President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Malaysian King

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First Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session goes on for seventh day
Questions raised and answers, proposals and bills submitted for approval

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

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 386 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

As a ministry concerned did not discuss the proposal “Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill” submitted to the Hluttaw yesterday, the proposal would be discussed in first week of September, and those wishing to submit corrected proposals were asked to submit the proposals in accordance with the Pyithu Hluttaw Rules No. 157 and to nominate at the Hluttaw not later than 4 September.

At today’s session, 11 questions were raised and answered, a proposal was discussed and two proposals and one bill were submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to the two questions related to the ministry. U Han Sein of Taikkyi Constituency asked the question that “whether the ministry has a plan for the Yangon-Bagan Express Train to stop over at Taikkyi Station for 2 minutes and to resume Letpadan - Yangon (Local) Train which ran in the past between Letpadan and Yangon.” Union Minister U Aung Min replied that there are two six trains which stop over at Taikkyi Station. They are Yangon-Thayawady-69 up and 70-down trains, 63-up and 64-down Yangon-Pyay trains, Yangon-Pyay 71 Up and 72 Down-trains. Being an express train, Yangon-Bagan Express train stops only at seven stations, which are located at junctions. If it stops over at Taikkyi Station, it will have to stop over 11 more stations which have the same status of Taikkyi Station. It takes around 12 minutes for a train to stop over at a station for two minutes, and it takes a total of 144 minutes for a train to stop over at 12 stations. If the express train stops over at 12 more stations, it will be degraded as a mail train, the minister said. The Ministry has no plan to stop over Yangon-Bagan Express Train at Taikkyi Station as it is an express train, he said.

Union Minister U Aung Min continued to say that in the past, trains ran between Taikkyi-Yangon in the past as Yangon was not easily accessible from Taikkyi. But, today, there are 158 city buses and 168 express buses are running daily from Letpadan, Thayawady and Okkan to Yangon passing through Taikkyi and from Taikkyi. Rail transportation is effective for a long trip and cars are effective for a short trip. It was not economical to run local trains between Yangon and Taikkyi, and Yangon (See page 6)

Strong earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—A strong earthquake of magnitude (6.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Banda Sea, Indonesia) about (2600) miles Southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (13) hrs (34) min (40) sec MST today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Yoshihiko Noda elected as new Japanese PM

Union &C Minister attends 5th ceremony to pay respects to the aged theatrical artists

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Improve tourist industry, a main source of national income

The open season is coming, and Myanmar will see a stream of foreign tourists commencing October, the start of the tourist season. Therefore, all necessary arrangements are to be made to provide fine services for tourists on their arrivals and departures and during their stay.

Most of the tourists enter Myanmar through Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inlay are popular tourist destinations in Myanmar. Asia-Pacific region including Myanmar receives large numbers of tourists. Archaeological regions, ancient buildings and artistic works really put Myanmar on the map, thus fascinating tourists.

The number of tourist arrivals has been on the increase since the beginning of this year. We should improve services by the forthcoming open season such as smooth transport, five-star accommodation, international standard service, guides, aircraft, vehicles, chartered ships and motorboats.

Today, tourism industry has become a lucrative business around the world. Smooth transport and communications are fundamental to improvement of the tourism industry. Those all responsible are urged to make all possible provisions for the tourists.

Union I&C Minister attends 5th ceremony to pay respects to the aged theatrical artistes

YANGON, 30 Aug— The 5th ceremony to pay respects to the aged theatrical artistes, organized by Myanmar Thabin Asiayon was held at the city hall, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, Yangon Mayor Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, chairmen and executives of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon, Chairman of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, executives, the aged theatrical artistes and wellwishers.

Secretary of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon U Aung Tin Win read the message sent by Chairman of the Asiayon U Sein Mar Din that as the association was formed in 1992 with the aim of six objectives, one of them was stated to provide welfare and funeral services of the members of the association with assistance. So, the asiayon is holding the ceremony to pay respects to the aged theatrical artistes annually.

Theatrical artistes had joined hands with artistes of other fields in motivating the people with their performances in anti-colonialist and independence struggles.

At present, the message urged the theatrical artistes to preserve the fine traditions of Myanmar traditional theatrical heritage for its flourishing and improvement and to uplift themselves to be able to disseminate knowledge and ideas in addition to entertaining to the people.

Auditor of the association U Moe Min introduced the aged artistes to those present.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents K 1.14 million by Union Solidarity and Development Party, K 5 million by Ko Moe Min and audiences, K 500,000 by Han Zar Moe Win and Tin Zar Moe Win Theatrical Drama Troupe, K 300,000 by Tin Maung Hsan Min Win (Shweman Theatrical Drama Troupe), K 100,000 by MMPO, K 1 million by Father Land Construction and Maung Po Chit, K 1 million by DJ Thaw Thaw, K 500,000 by Daw Kathy Nyunt (founder of Swan Theatrical Drama Troupe), K 300,000 by U Chan Tha (Shweman Theatrical Drama Troupe), K 300,000 by MMA, K 1.37 million by 21 Township Music Asiayoms, K 665,000 by 10 theatrical troupes and K 1.07 million by wellwishers.

The chairman presented certificates of honour to them.

U Ohn Maung (Yuma), on behalf of the aged artistes, spoke words of thanks.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister U Myint Swe and region ministers greeted the aged theatrical artistes.

At the ceremony, K 60,000 each and gifts were donated to 114 aged theatrical artistes of above-75 years old.

MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and members pay respect to aged theatrical artistes.—MNA
August is deadliest month for US in Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Aug.—Sixty-six US troops have died in Afghanistan so far this month, making August the deadliest month for American forces in the nearly decade-long war.

Nearly half of the troops killed died on 6 Aug when the Taleban shot down a Chinook helicopter in eastern Afghanistan. That was the single deadliest event of the war and sent the monthly tally soaring, according to a tally by The Associated Press.

The 30 American service members — most of them elite Navy SEALs — were aboard the helicopter as it flew in to help Army Rangers who had come under fire. Most of the SEALs who died were from the same unit that killed bin Laden, although none of the men took part in that mission.

Aside from the 30 killed in the crash in Wardak Province, southwest of Kabul, 23 died this month in Kandahar and Helmand Provinces in southern Afghanistan, the main focus of Afghan and US-led coalition forces. The remaining 13 were killed in eastern Afghanistan. The deadliest month for American forces until now was July 2010 when 65 were killed.

The US military recorded its worst monthly death toll at the same time that troops have begun going home. President Barack Obama announced in June that he would begin pulling out the 33,000 extra troops he dispatched to the war.

He ordered 10,000 out this year and another 23,000 withdrawn by the summer of 2012.

In addition to the 66 Americans killed so far this month, the NATO coalition suffered the loss of two British, four French, one New Zealander, one Australian, one Polish and four other troops whose nationalities have not yet been disclosed.

So far this year, 402 international service members, including 299 Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan.—Internet

Three Australian commandos cleared of six Afghan deaths

CANBERRA, 30 Aug.—Australia’s defence minister says all charges have been dropped against three commandos who had faced Australian courts-martial over the deaths of five Afghan children and an adult during a raid in 2009. Defence Minister Stephen Smith told Sky television on Tuesday that the chief military prosecutor had withdrawn the final charges against the last defendant, a lieutenant colonel.

The courts-martial of two other commandos ended in May when a judge ruled they had no duty of care to the Afghans killed.

Smith says the trio are the first Australian soldiers to ever face manslaughter charges over civilian deaths in combat. Smith says he is seeking a report on why charges were laid.

Photo News

Afghan policemen investigate at the site of a suicide car bomb blast in Lashkar Gah, capital of Helmand Province recently. A suicide attacker killed 10 Afghan policemen and a child in the southern City of Lashkar Gah on Sunday when he detonated a car bomb, the provincial governor’s spokesman said.—Internet

Two killed in blast in Karachi, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 Aug.—At least two people were killed and another two injured in a powerful blast that occurred early Tuesday morning in Pakistan’s southern port City of Karachi, said police sources and local media.

According to the local media reports, the blast also partially damaged the buildings nearby the site.

Local TV channel ARY reported that the blast was of a suicide nature. But most of the other reports said the blast took place when the explosives carried by two unidentified persons on a motorcycle to some unknown places went off accidentally on the Abul Hasan Isphahani Road in the city.

Police have cordoned off the area. The nature of the blast is yet to be determined, they said.

Xinhua

An Afghan soldier looks at the wreckage of a motorcycle at the site of an explosion in Herat Province recently. A remote control bomb planted in the three-wheel motorcycle targeting an Afghan army vehicle in the capital of the western Herat Province killed two army men and wounded eight more, three of whom are in critical condition, according to Khalilullah Khalili, a spokesman for ANA in west zone. Internet

Three Australian commandos cleared of six Afghan deaths

PHOTO NEWS

A policeman stands guard at the site of a bombing in Kuf, 150 km (93 miles) southeast of Baghdad, in this file photo. Al Qeda has resurfaced in former Iraqi strongholds, adding to the threat from more powerful and organised Shi’ite militias just as US troops prepare to leave, Iraqi officials say.—Internet

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Kidney stones are made of salts and minerals in the urine that stick together, creating small “pebbles” formed within the kidney or urinary tract. They can be as small as grains of sand or as large as golf balls. Kidney stones are a common cause of blood in the urine and often severe pain in the abdomen, flank, or groin. One in every 20 people develops a kidney stone at some point in their life.—INTERNET

“Eccentric” exercises may ward off hamstring injuries

New York, 30 Aug—Pro and amateur soccer players who regularly did a particular strengthening exercise were less likely to get sidelined with a hamstring injury, according to a new study from Denmark.

The exercises only take about 10 minutes, and can be done without any extra equipment, researchers said. Hamstring strains are the most common injury among soccer players, and “it’s also the injury that takes out the most days from training and matches,” said study author Dr Per Holmich, from the University of Copenhagen.

The injuries typically happen when players are sprinting and the hamstrings — the muscles that run down the back of the thigh to the knee — extend to prevent the knee from overstretching.

That tension while the muscle is extending is known as eccentric contraction. It means very high pressure on the muscles, sometimes for long periods of time, Holmich said.

He and his colleagues figured that mimicking that type of pressure in a strengthening exercise might mean the hamstrings were more prepared to deal with high force in practices or matches. The researchers studied 50 professional and amateur men’s soccer teams in Denmark during a full year of practice and play.

They trained coaches on half of the teams to lead “eccentric training” exercises during a midseason break and then regularly during the season.

To do the exercises, players pair up, with one athlete on his knees and the other holding the back of the first player’s legs and ankles to the ground. The kneeling player slowly leans forward while holding his weight back with his hamstrings, until reaching a push-up position, then pushes himself back up once he hits the ground.

Teams did those exercises up to three times a week during the 10-week break between seasons, then once a week once matches were underway. Other teams followed their normal training plan with no extra hamstring exercises.

Sinopec first-half net profit rises 12%

BEIJING, 30 Aug—Chinese oil giant Sinopec, Asia’s largest refiner, has reported a 12 percent gain in net profit for the first half this year, thanks to strong growth in the world’s second largest economy.

Sinopec earned 41.2 billion yuan ($6.4 billion) in the first six months, up from 36.8 billion yuan the same period a year earlier, according to financial results filed with the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Total revenue rose 31.5 percent on the year to 1.23 billion yuan in the first half. Sales of petroleum products, which accounted for more than 60 percent of total revenue, surged 31.6 percent to 746.3 billion yuan. “The Chinese economy has continued its steady and robust growth,” the company said in the statement late Sunday. “Demand for petroleum and petrochemical products has increased steadily.”

China’s economy grew an annual 9.6 percent in the first half of this year.

Sinopec said international and domestic prices of crude oil, refined oil products and petrochemical products all increased in the first half, helping the company.

But it said it would keep an eye on volatility in crude prices in the second half of this year.

“We expect international crude oil prices will fluctuate within a wider range,” Sinopec said, but added domestic demand for its refined oil and chemical products would stay steady.

The company produced 156 million barrels of crude oil in the first half, down 5.4 percent from a year earlier, due to the overhaul of production machinery at a field in Angola.

Its natural gas output rose 26.6 percent year on year in the first half to 253.9 billion cubic feet.

In the second half of this year, Sinopec said it plans to produce 165 million barrels of crude oil and 247.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas.
Astronauts might have to abandon space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 30 Aug—Astronauts may need to take the unprecedented step of permanently abandoning the International Space Station if last week’s Russian launch accident prevents new crews from flying there this fall.

Until officials figure out what went wrong with Russia’s essential Soyuz rockets, there will be no way to launch any astronauts before the current residents have to leave in mid-November.

The unsettling predicament comes just weeks after NASA’s final space shuttle flight. We have plenty of options,” NASA’s space station programme manager, Mike Suffredini, assured reporters Monday. “We’ll focus on crew safety as we always do.”

Abandoning the space station, even for a short period, would be an unpleasant last resort for the world’s five space agencies that have spent decades working on the project. Astronauts have been living aboard the space station since 2000, and the goal is to keep it going until 2020.

The 22 Sept launch of the very next crew — the first to fly in this post-shuttle era — already has been delayed indefinitely. Russia’s Soyuz spacecraft have been the sole means of getting full-time station residents up and down for two years. The capsule is parked at the station until they ride it home.—Internet

Ultra-thin gaming laptop breaks new ground with video touchpad

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—Look out gamers — here comes the Razer Blade. It’s unusually thin at a mere .88 inches and it’s relatively light at 6.9 pounds, but its claim to fame is a special configurable OLED buttons and LCD touchpad that gives mobile gamers a versatile new way to win.

The Razer Blade is due sometime in the fourth quarter of this year, and it’s made by that same company that creates gaming mice that we’ve favourably reviewed, as well as keyboards and other gaming accessories with a certain design flair. In fact, the company wowed us in January at CES with a prototype “Switchblade” laptop whose keyboard slid away with conventional keys altogether, instead substituting lots of tiny OLED touchscreens. Yes, Razer has credible design chops.

We haven’t tried this Blade laptop yet, but from what we can see, it has more going for it than just a pretty 17-inch face. It’s powered by a dual-core 2.8GHz second-generation Core i7 2640M processor with 8 gigs of RAM and a Nvidia GeForce GT555M 2GB graphics card. Not bad, but on the other hand, there’s no solid-state drive inside — just an old-fashioned 320GB SATA drive.—Internet

New evidence for cold ocean on early Mars

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—The existence of an ancient, frigid ocean on Mars that was surrounded by glaciers could explain the unusual minerals found making up the northern lowlands of the Red Planet, a new study suggests.

These findings add new evidence to the idea that ancient Mars was once cold and wet, not cold and dry nor warm and wet as is often argued. Astrobiologist Alberto Fairén at the SETI Institute and NASA Ames Research Centre and his colleagues investigated why the early crust of the northern Martian lowlands apparently lacks a mineral group called phyllosilicates when compared to similarly aged crust in the planet’s southern lowlands. These minerals are common in marine sediments on Earth.

Their climatic and geochemical models suggest that if a northern ocean existed on Mars, it would have been close to freezing. Moreover, features around the proposed ocean basin are consistent with the presence of large glaciers, such as underwater stretches of rocky debris known as moraines. Near-freezing temperatures and large glaciers would prevent phyllosilicates from forming and depositing a lowland ocean basin.—Internet

Grilled cheese with a tech twist in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Aug—Jonathan Kaplan made cheesy for consumers to shoot cheesy home movies when he founded the company behind the Flip Video camcorder. Now, he’s hoping to popularize something cheesier — and gooier — by starting a chain of grilled cheese restaurants that combine food fast with high-tech.

Kaplan’s latest creation, The Melt, opens its first location Tuesday in San Francisco’s SoMa neighbourhood.

“Economically, it’s a good time right now because people want comfort food,” he says, seated on a stool at one of the bar-height tables at his bright white-and-orange-hued eatery.

Kaplan was convinced to open a grilled cheese chain when he had his plan on the back burner. In the meantime, he started Pure Digital. The company’s Flip Video, a simple, low-cost, pocket-sized video camera, paved the way for an entire market.

With a small group of advisers — including chef and restaurateur Michael Mina — Kaplan approached Swedish home appliance maker Electrolux for an entire market.

In this photo taken on 25 Aug, 2011, Jonathan Kaplan demonstrates using a smartphone to pick up an order at The Melt in San Francisco. First, Flip Video camcorder creator Jonathan Kaplan made it easy for consumers to shoot cheesy home movies. Now, he’s hoping to popularize something cheesier and gooier by starting a grilled cheese restaurant business that combines fast food with high tech.—Internet

Grilled cheese with a tech twist in San Francisco

Professor Praveen Kumar, right, and graduate student Phong Vu Le found that bioenergy crops such as miscanthus and switchgrass use more water than corn, a consideration that has been left out of the cost-benefit analysis for land conversion.—Internet

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were many laws which were added, amended and revoked since 1955. It is found that out of revoked laws, some laws are not agreeable to the current time; not practised for a long time and there is no reason to practice it in the future. Work should be done to scrutinize an existing law whether it can benefit to the State and people, is agreeable to the current time and the market oriented economic system which is practised by the State or not. It is found that the provisions of the 1950 Emergency Act are very important and are necessary for defense of the State and for guarding against the dangers posed to the State and the constitution of the State. Therefore, the proposal should be withdrawn, U Than Oo said.

U Aung Kyaw Soe of Natmauk Constituency said that it is found that the 1950 Emergency Act includes provisions for the State security, prevalence of peace and tranquility, and also transportation, communications, economy, collection of revenue, morality and observance of disciplines and carrying out tasks in accordance with the law. Besides, the law also includes provisions for public affairs, security and safety of the people. Therefore, the 1950 Emergency Act should not be revoked and should be accepted as the existing act as it presents the special act which guard against the dangers posed to the State and lives and property of the people.

U Soe Paing of Wunto Constituency discussed that the Emergency Act covers a number of provisions that protect the public; that purpose of the law is to protect the people and the law will continue to exit as it has protected the people till now; that some anti-social organizations at home and abroad are instigating servicemen and the public’s misunderstanding of and opposition to the nation, absence from duties, fabricating rumors to undermine the peace and economic structure of the nation and some armed groups are committing such acts as attack on servicemen and members of Myanmar Police Force on duty, and explosion of roads and bridges, actions can only be effectively taken against such acts with 1950 Emergency Act, and said that the law should not be cancelled.

U Maung Kaing of Sawlo Constituency discussed that he assumed that the Emergency Act is issued for peace and stability of the nation; that law is essential and those practicing laws and laws are indispensable; that if laws are to be cancelled, it would be a downfall of those practicing laws, there would be an endless cancellation; that the needs of the people should not be neglected for feeling and belief of an individual.

Regarding to the proposal, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that the law to protect the nation from the dangers posed by those wishing to disrupt the State was enacted as 1975 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 3 to prevent threats to State sovereignty and security, and peaceful life of the people, and to protect the nation from the dangers posed by those wishing to disrupt the State, without sacrificing the fundamental concerns that this law is to restrict any of the rights of such offenders as necessary, not to punish an offender; that in other words, the law is designed to detain and prevent the offenders from harming the State’s sovereignty and security, and peaceful life of the public, not to file a lawsuit against the offender.

He added that Sections 2 and 3 of 1950 Emergency Act (Act 17/1950) state crimes and punishments for informing insurgents about movements and acts of members of the Tatmadaw and the police discharging duties for State law and order restoration; that Section 4 states the crimes and punishments for attempting to redress or処断common law and equitable; that Section (from a to k) states the crimes and punishments for harming State law and order restoration, security and peace; that Section 6 states the crimes and punishments for destroying governmental buildings, vehicles, machines, roads, bridges, waterworks and water pipelines and for destroying vehicles, roads, bridges, lakes and dams with the intention of threatening public lives and security; that Section 7 states the crimes and punishments for poisoning public water, and destroying and moving military property; and that the cases on 1950 Emergency Act are dealt with only with the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs as they are serious crimes for the nation.

He said that the punishments embodied in Criminal Law are not punitive enough for the State stability, restoration of law and order, and the rule of law, and 1950 Emergency Act was enacted to hand down punitive sentences to those who have harmed restoration of State law and order, public code of ethic and life. So, it is not wise to abrogate 1950 Emergency Act.

In the submission of proposals, U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency tabled a proposal calling for regularly operating businesses facing crisis due to falling exchange rate between US dollars and Myanmar notes. The proposal will be discussed on 31 August, and the Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss it are to take register this evening.

U Maung Maung Thein of Kayan Constituency submitted a proposal calling for exemption of income tax on interest from treasury bills. The Hluttaw representatives asked as the proposal must be scrutinized in line with the law, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee will review the relevant laws to report it, and more discussions will be held later on the report of the Bill Committee.

U Hla Myint Oo of Pyaymana Constituency changed his proposal to a question asking if selection and appointment of State service personnel who will serve the State and protecting the promotion and the State personnel and the law will set the plan on coordination on recruitment of graduate youths as job opportunities for gate posts of State service personnel; how will manage to get rid of malpractice on uncorrected line of promotion in appointing service personnel together with appointment of the personnel favoured by the superior; and how will create opportunity for staff to be promoted ranks as a special matter; and how will set eight qualification points in the directive issued in 1992. Chairman of UCSB U Kyaw Thu replied that with regard to the question, the UCSB Rule (bill) was drawn to be able to abide by the Union Civil Service Board Law and recommendation and remarks were asked from the Union Attorney-General’s Office for it. The bill refreshed in line with the legal words by the Union Attorney-General’s Office has been submitted to the President Office. It was because the UCSB is under direct control of the President in accord with Section 246 (a) of Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Arrangements have been made to seek the approval from the Union government meeting and then will issue the UCSB Rule in line with Article 27 (a) of the UCSB Law. To be able to exactly prescribe duty and rights of State service personnel, the Union Law on State Service Personnel (bill) is being drafted by the board. Recommendations and remarks for the bill will be sought from the Union Attorney-General’s Office; the bill will be submitted to the President to seek guidance and will be submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw. With regard to the equal chance for those wishing to discharge duty of State service personnel, the selection and appointment of personnel at gate post are being conducted in line with the rules and regulations. When relevant departmental organizations offer proposals on selection of State personnel with vacancy of posts, limit of age and qualification and departmental separate limitation, the proposals are submitted to the monthly meeting. According to the decision of the board, the announcements are issued to recruit the personnel. Outsider and State service personnel are tested under three question papers namely Myanmar, English and general knowledge at the writing and their promotion list meets law, rules and regulations. Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu replied to his question.

U Hla Myint Oo said there were some surreptitious acts on the selection and promotion of State service personnel and recruiting without exactly abiding by the existing law, rules and regulations, and he asked how will manage clear of such acts; how will set the plan on coordination on recruitment of graduate youths as job opportunities for gate posts of State service personnel; how will manage to get rid of malpractice on uncorrected line of promotion in appointing service personnel together with appointment of the personnel favoured by the superior; and how will create opportunity for staff to be promoted ranks as a special matter; and how will set eight qualification points in the directive issued in 1992. Chairman of UCSB U Kyaw Thu replied that with regard to the question, the UCSB Rule (bill) was drawn to be able to abide by the Union Civil Service Board Law and recommendation and remarks were asked from the Union Attorney-General’s Office for it. The bill refreshed in line with the legal words by the Union Attorney-General’s Office has been submitted to the President Office. It was because the UCSB is under direct control of the President in accord with Section 246 (a) of Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Arrangements have been made to seek the approval from the Union government meeting and then will issue the UCSB Rule in line with Article 27 (a) of the UCSB Law. To be able to exactly prescribe duty and rights of State service personnel, the Union Law on State Service Personnel (bill) is being drafted by the board. Recommendations and remarks for the bill will be sought from the Union Attorney-General’s Office; the bill will be submitted to the President to seek guidance and will be submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw. With regard to the equal chance for those wishing to discharge duty of State service personnel, the selection and appointment of personnel at gate post are being conducted in line with the rules and regulations. When relevant departmental organizations offer proposals on selection of State personnel with vacancy of posts, limit of age and qualification and departmental separate limitation, the proposals are submitted to the monthly meeting. According to the decision of the board, the announcements are issued to recruit the personnel. Outsider and State service personnel are tested under three question papers namely Myanmar, English and general knowledge at the writing and their promotion list meets law, rules and regulations. Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu replied to his question.

U Hla Myint Oo of Pyaymana Constituency raising question.—MNA to seek approvals from the Union government and then appoint these recruits under the departmental management. As some ministries did not recruit new staff and officers in vacancies due to many reasons, after some years, announcements of recruits can be issued. Thus, out of generation links among the State service personnel may occur in the service organizations. Therefore, organizations and ministries are to steadily observe vacancies of gate post (gazetted officer) of respective departments for avoiding out of linkage among service personnel and then seek permission from the Union government. If such service organization offers appointment for vacancies, the board will recruit and select the eligible persons systematically.

With regard to promotion of State service personnel, some ministries submitted promotion of staff to the board as a special case. The board conducts it in line with eight-point prescription at the regular meeting whether the proposals are to be allowed or not. Some proposals were refused due to lack of appropriation and within prescribed framework. Most of proposals were compassionately considered. At present, the board has adopted systematic future plans for selecting and nurturing the good State service personnel who will serve the interests of the State and the people.

In submitting the bills, U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency submitted the 2011 Farmlands Bill, and one Hluttaw representative seconded it.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal to be discussed and the bill will be handed over to the Bill Committee.

The seventh day second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was adjourned at 2.40 pm and the eighth day meeting takes place at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA
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In response to the question of U Nyunt Hlaing from Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6) if production of high-yield seeds of crops will be boosted locally, and if there will be any plans to supervise production of seeds of crops in accordance with Seed Law, the Union minister said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is carrying out its tasks for seed production, training, and education, and research and development with the aim of improving the agricultural sector; that it has been producing quality seeds of crops at the seed farms under the Department of Agricultural Research and the Myanmar Agriculture Service, and it is planning to produce quality seeds on a commercial scale at the farms of voluntary farmers under the supervision of agricultural service personnel, as well as the farms of agriculture-related companies; that Seed Law was enacted with State Peace and Development Council Law (1/2011) on 7 January 2010; that the law is aimed at systematizing production, import, export and distribution of seeds; that now it is studying the procedures on Seed Law to formulate and promulgate Seed Law that meets international standards; that in addition, it is working hard in cooperation with agriculturists to produce quality seeds of hybrid rice at Yezin Institute of Agriculture and Shwedaung Farm in Wundwin Township; that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is demonstrating model plots to provide scientific methods to farmers who grow rice on a manageable scale; that the ministry is taking measures in all seriousness for boosting per acre yield of rice and boosting farmers’ profits; that to distribute rice seeds of new local or foreign strains, the ministry surveys the characteristics, per acre yield, resistance to pests, quality, and demands at respective regions; that the first priority is given to production and distribution of quality seeds of major crops such as rice, sunflower, cotton, corn, sugarcane, rubber and other crops; and that the ministry is giving encouragement to emergence of seed companies reliable for farmers.

U Hla Swe from Magway Region Constituency (12) asked when Myitha Dam Project in Gangaw Township, Magway Region, will be completed. The Union minister replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation sought green light at Meeting (1/2011) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee on 22 April 2011 to implement Myitha multipurpose dam project by damming the Myitha River in Gangaw Township to produce 40 megawatts; that so far, the project has been completed by 36% and designs have been drawn out; that the government will set a budget for the project; that the ministry will consume the project with added momentum according to the budget; and the project is due to be completed in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

U Saw Tun Mya Aung from Kayin State Constituency (5) said that Papun gets sufficient electric power in the rainy season; that the engines of the hydropower plant have been out of order due to ravages of time, and asked if they will be repaired. Union Minister for Electric Power-2 U Khan Maung Soe said that Papun got electricity from a 50-kilowatt hydropower plant and a 12-kilowatt hydropower plant, and the local regiment and the hospital got electricity from the 5-kilowatt hydropower plant.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Nyunt Yin Aung from Yangon Region Constituency No. 2 holds discussion.—SNA

boards of visitors in order of rank and local visitors aim for better management of prisons. But, in practical, prisoners are reluctant to take heed of prison authorized body. They wanted to report even small rows to prison authority after meeting with prison boards of visitors. There were growing coercing, bullying, disregarding and violating the prison rules that lead to unrest, intimidation and rebellion. So, the appearance of prison board of visitors was dissolved in 1975. Although appearance of prison boards of visitors was ended, prison visitors in order of rank such as district/ township level administrators, judges, police officers, doctors, auxiliary firefighters, Red Cross members, and members of Women Affairs Federation, Maternal and Child Welfare Association have been making monthly visit to prisons to deal with prisoner problems and make consultation till now, as well as delivering letter from prisoners and giving healthcare treatments. From 2001 to 25 August 2011, there were 643 times of donation to prisons and 106 times to labour camps worth K 2407.8 million. Moreover, monks and local prominent residents interested in social welfare are carrying out measures for construction of purified drinking water

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Tun Lwin of Kachin State Constituency No. 9 raises proposal.—SNA

According to the Prison Manuals (1984), formation of board of visitors including local residents in order of rank in prisons; appointment to local resident visitors of prisons for local prominent residents of their own volition interested in welfare of prisoners; if there have been forming of board of visitors, how many boards of visitors in order of rank and local visitors have been in prisons; and according to the Prison Manuals, when the forming of board of visitors will start.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko responded to the question that matters relating to prison visitors has been prescribed in Paragraph (24), (26) and (27) of Chapter (4) of Section (1) in the Prison Manuals (1984). Tasks for plant, construction and repair of religious buildings, opening of meditation centres, making donation, and educating, the Union Minister said.

U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. 2 discussed the proposal raised by U Khan Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 that urging the Union Government to amend, draw and prescribe administration laws of Ministry of Transport in order of priority.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Transport U Nyunt Aung said that in the time of the new government, Ministry of Transport is taking steps for supplement, amendment and substation of laws disagreeable to present day. Fifth-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw held on 26 August 2011 approved to discuss the proposal for amendment to laws. Ministry of Transport is the one giving services to water and air transportations, exercising three laws relating to air transport and 18 laws relating to water transport. Of them, as Myanmar Five Star Line law is no longer to be followed, there remain 20 laws.

Ministry of Transport is taking measures in accord with standards and norms prescribed by International Marine Organization-IMO and drawing new laws in accord with rules and regulations of International Civil Aviation Organization-ICAO. The ministry will make a go at prescribing usages and provisions agreeable to present days in order of first, second and third priorities. Six laws of the first priority have been tabled to Attorney-General Office to be enacted. In order to enact eight laws of the second priority, measures are being taken in coordination with Attorney-General Office to amend outdated provisions, usages, crimes and punishments. The ministry is on its path taking to prescribe six laws of the third priority to be agreeable to present days, the Union Minister replied.

U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. 2 held discussion on proposal submitted by U Thein Win

— MNA

Union Minister U Nyunt Aung replies to query.—SNA

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...of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 that the Ministry of State Administration Laws of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that according to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and present situation, administration laws of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue have been submitted to Attorney-Generals Office to amend and revoke unnecessary parts. To revoke the tax law, a bill to revoke the law has been submitted to ongoing Pyithu Hluttaw to enact the bill as the law.

Cancellation of the remaining Administration of Public Finance Act, Bogyoke Fund Act, 1956 International Financial Corporation Agreement Act and International Wealth Act are in the process in coordination with the Attorney-Generals Office.

As for laws in need of amendment, a bill has been submitted to ongoing Pyithu Hluttaw to amend and conform Services Duty Act, Stamp Duty Act, Income Tax Act, and Trade Tax Law suitable to the current conditions.

Moreover, the ministry has made coordination with Union Attorney General’s Office to amend The Pension Act. The Foreign Exchange Regulation Act and Central Bank of Myanmar Act and Myanmar Financial Institution Act in accord with the modern times.

The ministry is also reassessing the laws pointed out by Hluttaw Representative U Thein Win and taking measures to amend them suitable to the current conditions and announced that the ministry approved the proposal.

U Ye Myint from Constituency No. 4 of Bago Region and U Thein Win of Constituency No. 9 of Sagaing Region discussed the proposal for government’s measures to confirm one foreign exchange rates in Myanmar submitted by Dr Khin Shwe at yesterday’s session.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that setting of stable exchange rate beneficial to the nation is a must for the monetary sector; that inflation rate, foreign reserve, GDP, budget deficit, exchange rates of major trading countries, trade volume, border trade, etc are to be considered in a change for the exchange rate.

The Union Minister went on that Government should cancel 1953 Tenancy Law, 1963 Farmers Rights Protection Law.

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Dy FM attends 5th FEALAC Foreign Ministers’ Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The Myanmar delegation led by Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the 5th Foreign Ministers’ Meeting of Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 24 to 25 August.


Furthermore, Deputy Minister Dr Myo Myint received Mr Paul Jean-Oritz, Director of Asia-Oceania Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France on 22 August in Paris and met with Mr Marcos Rodriguez Costa, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba on 25 August on the sideline of the meeting. During the bilateral meetings, they exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations and matters relating to cooperation for mutual interests.—MNA

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now...
FM felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—On the occasion of the 54th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31 August, 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Datuk Anifah bin Haji Aman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.—MNA

Myanmar Hotels and Tourism industry on promotion of tourist arrival

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Myanmar Hotels and Tourism industry is getting better improvement in its tourist arrival to the nation just as the year 1996 was regarded as Visit Myanmar Year, while Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Britain are investing in the tourism industry.


The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism arranging for the convenience of tourists are taking necessary steps to ensure smooth arrival of tourists, fixed prices of taxis, good hotel services and maintenance of tourist destinations, so the visiting rates of tourists this year is expected to be more than ever before.

(Myo Myint MNA)

Automobile Technical Training School (Magway) starts nurturing technicians

Automobile Technical Training School (Magway) launched its course No. 1 on 26 August morning at its assembly hall.

The course covers Automobile Engine Maintenance Module, Automobile Transmission & Chassis, Automobile Body & Painting and CAD/CAM subjects.

The course intends to bear technicians needed for the industrial sector of Magway Region and its immediate environs. The one-year course, which is being trained by Myanmar and Korean experienced technicians with the use of modern teaching aids, is being taken by a total of 148 trainees.

Poor sleep affects high blood pressure in men

BEIJING, 30 Aug—Men who are light sleepers are at increased risk for developing high blood pressure, suggests a study published Monday in Hypertension, Journal of the American Heart Association.

Researchers at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School found that men who got less deep sleep, also called slow-wave sleep, had an 80-percenter higher chance of having high blood pressure compared to men with higher levels of slow-wave sleep.

The link held regardless of other factors, such as obesity or how long the men slept. “People should recognize that sleep, diet and physical activity are critical to health, including heart health and optimal blood pressure,” said lead researcher Susan Redline in a statement.

“Our study shows for the first time that poor quality sleep, reflected by reduced slow-wave sleep, puts individuals at significantly increased risk of developing high blood pressure,” she said. “Although the elderly often have poor sleep, our study shows that such a finding is not benign,” she added.

Xinhua

Israel Ambassador meets Myanmar agricultural research students

YANGON, 30 Aug—At the RUMFCCI Office Tower in Minyekyawswar Street, Lanmadaw Township, Mr. Yaron Mayer, Israeli Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, this morning met with Myanmar scholars who will pursue their studies in the agricultural course to be opened at the Ramat Negev Agro Research Center in Israel.

On the occasion, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Rice Association Chairman of Paddy Producers Group U Sein Win Hlaing extended greetings. Israeli Ambassador delivered an address and presented a certificate of the course on agricultural methods through a projector.

A total of 49 trainees—11 from Paddy Producers Group, 14 Myanmar Engineers’ Association and 24 Myanmar Fisheries Federation—will take the Outcomes of Fruit and Paddy Agricultural Research Marketing Course lasting 1 Imonths.

BST, Pre-sea course for seaman

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Ministry of Transport to create seaman job opportunities in Myanmar allowed maritime private companies to open courses as a matter of principle. Myanmar Mercantile Marine College, Myanmar Marine Engineer Society, Uniteam Marine (Yangon) Ltd, Kabar Services Co Ltd, Unique Marine Services Co Ltd, MYANSEA and MOSA that fall within the competence of procedure of the Department of Marine Administration will conduct Basic Safety Training (BST) and Pre-sea Training Course on 5 September simultaneously which are essential courses for all who will earn their living with seaman life. Those who passed Basic English Skill Test (BEST) exam from September 9 to 21 December 2010 are eligible to take the courses. So, the trainees are obliged to report to the training centres. Name lists to take courses have been on the notice board of Myanmar Mercantile Marine College.—MNA

Dangerous water level of Dokhtawady, Sittoung, Thanlwin and Ngawun Rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge (898) cm has exceeded by (28) cm (about 1-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo (840) cm has exceeded by (40) cm (about 1.3-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1114) cm has exceeded by (44) cm (about 1.4-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (784) cm has exceeded by (34) cm (about 1.1-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung (1158) cm has exceeded by (28) cm (about 1-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA
Approaching tropical storm Nanmadol impacts E China

Fuzhou, 30 Aug—As tropical storm Nanmadol approaches eastern Fujian Province, flights have been canceled, shipping lines remain suspended, and fishermen have been evacuated as gales and rainstorms swept coastal cities on Tuesday morning.

Previously categorized as a typhoon, Nanmadol was downgraded to a tropical storm around 10 am Monday, and it is likely to hit the southern parts of Fujian on Tuesday afternoon, according to the provincial meteorological bureau. The Xiamen-Jinmen shipping line, which links the mainland and Taiwan, has been suspended since Monday afternoon, and Jinjiang Airport has canceled six flights.

Quanzhou municipal authorities have organized more than 41,000 people into rescue teams to prepare for potential emergencies. Nanmadol will bring high tide levels with heavy rainfall of 200 mm to 350 mm, which might lead to flooding and secondary disasters, according to a report released by the meteorological bureau.——Xinhua

New train line joins Argentina, Uruguay for first time

Los Angeles, 30 Aug—The pilot of a small plane broke his leg after the aircraft crashed following takeoff near Santa Monica Airport in Southern California Monday afternoon, local Press said. A group of painters working near the crash site and another citizen nearby pulled the pilot out of the single-engine Cessna, ABC7 reported.

They also put out a small fire caused by the crash, which took place 0.5 km west of the runway. The plane crashed into a cinder block wall of a house, with an impact so powerful that the aircraft was broken into half and the wings were ripped off the fuselage. It clipped some tree branches while it went down.

The pilot, who suffered a broken leg and a painter, who was wounded by flying debris, were sent to UCLA Medical center for treatment. None of the injuries are life-threatening.——Xinhua

Cannibal wanted to eat 10 more

Moscow, 30 Aug—A Russian man who invited another man into his Murmansk home, fatally stabbed and ate him, and hoped to eat “at least 10 other people,” authorities say.

“The defendant wanted to try eating at least 10 people in the future,” an investigative committee in the Russian Arctic City said Monday.

The 21-year-old man, who allegedly confessed to the crime, had become acquainted with the victim through the Internet, investigators believe, RIA Novosti reported.

“One of them was seeking a sexual partner,” Murmansk Investigation Committee Chief Fyodor Bludenov said. “The accused explained later that such people are not open, and they prefer to hide their contacts.”

In a statement, the Investigation Committee said, “The accused stabbed the man a few times, and after having assured himself that the man was dead, he cut up his body and ate him.”

The mother of the victim, who was born in 1959, contacted police in mid-August and investigators checked out his contacts, which led to the suspect.——Internet

Oil tank fire put out in Dalian

Beijing, 30 Aug—An oil tank fire in northeastern China’s coastal City of Dalian has been put out. A diesel tanker set alight Monday morning in a refinery owned by PetroChina, one of the country’s leading oil producers.

Police sent 65 fire trucks and nearly three hundred firemen. No casualties have been reported. The fire is thought to have begun after a pipe linking two tanks cracked. Further causes are still under investigation.——Xinhua

A fire engine works at the fire spot in a refinery owned by PetroChina in Dalian City, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 29 Aug, 2011.——Xinhua

Bear shot near crowded festival

Uniontown, 30 Aug—A black bear was shot and killed Sunday after getting too close to a downtown street festival in Uniontown, Pa, police say. Police received multiple reports of sightings of the 350-pound bear as it made its way closer to the city’s downtown area, where thousands of people were gathered, the Herald Standard reported.

Police Chief Jason A. Cox said the bear died immediately upon being shot once in the head after it was located about two blocks away from where the festival was taking place.

“The festival was going on and with the bear being in a highly populated area, the decision was made that the risk was too great and the bear was shot,” Cox said.——Internet

Three killed in train collision in Lahore, Pakistan

Islamabad, 30 Aug—At least three people were killed and several others injured when two passenger trains hit each other Tuesday morning in Pakistan’s eastern City of Lahore, reported local Urdu TV channel Channel Five.——Xinhua
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Invitation to Open Tenders

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following items in Japanese Yen:-

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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 1.9.2011 (Thursday) during office hours and for further details, please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, corner of Thibyu Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Yangon

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ORIENTAL CROWN VOY NO (013)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL CROWN VOY NO (013) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SONG WON PCS CO LTD
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MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (134)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (134) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.4 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.

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AGENT FOR: MS PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO LTD
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Windsurfers and kite boarders enjoy strong wind and waves at West Chezzetcook Inlet near Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on 29 Aug. 2011. The remnants of Hurricane Irene moved into Canada from the United States, whipping up strong winds and dumping heavy rain on parts of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces in Southeast Canada, which left thousands of homes without power, two people missing and two others injured. — Xinhua

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Vermont, New Jersey flooded as Irene spares NYC

FAIRFIELD (NEW JERSEY), 30 Aug — New Jersey and Vermont struggled with their worst flooding in decades on Monday, a day after Hurricane Irene slammed and already soaked US Northeast with torrential rain, dragging away homes and submerging neighborhoods underwater.

The massive storm churned up the US East Coast over the weekend killing at least 38 people in 11 states, in addition to three who died in the Dominican Republic and one in Puerto Rico when the storm was still in the Caribbean, authorities said.

Spared from Irene’s worst fury, New York City went back to work on Monday despite a partially crippled mass transit system and power outages that left 100,000 customers in the metropolitan area and nearly 1 million in the state without electricity.

Overall, some 3.1 million homes and businesses were still without power from North Carolina to Maine, and utilities said it could take days to restore electricity in more accessible areas and weeks in the hardest-hit regions.

Total economic damage could reach $20 billion, Standard & Poor’s Senior Economist Beth Ann Bovino said. Hundreds of thousands of homes suffered damage, causing questions about how much could be covered by insurance as many homeowner policies do not cover flood damage.

MNA/Reuters

Mount Etna’s eruption intensifies in Italy

ROME, 30 Aug — Mount Etna is spewing out ash and shooting spectacular bursts of lava high into the air as the eruption on the island of Sicily intensifies. Italy’s Civil Protection agency said Italy’s geo-

More intangible cultural heritage under state protection in China

BEIJING, 30 Aug — China added 191 new items to the list of state intangible cultural heritage on Monday, including traditional music, handicrafts and medi-

Internet
**Australian man throws away $50,000 in gold**

An Australian man says he accidentally threw out $50,000 worth of his wife’s gold jewelry recently in an attempt to fool any would-be robbers.

The Queensland man — who gave only his first name, Geoffrey — hid the family’s gold collection in garbage bags after his GPS navigation system and keys were recently stolen. The Courier-Mail in Brisbane reported in its Tuesday edition. “I had this great idea to split the gold into three rubbish bags so if the thieves did come in they’re not going to find it,” Geoffrey said. The valuable trash bags, however, ended up in the local landfill last week when the man’s children cleaned house in anticipation of an upcoming move.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council said that while it sympathizes with the family’s loss, searching the landfill, which takes in about 1,400 tons of waste each week, would be next to impossible. “To locate the lost items, this decaying compacted waste would need to be systematically excavated and sorted mechanically by the contractor,” a council spokesman said.

**Maharaja of Mysore’s Rolls Royce to be auctioned**

A 100-year-old Rolls Royce owned by Krishna Raja Wodeyar IV, the erstwhile ruler of Mysore, will soon go under the hammer and is expected to fetch 400,000 pounds (around USD 650,000).

Krishna Raja Wodeyar bought seven Rolls Royces. The Silver Ghost 40/50hp six-cylinder car on sale was customised with colourful umbrella to shield the king’s servants from the sun, said the Daily Mail. The royal who ordered the model in 1911 called it “Victoria”.

He was reportedly one of the world’s wealthiest men, worth an estimated 35 billion pounds at his death in 1940.

**Jeff Bridges loves meditation**

**Actor Jeff Bridges** who meditates almost every day recommends that every one should try it as “dynamics” into one’s life. “I meditated yesterday morning. I skipped today because I got up late, but it’s very effective for me,” contactmusic.com quoted the 61-year-old as saying.

“It’s good to block out external stimulus for a set amount of time, because, for one thing, it enhances the experience when you are stimulated by something. It brings dynamics to your life,” he added.

**Matthew Fox detained for assaulting bus driver**

**BEIJING, 30 Aug—** "Lost" star Matthew Fox was detained early Monday after allegedly assaulting a female bus driver, according to media reports.

It is reported that Fox attempted to hitch a ride to his hotel via a private party bus early Sunday morning, but the female driver of the bus refused to let him enter.

Fox then allegedly punched the driver in the chest and stomach before receiving a blow to the mouth in return. Fox was detained by police but was eventually released to "a friend" and took a taxi to his hotel, according to the police report.

The alleged victim in the case, Heather Boormann, is considering pressing charges in the case. "I don’t care that he is a celebrity," Bormann said. “Assault is against the law.”—Xinhua

**Watts, Klum design for baby charity**

**LONDON, 30 Aug—** Hollywood celebrity mothers Naomi Watts and Heidi Klum have designed a pair of charity. The stars, as well as singer Conaghy’s partner Camila Alves, use of Celebrities 4 Maternity Dennports. The money raised from March of Dimes organization, hieve full-term pregnancies. "Now mums can be even a-kind jeans, personally favourite celebrity icon, executive vice president of shaping workers in Britain have been axed after they put an electronic tag on a man’s prosthetic leg.

Christopher Lowcock was convicted of driving offences, drug possession and having an offensive weapon. The staff of a security firm that tags/70,000 criminals a year in Britain failed to spot the 29-year-old’s prosthetic leg, reported The Sun. The matter came to light after a week when Lowcock was arrested for driving while banned.

“The whole thing is incredible because even the most basic checks weren’t carried out. Two members of staff did not do what they should have done. It doesn’t give you much faith in the system,” a source was quoted as saying.
BAGHDAD, 30 Aug — The Brazilian soccer great Zico was hired as Iraq’s national coach, hoping to revive the team after a disappointing run.

Zico agreed to a one-year contract late Sunday after two days of negotiations, Iraq Football Federation President Najih Hamoud told The Associated Press by phone on Monday.

The deal with Zico is done and he started his work with our team,” Hamoud said. “We hope to see good results by Zico and our national team.” German coach Wolfgang Sidka was released this month at the end of his $500,000, one-year contract.

Hamoud declined to say how much the 58-year-old Brazilian would be paid although he is expected to get a bonus for every game Iraq wins.

Barca beat Villarreal 5-0 to kick off the season on perfect note

Barcelona’s Thiago Alcantara celebrates after scoring a goal against Villarreal during their Spanish first division soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 29 Aug, 2011. — Xinhua

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Defending BBVA Primera Liga Champions FC Barcelona kicked off their league campaign with an easy 5-0 win against Villarreal in the Camp Nou Stadium on Monday night. Barcelona were playing on Monday because they had played the European Supercup Final on Sunday night, beating Porto 2-0 in Monaco. If Villarreal were hoping that the Catalans may have been suffering from tired legs or a post celebration hangover, they were to be disappointed.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola produced a surprise in his starting line-up: with central defenders Carles Puyol and Gerard Pique both injured, he started the game with just three defenders on the pitch, but with Cesc Fabregas, who was making his league debut for Barcelona, Seydou Keita, Andre Iniesta and Thiago Alcantara in midfield, while Xavi Hernandez was on the substitutes’ bench.

Barcelona won six Grand Slam matches at Wimbledon alone this summer, reaching the final there before losing to Petra Kvitova. Fresh off that triumph, Kvitova — a 21-year-old from the Czech Republic seeded No 5 in Flushing Meadows — failed to follow it up, flopping at the US Open team after a disappointing run.

The Associated Press

Patrick’s NASCAR plans prompt more criticism

CHARLOTTE, 30 Aug — Danica Patrick lost her 63rd consecutive IndyCar race on Sunday at Sonoma, and if you didn’t already know her record is now 1 for 112, there’s an entire website that obsessively tracks her lack of progress and touts her as “OVER-HYPED And UNDER-DESERVING!”

It’s not a new site, but since announcing last week that she’ll move full-time to NASCAR next season, the haters have been out in full force with scathing commentary and scatology that seems down-right sexist.

It’s doubtful anyone has ever paid attention to what five-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson has won to a press conference, but one publication that Patrick wore “orange hooker heels” to last Thursday’s announcement.

“Some days Luiz will play better than somebody else and on another day it will be someone else’s turn to show up,” he said.

“The most important thing is we have got different people that can play and produce a high quality of performance,” Dalglish added: “In any one season there are going to be individuals that grab the headlines but wanted to recognise all contributions.

Venus Williams

NEW YORK, 30 Aug— The tennis outfitines will have to wait for now. The Williams sisters have no intentions of quitting anytime soon. If they have their way, they will be around for a lot longer yet, perhaps adding records for longevity to their records on the court. For years,

Sisters have no plans to retire: Venus Williams

Wenger sorry for Old Trafford pain

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Manchester City believe Tevez will now see out the season on their books, with there few clubs capable of meeting their asking price. Aguero is keen to see his countryman stay, allowing the pair to work on a strike partnership that could prove to be destructive at domestic and international level. “We have spent a lot of time together and we talk about everything,” Aguero said.

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Rooney wants Walcott at his best against Bulgaria.

**London, 30 Aug**

Wayne Rooney said he hopes Theo Walcott will put the memory of Manchester United's 8-2 rout of Arsenal behind him to focus on England's upcoming Euro 2012 qualifier away to Bulgaria.

Rooney scored a hat-trick for United at Old Trafford on Sunday as Walcott netted one of two goals, shipped eight for the first time in over a century. But the two players now find themselves on the same side as members of an England squad that play Bulgaria in Sofia on Friday before the Group G leaders face Wales in another Euro 2012 qualifier at Wembley on Tuesday: "We're concentrating on England," he told a news conference at the squad's hotel on Tuesday. "We want Theo at his best so don't really want him to remember that result." However, United striker Rooney was certainly buoyed by his own performance last weekend. "It's always great to be in good form and scoring goals. "I'm looking forward to getting back playing for England, playing well, and helping us get the points we need."

As for the upcoming England fixtures, Rooney said: "I think it'll be a really tough game, Bulgaria away. "I'm sure it'll be a good atmosphere and a difficult game to come away with three points from. "Wales are a good team but I'd like to think we've got enough to beat them at home."
First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session continues for seventh day

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends seventh-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The first Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session went on for the seventh day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Present were Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing replied to the queries of five Hluttaw representatives.

In response to the question of U Thein Hlaing from Sagaing Region Constituency (8) that Yazagyo Dam Project in Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, was launched in 2005, and the project on completion will be able to irrigate 6500 acres of farmlands and generate four megawatts; that the water from the dam is supplied, local farmers can use double- and triple-cropping patterns and the project will help improve agriculture and industry and satisfy the electricity demand of the region and asked how soon the project will be completed, the Union minister said that the multipurpose dam project is being implemented by damming the Nayinayza Creek, about 2 miles north of Yazagyo Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Region; that green light to implement the project was given at Meeting (2/2004) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee on 27 December 2004; that pre-engineering works, feasibility study and groundwork were launched in 2003-2004; that in proportion to the size of the budget allocated by the State, the project was completed by 35 per cent; that plans are underway to import necessary hydropower equipment; that when the equipment is imported, the project will be resumed with added momentum with ministry-owned machinery and vehicles along with entrepreneurs; and that the project is due to be completed by 2013-2014.

U Win Tint from Sagaing Region Constituency (1) in his question said that Monywa-Mandalay Road and villages were flooded, and asked if Thitlein Dam will be built in Myinnpun Township, Sagaing District, Sagaing Region, to prevent floods and supply water to Letpan Dam, and when the project will be launched. The Union minister in his reply said that Letpan Dam was built by the government; the Letpan Creek in Myinnpun Township, Sagaing Region; that with the water storage capacity of 4910 acre feet, the earthen facility was intended to irrigate some 2500 acres of farmlands; that the estimated amount of annual inflow water into the dam was about 5500 acre feet, but the highest amount of inflow water was only 3965 acre feet in 2010 so that the dam could not irrigate 2500 acres completely; so, feasibility study was launched in 2008 to build Thitlein Dam (supporting dam for Letpan Dam); that if the findings show possible, a budget will be submitted to the government to continue, based on the amount of the government budget.

U Soe Myint from Magway Region Constituency (6) in his question said that the government is building new dams, so it should make major repair and maintenance to old irrigation facilities like Wethu Lake in Salin, Minbu District, and asked if land survey can be carried out for maintenance of the irrigation facilities. The Union minister said that the lake was built in the times of Myanmar monarchs; that the lake is under maintenance of Shwesettaw Sanctuary Administrative Office not under the Irrigation Department; that related ministries are now working together to supply water to Linzin Dam at stone pillar No. 82000 through Myanmarmadaw Canal along the outlet channel of Wethu Lake sluice gate; that a budget of 41.5 million kyats was passed from the 2011-2012 fiscal year, so the rebuilding of the lake is due to be completed by this dry season; and that the Irrigation Department will submit a bill for a budget to the government to start maintenance of old dams and lakes this dry season.

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Ceiling tiles save shopkeepers from heat at Thiri Mingala Market

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photo: Myint Aung (Ahlon)

Thiri Mingala Market was built near Padauk Creek in Hline Township by spending K 532.8 million. The market was completely moved from Kyimyindine Township on 23 December 2010. The new market was opened on 24 December. The market was built with six large complexes, three small complexes, totalling nine in addition to two vast car parking.

A shopkeeper from fruit row said that they suffered due to lack of any shade at the environs of the market and roofs of corrugated iron sheets.

On 25 August, we the news crew of the Myanmar Alin daily visited the market. We saw that ceiling tiles have been installed at the complex (A) of the market, and more ceiling tiles were being installed at the complex (B). In meeting with in-charge of the market U Myo Win at his office, he introduced us to the market development committee. Secretary of the market development committee U Than Tun explained, “The market development committee organized the installation of ceiling tiles with half by half contributions by the market families and Markets Department of Yangon City Development Committee. Installation of the ceiling tiles for a large complex cost K 16.2 million.”

Translation: TTA

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Low pressure area forms over Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—According to the observations at (6.30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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