Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for third day

Questions raised and answered, proposals and bills submitted for approval

Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the third day at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 387 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, Union Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Thein Htay replied to the query on Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College organized by U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Tok of Moneik Constituency.

The degree college is striving to nurture more youths two years after year. Priority is to examine the students who passed the matriculation examination from remote areas and from 29 national youths and border region development training schools.

The degree college prescribes the qualifications for the youths who must be 20 years of age on 30 June in academic year. They must not be more than 20 years of age on 30 June in academic year. They must pass the medical test. The entrance scrutiny board is chaired by the Deputy Minister for Border Affairs.

The degree college is systematically carrying out tasks. In 2011-2012 academic year, arrangements have been made to admit 200 more arts and science students and 200 more engineering students.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to two queries on the Gokhtai Viaduct and Myanma Railways. Not to be stopped the runs of train, a reserved railroad viaduct has been constructed downstream of the Gokhtai Viaduct. Yearly, funds will be allotted for the facility with an inspection and maintenance for the bridge.

Moreover, specific team members of Myanma Railways check the bridge. The bridge can be used for the long term. Myanma Railways will be operated the bridge.

The Union Minister then replied to a query raised by U Myint Thu of Dagon Myothit (East) Constituency, on upgrading passenger coaches. (See page 8)

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River in Myitnge (877) cm has exceeded by (7) cm (about 0.2 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (24) hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Sittoung River in Madauk (1125) cm has exceeded by (55) cm (about 1.8 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (24) hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung (1166) cm has exceeded by (36) cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (72) hours commencing this noon. — MNA

True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone 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.

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**Know your responsibilities, Know your rights**

The second regular sessions of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and the first Amyotha Hluttaw are going on at respective Hluttaw Halls of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw. Hluttaw representatives raise questions, reply to queries, present reports and submit bills at the regular sessions.

Hluttaws are bodies with all characteristics and essence of democracy and power sharing among themselves. Hluttaw representatives submit people’s desire as questions, proposals and bills for discussions.

They have the opportunity to raise questions at the Hluttaws in the interests of their constituencies. Likewise, they may raise queries on emergence of good governance and clean government and strengthening of judicial body without personal attack. Hluttaw representatives are to serve the interest of the people and the nation without sectarianism, dogmatism, localism, racism and religiousism.

As Hluttaw system is in its infancy as a form of democracy, all the Hluttaw representatives are the pioneers of the Parliamentary democracy. They must show good examples for next generations. Taking lessons from the past events, they bravely and unitedly carry out the tasks that should be undertaken at present.

The main duty of Hluttaw representatives is to create legislation. The executive and judicial bodies are to follow the laws enacted by the Hluttaw. Putting public interest first, it is necessary to enact laws on protection of interests of nation and its citizens and protect rights of citizens, democracy and human rights.

Hluttaw must be efficient and strong. Unity and understanding among Hluttaw representatives is a must. They are to do their best knowing their rights and responsibilities while listening to the voice of people.

New library commissioned into public in Thayetchaung Township

**NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—** An opening ceremony of Bawa Almyaung library took place in Paingtaw Village, Paingtaw Village-tract in Thayetchaung Township, Tawei District on 17 morning.

Regional government, District Information and Public Relations Department, Township Information and Public Relations Department donated publications to the library.

It’s reported that the library constructed with Government’s fund and public fund is one storey building with 24 feet length and 14 feet width.

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**Union FM receives Vice-President of Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries President of China-Myanmar Friendship Association**

**NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—**Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Vice-President of the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and President of China-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Feng Zaoku at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 2 pm today. During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on strengthening friendship between the two countries.

MNA

**Religious Affairs**

**NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—**The Ministry of Religious Affairs opened English Proficiency Course No (1) for Officers on 22 August.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung addressed the opening ceremony which was attended by Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay, departmental heads, lecturers and trainees. A total of 28 trainees will complete the six-week course.—MNA

**Thudhamma public rest houses under renovation**

**MANDALAY, 24 Aug—**Of the 33 Thudhamma public rest houses donated by King Mindon at the foot of Mandalay Mountain in 1864, the remaining 19 ones are being renovated: 6 with the State funds and 13, with public donations.

Renovation of public rest house No. 5, 10 and 11 with departmental funds has been completed by about 65 percent; and that of public rest house No. 7, 8 and 17 with public contributions, by about 60 percent. Of the public rest houses to be renovated with public contributions, No. 9, 15 and 19 are being rebuilt speedily to complete the process as soon as possible.

Under the super-vision of experts, the paintings in those public rest houses donated by Hermit U Khanti in 1907 are being renovated and maintained with scientific methods with an allotted budget.

MNA

**Course on Young People and SRH held**

**NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—**Jointly organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, a course on Young People and Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) (MYA/09/A1) is opened at the MMCWA in Daikham-thiri Township on 22 August.

A total of 30 trainees from Kachin and Shan states are attending the course which will be held till 26 August.

Vice-President of MMCWA Dr. Daw Wai Wai Tha delivered opening address and Executive Director of the IPPF Project Dr. Ko Ko Maw explained SRH projects.

Secretary of the MMCWA Daw Thazin Nwe presented cash assistance for the project to responsible personnel from Moguang, Myitkyina, Bhamo, Taunggyi, Shwenyaung and Nyaungshwe townships.

Dr. Thein Thein Htay, Deputy Director-General of the Health Department and Secretary of MMCWA Daw Thazin Nwe gave talks on millennium goals of SRH and roles of MMCWA in the project.

MNA
Afghan police kill 14 militants, detain 35

KABUL, 24 Aug—Afghan police backed by the army and NATO-led troops have eliminated over a dozen anti-government militants and captured nearly three dozen others, the Interior Ministry of Afghanistan said in a Press release issued here on Wednesday. “Afghan National Police with the assistance of the Afghan army and Coalition forces have killed 14 armed militants and captured 35 others during 16 joint and independent operations across the country over the past 24 hours,” the statement asserted.

Three more militants sustained injuries, it said. However, it did not say if there were any casualties on the troops.

These operations had been carried out in Parwan, Kandahar, Helmand, Maidan Wardak, Logar, Ghazni, Paktya and Herat provinces during which a large number of light and heavy weapons had also been sized, according to the statement. Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.—Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 24 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time. A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 34260 Afghan people were killed and 41979 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 24 Aug.

No. Subject Number
1. Number of Afghan people killed 34260
2. Seriously injured Afghan people 41979

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties from the day they invaded the country to 24 Aug reached 706913 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1280936, according to the news on the Internet.

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1. Death toll of Iraqi people 706913
2. Seriously injured people 1280936

Israeli airstrike kills Gaza militant after ceasefire

Gaza, 24 Aug—An Israeli airstrike killed a Palestinian militant in Rafah town in southern Gaza Strip early Wednesday, witnesses and security sources said.

The missile attack killed a member of the military wing of the Islamic Jihad movement and wounded two others, said Adham Abu Selma, a spokesman for the medical services.

The incident came a day after the Islamic Hamas movement, which controls Gaza, announced that a ceasefire has been reached with Israel. The agreement aimed at ending four days of cross-border violence that flared up after Israeli accused Gaza militants of being behind deadly attacks in the Red Sea resort of Eilat Thursday. By this strike, the number of Palestinians killed since Thursday rises to 16.—Xinhua

Forest fire in Turkey’s Aegean region

Smoke and flames are seen in the mountains of Izmir, Turkey, on 24 Aug, 2011. The fire in Izmir is one of the forest fires broke out in western and southwestern Turkey.

ISTANBUL, 24 Aug—Fire-fighting teams on Monday managed to extinguish a forest fire in Turkey’s Aegean Province of Denizli, a local news agency reported.

A team of 100 people assisted by 3 helicopters and 3 bulldozers managed to put out the blaze that began nearly 24 hours earlier on Sunday, the Turkish DHA news agency reported.

The forest fire broke out near coal mines in the area and caused damage to 5 hectares of agricultural land and 15 hectares of nearby pine forests.

An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the fire. Operations are ongoing to further cool the area by spraying water and a team of fire fighters will remain stationed in the area for 2 further days, the Denizli forestry region manager said.

Forest fires are a regular occurrence in the southern Aegean and Mediterranean regions of Turkey and neighbouring countries during the hot and dry summer season.—Xinhua

Iran displays new made-in-Iran cruise missile

The cruise missile, designed for sea-based targets, is the latest addition to Iran’s growing arsenal. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad attended a ceremony Tuesday that showed off the weapon, dubbed “Ghadar,” or “Capable” in Farsi.

Iranian State TV says it can travel at low altitudes and has a lighter weight and smaller dimensions.

Iran has an array of short and medium-range ballistic missiles capable of hitting targets in the region, including Israel and US military bases in the Gulf. In 2010, Teheran displayed other Iranian-made cruise missiles but with a shorter range.
Why so many kids are near-sighted

BEIJING, 23 Aug—Too much school work, TV and digital gadgets can cause squinting and near-sighted children. Giving tiny kids iPads with Tang poems and fairy tales is bad for them too. Zhang Qian takes an up-close look at the problem.

For children who haven’t been chained to schoolwork, it’s been a summer of watching TV, playing video games, surfing the net and tinkering with iPhones and iPads. Now, with school around the corner, eye doctors are seeing children who have been using their eyes too much.

Lin Zimin now finds her 11-year-old son often squints when he watches TV or looks at something in the distance. An eye exam showed he is seriously near-sighted.

“The two weeks before school opens is the peak time for parents to take their children for eye checks,” says Dr Ji Guifang, director of the Ophthalmology Department of Shanghai Children’s Hospital. “When they finally got permission to watch TV and play video games in summer, many children just couldn’t tear themselves away from the screen. And that often contributes to a quick deterioration in eyesight.”

Near-sightedness, or myopia, is a serious problem for many children and teenagers in China.

Milk is better than water for keeping busy children hydrated, especially during the dog days of summer, according to a new Canadian study.

Milk is better than water for keeping busy children hydrated, according to a new Canadian study. Researchers at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont, say milk is even better than electrolyte-rich sports drinks at staving off dehydration among the little ones. For their study, the team asked a group of children between the ages of eight and 10 to exercise in a climate chamber. They were then given a drink before researchers measured their level of hydration.

According to the findings, milk is best for replacing the sodium that gets lost with sweat. It also provides the protein, which is not found in water or sports drinks, that kids need for muscle development.

“Milk is better than either a sports drink or water because it is a source of high quality protein, carbohydrates, calcium and electrolytes.”

S KOREA, CHINA, JAPAN TO MEET OVER FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THREE-WAY TRADE PACT

SEOUL, 24 Aug— South Korea, China and Japan are scheduled to hold their sixth meeting aimed at assessing the feasibility of the potential trilateral free trade agreement, the trade ministry said here on Wednesday.

During the three-day meeting opening next Wednesday in the northeast Chinese City of Changchun, representatives from the three Asian countries will discuss a draft of the joint report.

They will also hold a series of working-level meetings on issues including customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) barriers and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), according to the ministry.

The three countries launched the joint project last year. Seoul had been in talks with Tokyo over a separate bilateral trade accord, but negotiations made little progress due to their differences over tariff issues.

Global market to be volatile for years: Australian MP

CANBERRA, 24 Aug—Uncertainty and volatility are likely to feature in global financial markets for years to come, Australian federal Treasury secretary Martin Parkinson warned on Wednesday.

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Senior Chinese official discusses economic cooperation with Tajik PM

DUSHANBE, 24 Aug—Zhou Yongkang, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), held talks Tuesday with Tajik Prime Minister Akil Akilov on bilateral economic cooperation.

Noting the two countries’ economies are highly complementary and share a broad prospect, Zhou said China has become Tajikistan’s most important trade partner and investor as their bilateral trade has increased by 14 times during the past five years.

Zhou, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and also secretary of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CPC Central Committee, meets with Tajik Prime Minister Akil Akilov in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on 23 Aug, 2011.

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Android becoming most attacked mobile platform in Q2

San Francisco, 24 Aug—The amount of malware targeted at devices based on Google’s Android platform surged 76 percent in the second quarter over the previous three months in 2011, making it the most attacked mobile operating system, computer security firm McAfee said on Tuesday.

A new McAfee study found that in the second quarter, Android-based malware surpassed Nokia’s Symbian as the most popular target for mobile malware developers. While Symbian and Java ME, a platform designed for mobile devices and other embedded systems, remain the most targeted to date, the rapid rise in Android malware indicates that the platform could become an increasing target for cyber criminals McAfee said.

It warned that the attacks on Android platform could affect everything from calendar apps, to text messages, and even a fake Angry Birds updates.

According to the study, malware on mobile platforms is increasing steadily, often mimicking the same code as personal computer-based threats, as vast amount of personal and business data are now found on user’s smartphones and other mobile devices.

“This year we’ve seen record-breaking numbers of malware, especially on mobile devices, where the upick is in direct correlation to popularity,” Vincent Weafer, senior vice president of McAfee Labs, said in a statement.

“Overall attacks are becoming more stealth and more sophisticated, suggesting that we could see attacks that remain unnoticed for longer periods of time,” he noted.

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Aug—Drunken revelers rejoice: Facebook will now let you decide whether your friends can attach your name to a photo before it is circulated.

Currently, your friends can add your name to a photo on Facebook without your consent or knowledge. You can remove it later, but only after lots of others may have seen the embarrassing shots. Now, you can insist on pre-approval.

This won’t affect whether your friends can add a photo of you, only whether your name is attached to it. Still, not having the name, known as a tag, can make it more difficult for people to find a potentially embarrassing photo in a search.

Facebook said on Tuesday that the change is in response to user requests. Pre-approving photo tags has been the most requested change, said Kate O’Neill, product manager for Facebook. The pre-approval process will also apply to written posts that others tag you in. In addition, you have the option of pre-approving what others tag on your own photos and posts.

The company is making other changes to its privacy controls, too. These changes won’t affect what information will be made public or private. Rather, they will affect how users can control what they are sharing in an effort to make the process simpler.—Internet

Facebook to let users pre-approve photo tags

Samsung joins Apple in emerging markets smartphone push

A visitor plays a Microsoft application on a mobile at the Microsoft stand during the CeBIT 2011 fair in Cologne.

Models pose with the new Samsung Galaxy S Android smartphone during its launch ceremony at the headquarters of Samsung Electronics in Seoul in this 8 June, 2010 file photograph. —Xinhua

San Jose, 24 Aug—Samsung Electronics unveiled four new smartphone models under its flagship Galaxy line on Wednesday, expanding its offerings of cheaper phones to tap growth in emerging markets.

Samsung will enter a lower-end market ripe with cut-throat competition from Chinese producers including ZTE Corp and Huawei Technologies, as well as a host of no-brand producers pumping out hundreds of millions of phones for consumers in China, Africa and other developing economies. The move also signals an intensifying battle with Apple, Samsung’s biggest competitor and customer, as the US firm is set to launch a lower-cost version of the iPhone 4 and its much-anticipated iPhone 5 soon, according to sources.

“Smartphone makers are increasingly moving down the value chain to target the low-end segment and attract mass customers, especially those in China and India,” said Lee Seung-woo, an analyst at Shinyoung Securities. “It’s an inevitable trend but will at the same time lower margins. Only a handful of top-tier manufacturers can survive in that end.”—Reuters

Beer-brewing yeast found

London, 24 Aug—Scientists have identified a new species of yeast from forests in South America that was behind the discovery of lager, a type of beer brewed and stored at low temperatures.

The species was isolated from a beech tree in the frozen forests of Patagonia, where the minimum temperature hovers around minus-2 degrees Celsius.

The new yeast species has been named “Saccharomyces eubayanus”, says the report in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Usually, the yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae is used across the world to ferment fruit and grains to make wine, cider and beer. Lager—which is fermented slowly and at lower temperatures than beer—is believed to have been discovered when German monks moved beer barrels into caves to store it.

Saccharomyces cerevisiae, which grows just above room temperature, was believed to have been out-competed in the fermenting beer by a species that thrived at cooler temperatures.

The “modern-day” lager-brewing yeast—Saccharomyces pastorianus—is probably a hybrid of this “cool-loving strain” and the beer-brewing species, and survives because brewers keep back a little of the lager each time to develop the next batch with the same yeast, the report said.

Internet

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Indian IT industry to grow 16-18 percent, market cautious

NEW DELHI, 24 Aug.—Software industry body Nasscom Tuesday said it is confident about its projection that the IT industry in India will continue to be on the growth trajectory of 16-18 percent during 2011-12 fiscal even as the industry maintains a cautious outlook due to the economic uncertainty in US and Europe.

“There is no reason for us to be worried. We have spoken to customers and they are looking at expanding into geographies and bringing newer solutions to the market,” Nasscom president Som Mittal told reporters on the sidelines of the Nasscom BPO strategy summit 2011.

Earlier during the month, the association had sought to clear the air about any possible impact of the ratings downgrade of US, the world’s largest economy, on India’s software and outsourcing exports.

Nasscom had said that the crisis in the US did not have any major bearing on the country’s private sector. Although the global economic environment was a cause for concern, it was not likely to impact the Indian IT industry, in the near-term future.

The international credit rating company Standard and Poor’s earlier this month downgraded the top notch AAA credit rating of the US government’s ability to pay back its creditors and investors to AA+.

US carrier Sprint to sell iPhone 5 in mid-October

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Aug.—Sprint Nextel, the third largest wireless carrier in the United States, will begin selling Apple’s new iPhone 5 in mid-October, US media reported on Tuesday.

Sprint will also carry iPhone 4, the current generation of Apple’s hot-selling smartphone, starting at the same time, The Wall Street Journal said in a report, citing people familiar with the situation.

Getting the iPhone is a big win for Sprint, whose results have suffered without being able to sell Apple’s popular device, and it will also benefit Apple with the addition of another marketing channel in the United States.

AT&T, the second largest US wireless carrier, has relied on previous versions of iPhone to drive its sales since 2007.

Verizon Wireless, the country’s No 1 wireless carrier, began selling the iPhone 4 this February.

Numbers showed that Sprint had more than 52 million subscribers at the end of the second quarter, compared with 106 million for Verizon and nearly 99 million for AT&T.

It was reported that Verizon and AT&T will also begin selling the iPhone 5 in mid-October.

Russia’s Progress spaceship undocks

MOSCOW, 24 Aug.—The Progress M-11M spacecraft undocked from the International Space Station Tuesday, said the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow.

The spaceship would remain in orbit for a nine-day mission before falling into the Pacific, according to a statement by the mission control centre.

The ISS crew has loaded the spacecraft with waste products from the orbiting station.

World’s best vampire-spotting locations!

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug.—The world’s best vampire spotting location is said to be set at Wallachia, now a part of Romania, where you can tour to learn more about these creatures of the night.

Another place, where Irish author Bram Stoker put these blood-sucking creatures while writing his novel, is Costa Rica, especially within Santa Rosa National Park and Corcovado National Park, reports Fox News.

An enigmatic museum - Le Musse des Vampires- in the Les Lilas district of Paris, which is devoted to the vampires, and has a Gothic garden at the back of it, is said to be one of the creepiest places in the world.

Apart from these places, Forks in Washington, where ‘Twilight’ set, has become a famous vampire tourism spot.

One can also visit historic Nob Hill of San Francisco, which covers the documented history of the City as well as speculative supernatural events, and where attendees are also encouraged to dress spookily.

UK family threatened with eviction over ‘fire hazard’ doormat

LONDON, 24 Aug.—A British family was left stunned when an eviction notice was issued to their doormat after their housing association said it was a health and safety hazard.

The offending mat was covered in warning tape and plastered with a sign reading ‘move it or lose it’.

Lubin Reyes, 37, termed the move as ‘ridiculous’ and refused to remove the rubber mat from outside the first-floor flat where he has been lodging for 10 years.

“Someone is being paid to walk around and do this. It’s ridiculous. I can’t understand what they are thinking. It’s my doorstep and my doormat,” the Daily Mail quoted him as saying.

“I need to wipe the soles of my shoes dry or I might fall over in my house, then that would be a health and safety issue,” he added.

When an astonished Reyes contacted Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association, which issued the notice, it said inspectors had ruled the mat was a fire hazard.

However, Reyes was undaunted by the notice and insisted on keeping the mat. “It’s eight feet at the end of a corridor so it’s not like people will be rushing past it,” he said. “It had ‘move it or lose it’ written on it, that’s like a threat. “It’s like they are saying ‘don’t mess with us’ - but it’s only a doormat.”

I was very shocked that they would act in this way for something as minor as a doormat,” he added.
Delta Capital exports rice directly first time in 15 yrs

YANGON, 24 Aug — The Union government, as a token of its encouragement to boosting the nation’s export, has granted tax exemption from rice, beans and pulses, corn, sesame, rubber, freshwater and saltwater goods, animals and animal products (except prohibited items) in accordance with Section 8 (d) of Commercial Tax Law for a period of six months from 15 August 2011 to 14 February 2012. Ayeyawady Region, the granary of Myanmar, embraced the unique opportunity, exporting rice directly through Pathein Port on the morning of August: the first time in 15 years.

Under the close supervision of the Ayeyawady Region government and arrangements of Hinthada Rice Co, Ayeyawady Pathein Rice Co and Ayeyawady Dipa Rice Co, 3100 metric tons of rice were exported directly to the Philippines via Wedaung Port in Pathein. Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and officials inspected the process.

Exporting rice through Pathein Port in Ayeyawady Region costs less, but ensures greater profits for farmers. Moreover, not only does it save warehouse charges and maintains the quality of the agricultural product, but also helps local farmers compete with foreign partners for bigger share in the international market.

Arrangements are being made to keep exporting rice through Pathein and export steamed rice through Pathein Port when Ayeyawun Rice Co and Hinthada Rice Co put into action the programme to jointly produce steamed rice. Pathein Port occupies a strategic position, coping with both local and international cargo vessels. So, the Delta is gearing up for dealing with a greater number of seagoing vessels in its bid to export regional goods on a larger scale including such agricultural products as rice and peas, along with salt and marine products.

— MNA

China’s FAW rolls out first batch of new energy vehicles

CHANGCHUN, 24 Aug — China’s First Automobile Works (FAW) on Monday launched the first batch of its independently-developed new energy vehicles. The first 20 new-energy vehicles include the company’s Bestum plug-in hybrids (PHEV) and pure electric vehicles (EV).

A staff member is seen at the office building of China FAW New Energy Vehicle Branch in Changchun, capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province, on 22 Aug, 2011.— Xinhua

Chairman of UEC and all members hear Election Objection Amendments No. 6/2011, No. 10/2011

NAK PYI TAW, 24 Aug — Chairman U Tin Aye and all members of the Union Election Commission heard the case of Election Objection Amendment No. 10/2011 at 10 am and of Election Objection Amendment No. 6/2011 at 1 pm at UEC Office today.— MNA

Human Rights Special Rapporteur Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana observes Insein Jail

YANGON, 24 Aug — Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party visit Insein Jail.— MNA

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Chief Minister of Mandalay distributes notes of small denomination

MANDALAY, 24 Aug — With the aim of getting rid of worn-out bank notes and ensuring smooth circulation of currency notes of smaller denomination in the hands of the people, the Central Bank of Myanmar (Mandalay Branch) since this March has been monthly distributing each of 46,812 civil servants of 319 urban departments 200-kyat, 100-kyat and 50-kyat bank notes. On the payday for July, those civil servants were issued with a wad of 200-kyat bank notes each. This month, a wad of 200-kyat and a wad of 100-kyat bank notes each will be issued to them.

In addition, bank notes in bad conditions can be exchanged for good ones in equal amount at Branch (1) and Branch (2) of Myanmar Economic Bank in Mandalay and the Central Bank of Myanmar (Mandalay Branch) during banking hours, and at Branch (3) of Myanmar Economic Bank in Mandalay on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.— MNA

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Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung views sample rice to be exported from Wedaung Port in Pathein to the Philippines. — MNA

Sagaing eyes golds in performing arts competition

NAK PYI TAW, 24 Aug — Sagaing Region working committee for winning victory in 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts yesterday met at Town Hall in Monywa. Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye delivered an address.

Sagaing Region officials are welcomed at the International Airport by Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, this morning arrived at Yangon.

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railroads and stations. He said that arrangements have been made to buy passenger coaches and these facilities will arrive here within two years. At that time, the passenger coaches, railroads and stations will be of higher standard. At present, efforts are being made for betterment of passenger coaches, railroads and stations year by year. If fares of passenger ticket and charges of commodities can be increased reasonably, Myanmar Railways can earn increased income to be able to upgrade train facilities. Private entrepreneurs are invited to carry out sanitation of railway stations through tender. Priority is being given to maintenance of railways built before independence era.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung also replied to the question raised by Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Constituency on construction of quarters for workers who are discharging duties at Yangon Port and keeping Yangon River and Port pleasant for environmental conservation. The Union Minister said that if the ministry receives funds from the State, plan will be adopted to build worker quarters in the vacant lands of Myanmar Port Authority. Yangon Region government assigned Yangon City Development Committee to keep Yangon River pleasant and beautiful. Other necessary organizations will be formed for pleasantness of the port and environmental conservation.

U Aung Kyaw Khin of Kyauktan Constituency asked about upgrading the remaining 15 miles and 6 furlongs long section of Pandaw-Kamakalok.
Power supply to Chin State discussed, proposals for...

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and related power stations was started in 2011-2012 fiscal year.
He added that construction of Gangaw-Haka, Haka-Palam-Thaingngai-Kalay-Kalewa, Kalay-Tamu, Pauk-Mindat, Mindat-Matupi (66) KV power lines and related power stations is under way as special projects and upon completion of those projects and Myittha and Manipura hydropower projects, Chin State can enjoy more electric power.
He noted that on completion of Laymyo and Saidaing hydropower projects, power can be supplied to Paletha of Chin State via Kyantaw of Rakhine State, and Kanpetlet of Chin State can also use power from the national grid via Sway of Mawway Region on completion of Pauk-Mindat-Matupi power lines.
Next, U Zaw Naing Oo from Mon State Constituency No. 12 asked issue on illegal cutting-down trees and illegal cultivation on the 50-acre firewood plantation in chaungpyan village.
Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun replied that Chaungpyan Village in Kazai Village-tract, Bilin Township, Mon State is located in No. 13 Block of Bilin Reserve and covers an area of 70 acres, out of firewood plantations in the reserve, a total of 40 acres of were handed over to Kyaukgyan Village; that Kyaukgyan villagers had used up the woods and thus the 40-acre land was handed back to the Department of Forestry; that no private company has so far been permitted to use the land; that in accord with the forest laws, action will be taken against cultivation of crops in that land without the permission of the department; that as the land has been handed back to the department, firewood plantation will be established either with the fund of the village or the department under the aegis of Ministry of Forestry.
Next, the Hlutaw asked U Tun Myint from Constituency No. 6 of Sagaing Region to withdraw his proposal for Union government’s consideration for education of offspring of families residing in forest reserves at yesterday’s session and change it as a question.
Next, Dr Myint Kyi from constituency No. 8 of Yangon Region proposed that Myanmarars should be taught in not only first year but also second year at arts and science universities, degree colleges, and colleges.
Dr. Mya Oo from constituency No. 9 of Bago Region proposed that Union government should invest more in the health sector for national economic development and promotion of healthcare services for poverty alleviation and economic development.
The Hlutaw agreed to put the proposal on table and the Speaker announced that if any representatives wishing to discuss the proposals may register.
Then, the third-day second regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hlutaw came to an end at 1.50 pm and the fourth-day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

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channels want to air lectures, those should be from the Ministry of Education; broadcasting TV programmes will have to be coordinated with the Ministry of Information; and it will go on as the decision of the two ministries.
Regarding the question raised by Hsai Bo Aung of Mwe Constituency about smoking cigarette and tobacco-related products restriction law, Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin replied that education building, classroom, office, school compound and other buildings in the compound except gymnasiums, playgrounds, staff quarters and bed rooms in the school compound are places where smoking is prohibited; abiding the prohibition not to smoke in no smoking areas will make the areas with no smoke, so that there is no need to include “No smoke area” in the law; Cigarette and tobacco product factories are subjected to Provision 7 (b) like others factories and workshops which have to designate smoking sites; the Industry Supervision and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry-1 is conducting fieldtrips to ensure private industries are abiding the private industry law regarding public health, environmental pollution and depletion; related ministries are drafting environmental conservation law; and after completion, the environmental conservation measures will be more effective.
Six Hlutaw representatives discussed the report of Pyithu Hlutaw Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee submitted to the Hlutaw yesterday. The Hlutaw approved the report presented by Committee Chairman U Win Sein.
Three Hlutaw representatives discussed about the proposal regarding “tax exemption from all exports for boosting import and export and speeding up economic growth” and three Hlutaw representatives discussed about the proposal regarding “establishing a watchdog to replenish the budgets in the same fiscal year” submitted by U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency yesterday. Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun made clarification.
As U Kyi Myint requested the withdrawal of the proposals, the Hlutaw agreed the withdrawal.
Three Hlutaw representatives discussed about the proposal regarding “an order to be issued for the Myanmar Medical Council as a professional body” and six Hlutaw representatives discussed about proposal “promulgation of necessary laws and rules to form Medical Protection Society” made by Dr Maung Maung Wint of Bahan Constituency. Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin made clarification.
The Hlutaw approved the proposals of Dr Maung Maung Wint.
U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency submitted proposal “establishment of education funds by parents and wellwishers Region-wise, State-wise and Township-wise in implementing compulsory primary education system as prescribed in Section 28. Sub-Section (c) of the Constitution” and U Thein Nyunt of Thingyan Constituency submitted proposal “revoking the Contempt of Courts Act, Act XII, 1926”.
As the Pyithu Hlutaw decided to discuss the proposal, the date 25 August (Thursday) was set for discussion and Hlutaw representatives who want to participate in discussions were to enlist this evening.
The third-day First Pyithu Hlutaw second regular session was concluded at 4.10 pm today and the session continues for fourth-day on 25 August (Thursday).
Women beware. Eating cakes, biscuits 3 times a week may up women's womb cancer risk

The 10-year study, from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden looked at the eating habits of more than 60,000 women and found that those who gave themselves such a treat regularly were 33 percent more likely to suffer the disease.

And for those who indulge more than three times a week, the risk jumps to 42 percent, reports the Daily Mail.

The Swedish scientists wanted to see if there was a direct link between the amount of sweet foods eaten and the onset of cancer.

They studied data from thousands of women who, between 1987 and 1990, had answered dozens of questions on diet, lifestyle, weight and general health.

Ten years later, those still alive answered an even more extensive battery of questions on their eating habits.

In 2008, the researchers matched up the women’s answers with their medical records, specifically looking for diagnoses of endometrial cancer – the most common form of womb cancer. They found 729 cases out of the 61,226 women studied.

"I see that the road section from Sawbwa Yayshin to Tawma is smooth and straight. After entering Khampat Sub-Township, I proceeded to Kanan Village that shares border with Tiddim Township of Chin State.

The village is located as a big village beside Kalay-Tamu Road. The village formed with over 1000 houses is home to Falam, Haka and Tiddim Chin national races.

I had an opportunity to visit the water inlet canal and self-reliant hydropower station in Kanan Village of Khampat Sub-Township. The canal, 200 feet long and six feet wide, is made of bricks. The canal takes water from Tosh Creek that flows from Tiddim Township of Chin State.

When a responsible person of the hydropower committee opened the canal, water fell to the turbine. The water pump linked with the turbine was switched on to light the hydropower station.

"Kanan Village Hydropower Station of my all head of the village. The water propeller is located beside the hydropower station. However, the village is being supplied electricity by the hydropower station. Many turbines installed by U Sein Toe are located in Kalay region. Moreover, turbine electrical generators installed by U Sein Toe, U Maung Win and U Kyaw Shwe are scattered in Kalay region. Hydropower is being generated from creeks that originate at Chin mountain range for supplying electricity to the local people. As such, the rural areas are enjoying fruits of electricity like urban regions.

The villages in Gangaw, Htilin and Saw townships are also supplied electricity through turbine hydropower stations. In Lonhaw Village, west of Zahaw Village, sponsors supply of electricity to the local people.

On my tour, I saw Tawma and Wetthet villages in Htilin Township illuminated with hydropower. Thanks to self-reliant hydropower facilities, villages in Kalay and Tamu districts and Yaw region are enjoying fruits of development through electricity. The local people have easy access to TV programmes of Myawady TV and MRTV daily. Moreover, some local people can watch international TV channels through satellite dishes.

In fact, self-reliant hydropower supply programme contributes a great deal to ensuring development and prosperity of the State.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.
Venezuelan flight makes emergency landing

CARACAS, 24 Aug—A Venezuelan flight with 95 passengers was on Tuesday forced to return to the airport of Maiquetia, north of the capital Caracas, and made an emergency landing shortly after take-off, transportation authorities said.

Venezuelan Ministry of Transportation and Communication said the flight, a DC9 aircraft from the local Laser airline, declared a state of emergency because of “electrical problems” in the cabin when the plane was traveling at an altitude of just over 6,000 metres.

The aircraft, which was heading for El Vigia airport in Venezuela’s western state of Merida, returned to the airport at 0705 local time (1135 GMT), half an hour after its departure from Maiquetia.

Venezuelan authorities said the plane landed without any problems and all passengers were transferred to another aircraft that belongs to the same airline. No further details were immediately available.—Xinhua

Magnitude 5.8 earthquake hits US east coast

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—A magnitude 5.8 earthquake struck US east coast on Tuesday afternoon and was felt in Washington D C, New York City, North Carolina and even in Toronto, Canada.

The quake that lasted up to 45 seconds occurred at 1:51 pm local time (1751 GMT). 135 km southwest of US capital Washington DC, at a depth of six km, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported on its website.

The quake was also felt as far away as Martha’s Vineyard, some 500 miles (800 kilometres) away, off the coast of Massachusetts, where President Barack Obama was playing golf during his vacation.

Earthquakes of magnitude 5.5 to 6 usually cause slight damage to buildings and other structures.

According to US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), two nuclear reactors were automatically taken off-line near quake site in Virginia. NRC officials are assessing the situation and sending people to inspect the site.

US weather service says no tsunami is expected after the quake while the USGS expects aftershocks.

The White House, Pentagon and US Capitol Building in Washington were temporarily evacuated after the quake while telecommunication in some areas was briefly disrupted.

Pilot arrested in Madrid for smuggling cocaine

MEXICO CITY, 24 Aug — An Aeromexico copilot was arrested at the Madrid-Barajas International Airport on charges that he smuggled 42 kg of cocaine into Spain on a flight from Mexico City, officials said Tuesday.

Ruben Garcia Garcia was arrested last week by Spanish authorities for allegedly trying to smuggle the cocaine into the country, the Mexican Embassy in Spain said in a statement.

The Spanish Interior Ministry, Police General Administration and Civil Guard notified the embassy of the Aeromexico co-pilot’s arrest.

Garcia arrived in Madrid 18 Aug aboard Aeromexico’s flight AMX-901 from Mexico City. The Aeromexico employee appeared before a judge and is being held at the Soto del Real prison.

“Mexican consular authorities met with the detained man and were able to verify his identity, state of health and to confirm that he has an attorney for his defense,” the embassy said.

26 trapped in NE China coal mine flood

HARBIN, 24 Aug—Twenty-six miners were trapped underground when an illegal coal mine in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province flooded Tuesday, the local government said.

The flooding happened mid-day, when 45 miners were working in a pit of the Hengtai Coal Mining Co Ltd in Boli County in the coal-rich City of Qitahei, a spokesman with the provincial work safety administration said.

He said 19 miners escaped and 26 others were stranded in the pit. Rescue efforts are underway, he said.

The flooded pit, with an annual output of 30,000 tonnes, was one of the small mines that should have stopped production and been integrated into larger mines, the spokesman said.

He said the mine was operating illegally when the accident happened. China in recent years has moved to close down small collieries to improve safety and efficiency in the mining industry.—Xinhua

Wild fire destroys 170-hetare forest in southern France

PARIS, 24 Aug—A wild fire starting Sunday in southern France was finally put under control on Tuesday after destroy-ing about 170 hectares of forest.

The fire in the east of Lozere Province was under control Tuesday early morning, but some 200 firefighters working there remained on alert during the day in case the fire flares up again.

Local media said the fire started Sunday afternoon in the less populated Province of Lozere in southeast France. Recent hot and dry weather increased the difficulties in extinguishing the fire, the cause of which is under investigation but human-related factor is said very likely to be the reason.

During the past days, a total of over 200 firefighters and 13 aircraft were mobilized in the operation against the fire. The accident didn’t left heavy casualty except five firefighters suffering slight injury.

Xinhua
**Claims Day Notice**

**MV Dalmatia Voy No (01)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV Dalmatia Voy No (01) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on ETA 27.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

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**Human fertilization process discovered**

**Beijing, 24 Aug**—Researchers have discovered how a human egg captures an incoming sperm for fertilization, paving the way to help couples suffering from infertility, according to media reports on Monday.

An international team of researchers found that a sugar chain known as the sialyl-lewis-x sequence (SLeX) makes the outer coat of the egg “sticky,” which has proven to be helpful in binding the egg and the sperm.

As a result, this observation has filled in a huge gap in the understanding of fertility and provides hope for ultimately helping couples who currently cannot conceive.

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**Finland develops disposable heart rate indicator**

**Helsinki, 24 Aug**—The Finnish company Spectikor has recently developed a novel type of disposable heart rate indicator, local media reported on Sunday. Different from a conventional heart rate monitor, it is a speed heart rate indicator designed for first aid professionals and specially used in first aids in major accidents, disasters and other crises.

According to Spectikor, the product is consisted of a heart rate sensor with two EKG electrodes and a LED indicator, which are connected by a 35-cm-long wire. In operation, the sensor is placed on a patient’s chest and the LED indicator is stuck to the patient’s cheek. If the heart rate is within the normal range, the LED indicator will flash green with each beat. If the heart rate is dangerously low or high, the light will turn red.

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**Women get fatter after marriage... men after divorce**

**Edinburgh, 24 Aug**—Marriage and divorce are both bad for your waistline, new research suggests. But while women tend to gain weight after their wedding day, men are most affected by marital breakup. Both kinds of “marital transition” can act as “weight shocks” that put on the pounds, a study has found.

"Divorces for men and, to some extent, marriages for women promote weight gains that may be large enough to pose a health risk," said study leader Dmitry Tumin, from Ohio State University in the US.

The likelihood of major weight gain after marriage or divorce increased most for people past the age of 30.

"For someone in their mid-20s there is not much difference in the probability of gaining weight between someone who just got married and someone who never married," said Mr Tumin, a doctoral student in sociology.

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**Fossil find reveals when life began**

**London, 24 Aug**—The fossilised remains of the oldest known lifeforms on earth have been discovered in samples of rock collected near a remote watering hole in the middle of the Australian Outback.

Scientists said that the microscopic fossils belonged to primitive bacteria that lived more than 3.4 billion years ago, when the earth had emerged from a period probably too hostile for life.

The primitive microbes used sulphur instead of oxygen to generate energy from food and, the scientists said, could be the closest that science will ever get to the mysterious origin of life on earth.

The fossils were found in rocks formed in shallow seas near a coastline and suggested that beaches may have been the key habitat where the earth’s first lifeforms thrived, said David Wacey, of the University of Western Australia.

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**Simple bacteria’ key to blocking breast cancer**

**London, 24 Aug**—A naturally occurring molecule in bacteria can block the development of breast cancer, scientists have discovered, paving the way for the design of more potent and selective drugs.

The molecule, thiostrepton, clamps FOXM1, a cancer-causing protein present in greater amounts in breast cancer cells. It switches off genes regulating the growth and division of cells, causes tumours to spread and triggers the growth of blood vessels.

Blocking this protein may prevent the development of cancer at an early stage as well as blocking its growth and spread according to the study published in Nature Chemistry. Its lead author, Professor Shankar Balasubramanian, based at Cancer Research UK in Cambridge, said: "Before this research we weren’t aware of any natural product which could directly target a protein that controls gene activity. Yet intriguingly a molecule in bacteria – which also has strong antibiotic effects – does this very well, switching off cancer-causing genes in breast cancer cells.”

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**Passengers buy tickets through automated ticket vending machines at Nanjing South Railway Station in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 21 Aug, 2011. High-speed rail lines in China will adopt a new run chart as from 28 Aug, 2011, with slower operational speeds and cheaper train tickets.**

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**”Mommy Tummy” lets men feel pregnant**

**Beijing, 24 Aug**—The best way for men to truly understand the feelings of being pregnant is not hearing sensational describing for hours but experiencing it just in two minutes.

"Mommy Tummy" suit, an invention by Japanese researchers, makes it possible for guys to feel pregnant by simulating nine months of weight gain, according to media reports.

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**Visitors view ink-and-wash paintings by Yu Xiaoang, a prominent Chinese artist, in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 Aug, 2011. A painting exhibition featuring Yu Xiaoang’s abstract ink-and-wash works kicked off here Sunday.—Xinhua**

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**Mario Entrolizo, a trainer, gestures next to a Philippine Eagle “Mindanau” inside a Philippine Eagle compound in Davao City, southern Philippines on 21 Aug, 2011. The Philippine Eagle Foundation conservation center in Davao City breeds the endangered Philippine Eagle or “Monkey-eating Eagle” and reintroduces them to their natural environment.—Xinhua**

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**Raimundas Labuckas (R) and Tomas Gadeikis (L) from Lithuania compete in the men’s C2 200m final of the 2011 ICF World Canoe Sprint Championship in Szeged, Hungary on 21 Aug, 2011. They claimed the title in 37.101 seconds.—Xinhua**
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**Hawk flies into NY apartment building**

Animal rescuers in New York said a red-tailed hawk that entered an apartment building through an open third-story window has been released. Joe Moderski, a resident of the West 80th Street walkup, said he found the hawk in the hallway outside of his fifth-floor apartment when he arrived home at about 3:30 pm Sunday. He said it apparently had flown in through a third-floor window and been flying around the hallways, the New York Daily News reported Tuesday.

“I thought I missed a pillow fight in the hallway or something,” Moderski said. “There were feathers everywhere.” Rita McMahon of the Wild Bird Fund, which rehabilitates wild animals found injured in the city, said the hawk was found to be “fine fighting shape,” the New York Post reported. McMahon said the bird was released Monday in Central Park.

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“We’ve had two occasions recently where both Matthew and I were working and it was so hard on the kids,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted the 46-year-old as saying.

“On the other hand, there are big chunks of time when we’re home a lot more than conventionally working parents. So you hope to make up for it,” she added.

**Mom makes boy wear ‘thief’ sign**

Residents of an Australian city said a mother forced her young son to sit in public wearing Shrek ears and a sign proclaiming him to be “a thief.”

Witnesses said the boy, who appeared to be about 10 years old, spent nearly an hour Sunday sitting near a Townsville water park wearing the ears and the sign while his family ate lunch nearby, The (Sydney) Daily Telegraph reported Monday.

“Do not trust me. I will steal from you as I am a thief,” the boy’s sign read.

Shawn Mayers, who has worked with Child Safety Services in the past, said she was so “horrified” when she saw the boy that she immediately notified the department.

“A lot of people walked past and were laughing at him, including boys who would have been his age,” Mayers said. “At one point, the boy had taken off the Shrek ears. My daughter walked past and heard the mother say, ‘Put them back on or I’ll smack your head in’...”

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“We’ve had two occasions recently where both Matthew and I were working and it was so hard on the kids,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted the 46-year-old as saying.

“On the other hand, there are big chunks of time when we’re home a lot more than conventionally working parents. So you hope to make up for it,” she added.

**Mom makes boy wear ‘thief’ sign**

Residents of an Australian city said a mother forced her young son to sit in public wearing Shrek ears and a sign proclaiming him to be “a thief.”

Witnesses said the boy, who appeared to be about 10 years old, spent nearly an hour Sunday sitting near a Townsville water park wearing the ears and the sign while his family ate lunch nearby, The (Sydney) Daily Telegraph reported Monday.

“Do not trust me. I will steal from you as I am a thief,” the boy’s sign read.

Shawn Mayers, who has worked with Child Safety Services in the past, said she was so “horrified” when she saw the boy that she immediately notified the department.

“A lot of people walked past and were laughing at him, including boys who would have been his age,” Mayers said. “At one point, the boy had taken off the Shrek ears. My daughter walked past and heard the mother say, ‘Put them back on or I’ll smack your head in’...”

Mayers said she feared the long-term effects from the public humiliation would be worse than the potential effects from physical abuse.
49ers’ Hunter can’t afford to rest

SANTA CLARA, 24 Aug — Kendall Hunter’s phone wasn’t blowing up with messages the night the rookie running back scored the 49ers’ first touchdown of the preseason on a dazzling backfield.—

Roddick romps in US Open tune-up

RALEIGH, 24 Aug — American Andy Roddick romped past lucky loser Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-2 6-4 to reach the third round of the Winston-Salem Open on Tuesday, and get his US Open preparation back on track. Roddick, the 2003 US Open champion, has seen his buildup to the season’s final grand slam interrupted by an abdominal injury, but showed no signs of rust speeding past his French opponent in 73 minutes.

Ranked 21 and outside the world top 50 for the first time since 2001, Roddick has played just one event since Wimbledon, losing his opening match last week in Cincinnati. But the American looked in vintage form blasting 11 aces past Roger-Vasselin and completed the match without facing a break point.—

Zico says he has reached a deal to coach Iraq

SÃO PAULO, 24 Aug — The Brazilian soccer great Zico is set to coach the Iraqi national team through the 2014 World Cup in his home country. The coach who starred for Brazil at the 1978, 1982 and 1986 World Cups said only minor details need to be settled.

Zico, 51, who was a teenager when Iraq won the 1970 Asian Cup, was appointed by the Football Association, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Zico will be in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on Thursday to complete the contract.

“Everything will be clear then during negotiations and then the signing of the contract,” Ahmed said.

Signing Zico would be a big boost for Iraqi soccer. Its federation received suspension by FIFA last year when it could not agree on a soccer leader — a Sunni candidate accused of ties to Saddam Hussein’s regime or a Shiite candidate backed by the government.

Granted a year's delay by FIFA, Iraqi officials chose a third candidate with a long history in the country’s soccer community. Najeh Hamoud made finding a new coach for the World Cup qualifying campaign his top priority. Iraq is in a qualifying group with China, Jordan and Singapore. It will play Jordan on 2 Sept.—

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Internet

Bayern boss Heynckes dismisses Tevez interest

MUNICH, 24 Aug — Bayern Munich coach Jupp Heynckes on Tuesday dismissed suggestions the Bavarian giants could swoop for want-away Manchester City star Carlos Tevez to replace injured Croatia striker Ivica Olic.

Munich play FC Zürich in Tuesday’s second-leg of their Champions League qualifier in Switzerland, holding a 2-0 lead from last Wednesday's first leg, but the German giants have just two fit strikers in their squad.

Bayern CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has suggested they are interested in signing a new striker to cover Olic’s hip injury, which is expected to keep the 31-year-old out for up to eight weeks.

Bayern have Germany’s Mario Gomez and rising star Nils Petersen as their fit forwards, while Germany attacking midfielder Thomas Mueller can play up front.

The transfer window is set to close at midnight on Wednesday August 31 and Bayern are weighing up their options.—

Internet

Mourinho facing 12-game ban for eye-poke brawl

MADE, 24 Aug — Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho could be suspended up to 12 games for his altercation with Barcelona assistant coach Tito Vilanova during a Spanish Supercup game-ending brawl.

The Spanish football federation opened disciplinary proceedings against the Spanish clubs Tuesday, six days after Barcelona won the trophy in a fight-marred finale.

Mourinho walked towards Vilanova and appeared to poke him in the eye during the on-field melee the teams.

Under federation rules, the Portuguese coach could be banned between four to 12 games. Vilanova could be sanctioned for four games after retaliating with a push.Barcelona striker David Villa and Madrid pair Marcelo and Mesut Oezil were given one-game bans.—

3-time champ Serena Williams seeded 28th at US Open

American leads active women with 13 major championships, including three at Flushing Meadows — in 1999, 2002 and 2008. She recently won consecutive hard-court tuneup tournaments at Stanford and Toronto, making her one of the favorites to win the US Open, which starts next Monday.

A former No. 1, the American is ranked 29th this week. That’s up from 175th in July, a few weeks after she returned to the tour following nearly a year off because of a series of health problems.

Internet

Velez lose striker Silva to Fiorentina

BUENOS AIRES, 24 Aug — Argentine outfit Velez Sarsfield announced on Tuesday that they have agreed a deal to sell Uruguayan striker Santiago Silva to Fiorentina in Italy. “We received a fax from Fiorentina informing us that they would pay the release clause stipulated in Santiago Silva’s contract and that they would also pay the necessary taxes,” said Velez president Fernando Raffaini.

The player told us that he felt it was a one-off opportunity to try his luck in Europe and that he wanted to go, so that is what will happen. “This is not up to us and we are not doing this because we need the money. We have already offered the player improved terms, but this was his decision.”

Press reports say that Fiorentina will pay just over $2.5 million (1.7 million euros) for the player.Silva, 30, was expected to travel to Italy on Tuesday night to complete the deal.—
Weather forecast for 25th August, 2011

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Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

Warning of high tide

YANGON, 24 Aug—The public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from (20.5) feet to (21.6) feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 28 August to 3 September 2011. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to (21.8) feet high above datum in the year 2009 and 2010, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over (20) feet high above datum.—MNA

Personal hygiene and foods of street vendors to be checked

YANGON, 24 Aug—Yangon City Development Committee will check personal hygiene of street vendors who sell foods and also whether foods sold are fresh, clean and suitable for consumption. The committee has confirmed a regulation that street vendors will have to keep a dustbin whereas hawkers need to have garbage bags.—MNA

Self-reliant hydropower stations develop rural regions

By Kalay Win Thu

On my recent trip, I saw nothing on India-Myanmar friendship road of Kalay-Kalewa-Tamu route. When I passed the bridge at the exit of Kalay, I could breathe fresh air from Nernzara River. The Kalewa-Kyikon-Monywa-Yagyigyi Myoma Road is located on the left side. Kalewa-Kyikon Road to Tamu is on the right side. (See page 10)

A lovely photo shows India-Myanmar friendship road of Kalay-Tamu route with Kana Village.

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Aug—The second regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the third day at Amyotha Hluttaw Building here at 10 am this morning.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 208 Hluttaw representatives attended the today’s session.

First, the Speaker announced that anyone wishing to discuss the President’s address on the first day of the second regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw may register.

U Hla Swe from Constituency No. 12 of Magway Region put a question about when Gangaw, Htilin and Saw townships can see the national grid, U Htay Yei from Constituency No. 7 of Kayah State asked whether there is any plan for supply of electricity from Lawpita Hydro-power Plant to Shadaw and Meisei, two remaining townships without electricity, Ywathit sub-township and Mawchi station, an important station in Kayah State and the estimated date of supply if there is any, U Manar Nai from Constituency No. 10 of Chin State asked whether there is any plan for electricity supply to Kanpetlet Township in Chin State from on going national hydropower projects at Manipur and Myittha rivers flowing from Chin State and the date of supply if there is any, and whether the State can supply electricity with other small and medium-scale hydropower projects if there is no such plan.

In his reply to those questions, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe said that the Kyaw-Gangaw-Haka (66) KV power grid is underway to distribute the electric power from national grid through Kyaw power station; that Kyaw-Gangaw section is due to be completed in 2012-2013 fiscal year; that electric power is provided to Htilin with two department-owned diesel generators; that if power from national grid is to be distributed through Pauk-Mindat (66) KV power lines.

The Union Minister continued that according to current domestic production and consumption of power, it is still unable to provide electric power to Htilin and Saw from national grid but measures will be taken for the two town-ships when the nation sees increased power production in future.

The Union Minister explained that of the seven townships in Kayah State, power is supplied to Loikaw, Dimawhso, Prusho, Bawlake and Pasawng from national grid but Shadaw and Meisei and Ywathit Sub-township with diesel generator; that staff of Mawchi Mines constituted Mawchi Station, in which electric power is generated with 280-kilowatt small-scale hydroelectric generators of the mines; that measures will be taken to provide power to the two remaining townships, the sub-township and the station.

Although Chin State has not enjoyed power from national grid, it still has access to electricity as power is supplied by 11 state/district/township/sub-township/town electrical engineer offices in Kanpetlet, Haka, Falang, Tiddim, Tonzang, Thantalang, Kyikha, Reedhorda, Mindat, Matupi and Yeze with the help of generators and mini hydroelectric turbines; that according to potential of increased amount of the national grid, power supply from national grid to Chin State is projected, for which construction of 30-mile long power lines linking Kyaw and Gangaw.

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