pyi Taw, 30 June—The first day of the Special Session 1/2011 of Shan State Hluttaw was held at the meeting hall of Shan State Hluttaw this morning, attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sai Lon Hsai, the deputy speaker, State Ministers and representatives.

The speaker announced the validity of the Hluttaw as 134 representatives of 143 were present at the session, accounting for 93.7 per cent.

The speaker submitted the reformation of Shan State ministries in accord with the proposal of the President to the State Hluttaw and sought the approvals.


U Aung Kyaw Nyunt of Yaksawk Township Constituency No.1 tabled a motion on opposing activities of Kachin State-based KIA for hindering regional development projects of Kachin State, disturbing the tasks, threatening and disturbing Chinese personnel of hydropower projects and kidnapping governmental personnel of the state and civilians.

Chin national race representative of Sagaing Region U No Thang Kup seconded the motion.

The Speaker sought the approval for the table from the Hluttaw and approved it to be discussed.

The Speaker announced that the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in the discussions on the motions are to be enlisted at the head of Region Hluttaw Office.

The third day of Special Session 1/2011 ended at 10.40 am.—MNA

Hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day

Nang Mon Hein (Trs)

Saghaing Region Hluttaw in progress. — MNA

Special Meeting (1/2011) of Kachin State Hluttaw continues for third day

NAY Pyi Taw, 30 June—Third day session of First Special Meeting (1/2011) of Kachin State Hluttaw took place at the Meeting Hall of Kachin State Hluttaw, at 10 am, attended by the Kachin State Chief Minister, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Rawan Jon, the deputy speaker and representatives.

The Hluttaw speaker announced validity of start of the meeting as altogether 45 or 88.23 % of 51 eligible representatives attended the meeting.

After that, U Inpharaunggun from Phakant Township Constituency No.1 of Kachin State submitted the proposal on serving interest of the State and the people by stopping acts that disrupt peace, stability and development, which is essential for Kachin People and by building peace in line with democracy practices of the constitution. The proposal was seconded by U Dein Khan Dapi from Khunlaphhu Township Constituency No.1. The speaker sought the approval of the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal. The speaker announced that the proposal will be discussed at the fourth day session of the special meeting to be held on 1 July and representatives wishing to discuss it were to register at State Hluttaw Incharge Deputy Director in the evening.

The meeting came to an end at 10.20 am. — MNA

Third day of the Special Session 1/2011 of Kachin State Hluttaw in progress. — MNA

The pride and beauty of Myanmar women

* The pride Myanmar women take Their long dark hair In single-knot-hair-do
* A genuine Myanmar style Wearing a single flower So impressive they look
* *Grind thanaka they And sandalwood also Apply on face and checks Gives them a healthy shine So cool and fashionable
* A natural and traditional style
* In decent costumes of Myanmar silk Gracious and courteous ever Wearing long sleeved dresses Floral designs on them
* Cotton and silk they value Silk longyi in wavy patterns So royal like real Myanmar

Nang Mon Hein (Trs)
**Rakhine State Hluttaw meets**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—** Rakhine State Hluttaw held its first-day special meeting (1/2011) at the meeting hall of the State Hluttaw at 10 am, attended by State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, State Hluttaw Speaker U Htain Lin, Deputy Speaker U Tha Nyunt, ministers and representatives.

According to the agenda, the Speaker submitted the President’s proposal to reconstitute the ministries in the state to the hluttaw, which was approved unanimously.


The meeting came to an end at 10 am. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

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**Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw meets**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—** Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw held its first-day special meeting (1/2011) at the meeting hall of the Region Hluttaw in Pathein at 10 am, attended by Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Region Hluttaw Speaker Thayayisutha U Hsan Hsint, the Deputy Speaker, ministers and representatives.

First, the Speaker submitted the President’s proposal to reconstitute the ministries in the region to the hluttaw, which was approved unanimously.


The meeting ended at 11 am. — MNA

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**Shi Yongxin (2nd L, back), the current abbot of Shaolin Temple, watches two foreign “disciples” performing martial arts in the Shaolin Temple in Dengfeng City of central China’s Henan Province, on 29 June, 2011. A group of more than 70 Shaolin kungfu fans from a US Shaolin kungfu centre on Wednesday visited the Shaolin Temple, the ancient Chinese monastery famed for its Buddhist traditions and kungfu. — Xinhua**

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**JAPAN SAYS FUKUSHIMA DISASTER NOT TO HAMPER NUKES DEAL WITH INDIA**

**NEW DELHI, 30 June —** Japanese Ambassador to India Akita Naoki said Wednesday that the Fukushima disaster will not hamper the ongoing negotiations for a civil nuclear pact between the two countries.

“It is not that because the Tsunami, we are going to cancel the talks or postpone it,” Saiki said, adding that both India and Japan will go back to talks to firm up the proposed pact.

“I think the review process both in India and Japan will take some time. We need to allay concerns of our residents and we need to go through the process of persuading our residents living in neighbourhood of nuclear power stations,” he added.

Japan and India had started talks for a civil nuclear cooperation pact last year aimed at allowing Japanese firms to export nuclear power technology and equipment to India.

But there were apprehension that these negotiations could receive a set back following the radiation scare in Fukushima nuclear power plant after the tsunami struck the country in March this year. — Internet

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**Heavy rain forces 16,000 to evacuate in south China**

**GUANGZHOU, 30 June— More than 16,000 people were forced to evacuate their homes Wednesday as torrential rains pelted parts of south Guangdong Province, local flood control authorities said.**

Heavy rains unleashed by summer monsoons started to pound the Pearl River Delta and the province’s west coastal region Tuesday evening, disrupting traffic and forcing people in low-lying areas to leave their homes, said a spokesman with the provincial flood control headquarters.

Over 13,500 of the evacuees were from the worst-hit city of Yangjiang, while the evacuation of the rest 2,500 was reported in the city of Taishan, where downpours flooded 20 villages, said the spokesman.

The headquarters Wednesday sent a work team to the rain-ravaged regions to direct flood relief operations.

Torrential rains also lashed nearby Fujian Province and Guangxi with the provincial flood control headquarters.

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**AYEYAWADY REGION**

**Towns near NM fire, nuclear lab wary of smoke**

**DALIAN, 30 June— Fog has stranded more than 8,000 people at the main airport in Dalian, a port city in northeast China’s Liaoning Province.**

Heavy fog descended on Zhoushuizi Airport early Wednesday delaying over 50 flights, and leaving about 8,000 passengers stranded as of 11 am Thursday, said a spokesman with the airport.

The fog cleared around 10 am Thursday, however it would take sometime to get the stranded to their destinations because of the lack of planes at airport.— Xinhua

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**New Mexico wildfire threatens nuclear lab**

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, 30 June— A wildfire that is threatening the nation’s premier nuclear-weapons laboratory has grown to more than 108 square miles as firefighters brace for more erratic winds.**

Crews have managed to hold lines along the southern boundary of Los Alamos National Laboratory as well as along a highway on the edge of the community of Los Alamos.

Fire information officer Rod Torrez says the key Wednesday will be keeping flames out of two canyons that stretch from the mountains into the community.

As crews battle the flames, state and federal officials are monitoring the air. Part of the effort will include a special twin-engine plane that was dispatched by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The plane is outfitted with sensors that can collect detailed chemical and radiological air samples.— Internet

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**Magnitude 5.4 quake hits central Japan, seven injured**

**TOKYO, 30 June— A magnitude 5.4 earthquake hit central Japan and injured seven people on Thursday, but there were no immediate reports of major damage.**

The epicentre of the earthquake, which struck around 8:16 am (2316 GMT on Wednesday) was in Nagano Prefecture, about 120 km (75 miles) from Tokyo, the Japanese Meteorological Agency said.

No tsunami warning was issued after the quake, the agency said. The magnitude was revised down from a preliminary reading of 5.5.— Reuters

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**5.1-magnitude quake hits Philippine Islands region**

**MANILA, 30 June— An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted Philippine Islands Region at 2051 GMT on Wednesday, the US Geological Survey said. The epicentre, with a depth of 39.50 km, was initially determined to be at 13.4402 degrees north latitude and 125.2794 degrees east longitude.— Xinhua**

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**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 1 July, 2011**
Snacking clue to obesity epidemic

New York, 30 June — Snacking and super sizing are two of the dieter’s worst enemies, research suggests. The average daily calorie intake in the US has increased by almost a third in 30 years, reaching 2,374 kilocalories. The influence of bigger portion sizes and excessive snacking outweighs the shift to smaller portion sizes and more frequent eating — both of which could help explain why obesity levels have risen sharply in many Western countries since the 1970s. In the US, where the study was carried out, a third of all adults — more than 72 million people — are now categorised as obese. A team from the University of North Carolina analysed data from food surveys carried out in the seventies, eighties, nineties and the last decade. The surveys record all food and drink a person consumes over a 24-hour period. — Internet

US Air Force pilot still missing in F-16 crash in Nevada

LAS VEGAS, 30 June— The US Air Force on Wednesday said search and rescue efforts were still being conducted for the missing pilot of an F-16 aircraft that crashed Tuesday evening in the state of Nevada. The F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft took off from Nellis Air Force Base, which is located around 7.1 miles northeast of Las Vegas, Nevada and was conducting air-to-air combat exercises about 150 miles north of the city. At around 5:30 pm local time, the aircraft crashed in an area some 20 miles west of Caliente in Nevada’s Lincoln County, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

With the US Air Force deploying another helicopter in search of the missing pilot on Wednesday morning, there have now been three choppers working on search and rescue missions. The incident occurred within the 12,000-square-mile military airspace that surrounds the 3-million-acre range, including 5,000 square miles over public land, Nellis Air Force Base spokesman Chuck Ramsey told the media outlet.

However, according to Brigadier General TJ O’Shaughnessy, commander of the 57th Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, search and rescue teams were trying to spot the parachute and pilot in the suspected crash site, which sits beyond the Nevada Test and Training Range. — Xinhua

Food like pizza are energy dense. — Internet

China to purchase 88 planes from Airbus

TIANJIN, 30 June— China has signed an agreement with the European plane maker Airbus to buy 88 aircraft in the A320 family, a Chinese buyer said on Wednesday.

According to the agreement signed on Tuesday in Berlin, China Aviation Supplies Holding Company (CAS) will buy 46 out of the total 88 aircraft, and the rest 42 will be delivered to the ICBC Financial Leasing Co, a subsidiary of the Industrial and Commerce Bank of China, said a CAS official on Wednesday.

The purchase will lift the leasing company’s plane number to 110 from the current 68. The single-aisle A320 family is made up of the A318, A319, A320 and A321.

Airbus has secured more than 7,000 orders for the A320 family worldwide, and more than 4,700 planes have already been delivered to over 330 clients worldwide.

Altogether 575 A320 aircraft are operated in China by 13 airline companies. — Xinhua

Contestants pose at the regional finals of 31st Miss International China in Xingbian County, central China’s Hubei Province, on 29 June, 2011. Some 32 people participated in the competition in Hubei on Wednesday. — Xinhua

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Claims Day Notice

MV GUAN HE KOU VOY NO (245)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GUAN HE KOU VOY NO (245) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Claims Day Notice

MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (023)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (023) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Claims Day Notice

MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (187)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (187) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.7.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.S. Interasia Lines where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Landlord set tenant’s undies on fire

Police in Florida said a landlord upset about being owed rent set his tenant’s boxer shorts on fire while he was still wearing them.

Investigators said Jonathan Steinberg, 58, of Boynton, argued Monday with Ronald Rohde, 52, who lives in his house, about rent money. Steinberg claims he is owed, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported.

Wednesday. Police said Rohde asked Steinberg to leave his room and the landlord left and returned with rubbing alcohol and a screwdriver. Steinberg allegedly cut Rohde on the back with a screwdriver and struggled with him while a 46-year-old woman who also lives in the house attempted to break up the fight.

Steinberg then allegedly splashed Rohde with the rubbing alcohol and set the tenant’s boxer shorts on fire. Rohde was treated for minor burns at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. Steinberg was charged with aggravated battery.

Shelter euthanizes 81 cats found in home

Eighty-one cats found at a suburban Chicago home had to be euthanized after they tested positive for feline leukemia, veterinarians said.

The cats were discovered by firefighters conducting a well-being check on a Cicero woman in her 70s, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Wednesday.

Cicero spokesman Ray Hanania said the cats were taken to the Animal Care League in Oak Park that tested each cat for feline leukemia, a highly contagious disease among cats.

In addition to the 81 cats found in the woman’s house, animal carcasses were discovered in her yard.

Hanania said the woman has temporarily moved in with relatives or friends while her house is being cleaned by the village.

Middleton and Austen are 11th cousins

The Duchess of Cambridge and Jane Austen is very exciting since, in many ways, Catherine is the modern Jane Austen heroine: a middle-class girl marrying the future King of England.

People.com quoted lead historian Anastasia Harman as saying Tuesday, “Jane Austen may have written about happily-ever-after, but it seems Catherine has found a non-fiction hero to spend her life with — far past the epilogue.”

Martin Short joins ‘How I Met Your Mother’

LOS ANGELES, 30 June—Canadian-born comedian Martin Short has joined the cast of the US sitcom “How I Met Your Mother,” a show representative confirmed. TVGuide.com said Short is to replace Dave Foley, whose character was introduced at the end of last season, because Foley is no longer available. Foley will be starring on his own series “How To Be A Gentleman” next season. Short is known for his work in the films “Innerspace,” “Three Amigos” and “Father of the Bride,” as well as on the TV shows “Saturday Night Live,” “Damas” and “Weeds.”

‘Sun’ tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 30 June—Bon Iver’s self-titled album, followed by Adele’s “21” at No 3, Jackie Evancho’s “Dream with Me” at No 4 and Justin Moore’s “Outlaws Like Me” at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Frank Ocean’s “Hell: The Sequel” at No 6, Pitbull’s “Planet Pit” at No 7, Lady Gaga’s “Born This Way” at No 8, “Weird Al” Yankovic’s “Alpocalypse” at No 9 and Jason Aldean’s “My Kinda Party” at No 10.

Council’s Pledge decision sparks criticism

Officials in Eugene, Ore, said the City Council’s decision to recite the Pledge of Allegiance four times a year yielded complaints from out of state. The officials said Tuesday’s decision led to a flurry of calls and e-mails, nearly all of which came from out of state, from people saying they would steer clear of the city due to the decision, The (Eugene) Register-Guard reported Wednesday.

“Thank you,” Loren Pierce of Reno, Nev, wrote in an e-mail. “You have made our decision easy for us. We have decided to move our 120-member family reunion away from Eugene, you communist bastards.” Jan Bohman, a spokeswoman for the city, said 90 percent of the complaining e-mails and 99 percent of the phone calls came from outside of Oregon.

Comic book chronicles bin Laden death

A California comic book publisher announced the creation of a graphic novel about the Navy SEALs raid that killed terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.


“Due to entirely appropriate security concerns, there is some creative license in our script,” Dale Dye said.

“But I think readers will be gratified with the detail and thrilled with our take on one of the most daring and successful commando raids in American military history.”

‘The Voice’ finalists set to tour

LOS ANGELES, 30 June—The eight final contestants from the US vocal competition series “The Voice” have been booked for a six-date concert tour. NBC announced, Sprint Presents “The Voice” Live on Tour will be promoted by Live Nation. It is to begin July 27 at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Los Angeles. Other stops will include Las Vegas, New York, Chicago, Boston and Wallingford. Conn. Tickets are on sale at LiveNation.com. The tour will feature performances from the show’s top contestants Beverly McClellan, Frenchie Davis, Dia Frampton, Xenia, Nakia, Vicci Martinez, Casey Weston and Javier Colon. The

Martin Short’s mugshot, via the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Jonathan Steinberg’s mugshot, via the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
Murray, Nadal fall out over
PlayStation rivalry

WIMBLEDON, 30 June — Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal warmed up for their Wimbledon semi-final clash with a war-of-words over who has the better PlayStation skills.

Nadal and Murray have been good friends for years and often play the Pro Evolution football game during their free time at tournaments.

The two stars, who meet on Friday for a place in the Wimbledon final, both have teammates during their FIFA matches, with Murray partnered by his assistant coach Dani

Villas-Boas says don’t call me
the new special one

LONDON, 30 June — Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas was quick to dismiss comparisons with Jose Mourinho as he used his official introduction at Stamford Bridge to insist he is not the new ‘Special One’.

Villas-Boas worked for Mourinho as an opposition scout during his fellowship in Portugal’s time in charge at Porto, Chelsea and Inter Milan and has spent much of his brief managerial career following in the footsteps of the controversial coach.

The 33-year-old managed Porto last season and has now taken charge of the Premier League club where Mourinho enjoyed three years of unprecedented success before an acrimonious exit in 2007. Inevitably that has led Villas-Boas to be dubbed ‘the mini-Mourinho’, but his style is far more diplomatic than the brash Mourinho and he refused to emulate his predecessor’s self-aggrandising arrival at Chelsea.

Rozenhal, Enyeama sign for Lille

PARIS, 30 June — Veteran Czech Republic international defender David Rozenhal signed a three-year contract with French champions Lille on Wednesday from German outfit Hamburg after a successful loan spell with them last season. Lille announced the deal on its website and also said that Nigerian goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama was joining from Hapoel Tel-Aviv.

The 30-year-old Rozenhal played 27 times for Lille as they won the domestic double, claiming their first French Cup since 1954 and their first French Cup since 1954. The former Paris St Germain defender, who has also played for Bruges, Newcastle and Lazio, had said several times that he wanted to stay with Lille. “I am very happy to be able to perform my story at Lille,” said Rozenhal. — Internet

Ajaccio close on Mexico keeper Ochoa

PARIS, 30 June — Mexico goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa will on Friday sign a three-year contract with newly promoted French Ligue 1 side Ajaccio, a source close to the Corsica club revealed on Wednesday. The 26-year-old, who currently represents Mexican outfit Club America, is scheduled to arrive in Ajaccio on Wednesday evening and undergo a medical examination on Thursday.

Ochoa has 45 caps and represented his country at the World Cups in 2006 and 2010, but was suspended from playing at the recent CONCACAF Gold Cup — which Mexico won — after testing positive for the banned substance clenbuterol. He had been linked with Paris Saint-Germain and Greek giants Olympiakos but has reportedly chosen to join Ajaccio in order to prove himself in Europe before moving to a more high-profile club. — Internet

Aussie coach regrets missed opportunity

BERLIN, 30 June — Australian coach Tom Sermanni expressed his regret as his young side narrowly failed to topple footballing superstars Brazil in their women’s World Cup opener here. A 3-2 loss to Brazil in their Group C tie was not only a disappointment for a team featuring 14 players aged 20 or under, it also saw Australia fail to capitalise on a missed opportunity to hand Brazil their first loss since the start of the 2010-11 campaign. The striker, who has made two appearances for his national team, has scored 61 goals in five seasons with Trabzonspor.

Veteran Czech Republic
defender David Rozenhal, signed a three-year contract with German outfit Hamburg after a successful loan spell with them last season. — Internet

Malaysian club to host Asian World Cup qualifier

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 June — The Seri Selangor Olympic Football Club has been unveiled as venue for the Aug-3, 6 Asian qualifiers for the Omega Mission Hills World Cup.

The top three nations from the August qualifying tournament in Malaysia will earn places at the $7.5 million World Cup at Hainan Island, China in November. It will be the third time the par-71 Seri Selangor club has hosted the two-man team qualifying tournament.

Other qualifying tournaments will be staged in Europe and South America.

Bulut, is set to join French
first division team Toulouse. — Internet

New captain Pat Rafter
warned his Australian team
not to be complacent against China in their Davis Cup Asia/Oceania second round tie in Beijing next month. — Internet

Federer loses at Wimbledon despite 2-set lead

WIMBLEDON, 30 June — For two superb sets Wednesday, everything looked so routine for Roger Federer, precisely the way it did for so many years at Wimbledon — and nearly everywhere else, too. Little comes easily for Federer anymore, even at the All England Club, where he’s won six of his record 16 major championships. Before Wednesday, Federer was 178-0 when taking the first two sets of a Grand Slam match. Now he’s 178-1.

Facing a younger, quicker and better-serving opponent, Federer failed to make his big lead stand up and lost 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4.

Turkey striker Bulut set for
Toulouse switch

TOULOUSE, 30 June — Turkey striker Umut Bulut is set to join French first division team Toulouse, his Turkish club side Trabzonspor announced on Wednesday.

An article on the Trabzonspor website said the two clubs had agreed a transfer fee of 3.8 million euros ($5.47m) but gave no details about the length of Bulut’s contract or his salary.

Toulouse have reportedly been tracking Bulut since the start of the 2010-11 campaign. The striker, who has made two appearances for his national team, has scored 61 goals in five seasons with Trabzonspor.

Federer’s Chinese warning for
Aussie tennis team

LONDON, 30 June — New captain Pat Rafter warned his Australian team not to be complacent against China in their Davis Cup Asia/Oceania second round tie in Beijing next month. — Internet

Oceania second round tie in Beijing next month. The Australians arrive this week ahead of their 8-10 July tie at the Beijing International Tennis Centre, with the winner earning a berth in the World Group playoff in September.

“It is a very winnable tie for us and we go in with a very strong team,” Ra...
WEATHER

Thursday, 30th June, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Magway Region and Mon State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagain, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeawady Regions, Rakhine and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaygone) (3.82) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyimannah) (1.02) inches, Kyauktaung (5.79) inches, Mrauk-U (5.00) inches, Thaton (4.13) inches, Maungtaw (3.15) inches and Paletwa (2.48) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 29-6-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-6-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 30-6-2011 was (0.48) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)
Maximum temperature on 29-6-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-6-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 30-6-2011 was (0.16) inch. Rainfall on 30-6-2011 was (0.48) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.28) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.04) inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (22.68) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (48.82) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (16.14) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast at (11:30) hours MST on 30-6-2011.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st July 2011: Rain will be scattered in Lower Sagain, Mandalay and Magway Regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Lower Myanmar Area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1st July 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1st July 2011: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 June—The opening of the 2011 Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales took place at Mani Yadana Jade Hall here this morning, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

It was also attended by Chairman of the State Constitutional Tribunal U Thein Soe, Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing the 2011 Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales Union Minister for Mines U Thein Haik, Union ministers, the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Maj-Gen Wai Lwin of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, vice-chairmen, the secretary and members of the central committee, officials of subcommittees, Patron of the Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association U Aung Ko Win, Chairman U Teza, vice-chairmen and executives and guests.

Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tin Hsan, Patron U Aung Ko Win, Chairman U Teza, and Vice-Chairmen U Yon Ma, U Maung Gyi and U Laphaing Khun Sa formally opened the sales.

Union Minister U Thein Haik unveiled the sales.

On the First Floor of Mani Yadana Jade Hall, the Vice-President and members watched documentary video films about the holding of Myanmar Gems Emporiums, 2010 Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium and Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw, construction of the Gems Museum and Mani Yadana Jade Hall, and arrangements for organizing the 2011 Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo at gems and jewellery shops in Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.—MNA

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They inspected quality jade lots on the First Floor, gems shops staged by private companies and entrepreneurs on the Ground Floor, and arrangements made by subcommittees for the sales.

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