President U Thein Sein felicitates Singaporean President on his election

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam on his election as President of the Republic of Singapore.—MNA

Our Three Main National Causes

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

President U Thein Sein felicitates Prime Minister of Japan for his election

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Yoshihiko Noda on his election as Prime Minister of Japan.—MNA

First Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session goes on for eighth day

Questions raised and answered, proposals and bills submitted for approval

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the eighth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 385 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. Nine questions were raised and replied, one proposal discussed, and two new proposals and one bill submitted at today’s Hluttaw.

U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Tok of Momeik Constituency raised a question asking that (See page 6)

Plan under way to build three more concrete sleeper factories

By Kyemon

To substitute reinforced concrete sleepers in the places of old ones along railroads across the nation and to install the sleepers at construction of railroads, a plan is under way to build three concrete sleeper factories in Bhamo, Hsipaw and Namsang. (See page 5)

Worn banknotes can be changed with new ones at Myanmar Economic Bank

YANGON, 31 Aug—Myanmar Economic Bank has been changing worn banknotes in circulation with the new ones with the same value. Without limitation, worn denominations ranging from 10 to 200 kyats can be changed at the separate counters of Myanmar Economic Banks (Saving) daily. MNA

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—According to observations at 5:30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. MNA
Oil and gas companies urged to pay attention to public interest

Work coordination meeting of the companies making joint venture with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy through PSC to explore and produce oil and gas at inland oilfields in progress.

MNA

Myanmar to compete in 28 sports events of XXVI Games

NAV PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The XXVI SEA Games, which will be held in Palembang and Jakarta of Indonesia, commencing 11 November.

Of 44 sports events, Myanmar sports contingent will take part in 28 sports events.

Myanmar will participate in swimming, diving, archery, track & field, badminton, basketball, billiards, boxing, canoeing/kayak, chess, cycling, football, futsal, golf, judo, Karatedo, martial art, western style rowing, sailing, Sepak Takraw, shooting, table tennis, Taekwondo, tennis, traditional boat race, volleyball, weightlifting and Wushu events.

A total of 542 gold medals will be presented to the winners in the games. A total of 357 gold medals for the sports events in which Myanmar will take part will be awarded to the winners.

At present, Myanmar sports teams are taking vigorous exercises at the camps for securing medals with victories.

Myanmar will host the XXVII SEA Games, so the country will accept the sports flag of the SEA Games at the closing ceremony of the XXVI Games.

The SEA Games is the highest sports competition in Southeast Asian region once every two years as of 1959.

Tim Hwe

Transport News Journal to come out on 5 Sent

YANGON, 31 Aug—The Transport News Journal, forth monthly journal of the Ministry of Transport aimed to inform its air, water and road transportation sectors to the public in real time, will come out every Monday commencing on 5 September.

The 20-page biweekly will feature news related to transportation and arts and entertainment as well as ask & answer column for the readers. The journal introduces the 12 enterprises and departments under the ministry for public knowledge.

The press conference for introduction of the journal will be held at Yuzana Garden Hotel on 4 September.—MNA

Better transport—key to regional development

As better transport plays a key role in regional development, new motor roads and railroads are under construction across the nation. Thanks to new roads and bridges, local people gain easy access to other regions and states in the country.

Regions with poor transportation had faced difficulties due to barrier of mountain ranges but now have easy access to other areas within a day trip. Regions teeming with rivers and creeks which had to rely only on water transport can now enjoy road trips. Smooth and swift flow of commodities makes all the regions achieve success in trade and business.

Nagapauk Bridge on DaikU-Sittoung Road in Waw Township of Bago Region was commissioned into service on 27 August. It is 240 feet long RC facility that can withstand 60-ton loads of individual vehicle.

Nagapauk Bridge is located on the shortcut linking DaikU on Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway and the Sittoung on Yangon-Bago-Mawlamyine Road. In the past, the route was 46 miles long. Thanks to the new bridge, the route can be shrunk to the 21-mile facility by saving time.

Opening Nagapauk Bridge contributes to smooth flow of commodity from Bago Region to Upper and Lower Myanmar. Local people can travel to Mon State, Kayin State and Taninthayi Region.

At present, the government is building new roads and bridges across the nation. Emergence of new roads as networks from the east to the west and from the north to the south and bridges on them or spanning rivers are improving economic, social, education, health and trade sectors of the regions across the nation.
**Planes collide during training in Lithuania**

New York, 31 Aug—A French Mirage 2000 jet fighter collided with a Lithuanian plane during a training mission Tuesday in Lithuania, the French Defence Ministry said. No one was hurt during the training exercise at an air force base in Siauliai, Northern Lithuania, military officials from both countries said.

Two French jet fighters and a Lithuanian jet trainer were in the air when one of the jet fighters collided with the Lithuanian plane, officials said.

Both pilots of the Lithuanian L-39 Albatross ejected and are safe. Their plane crashed. The French jet landed, Lithuanian officials said.

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**Petraeus to officially retire to take CIA job**

Washington, 31 Aug—US Army Gen David Petraeus, who served as the top US commander in Iraq and then Afghanistan, will hang up his uniform for civilian work.

He will leave the Pentagon for the halls of another hallowed Washington institution: the CIA.

Petraeus’ experience in working with the CIA on counter-militancy efforts in the field was cited as a reason for his nomination as its director.

He assumes his new role on Wednesday.

As the top US commander in Iraq, Petraeus was dubbed King David for turning around what seemed like a losing battle.

He took over in Afghanistan in July 2010 after a Rolling Stone magazine article prompted the resignation of Gen Stanley McChrystal.

On 18 July, he handed over Afghan command to Gen John Allen. Some were stunned that a decorated military career was ending sooner than expected.

US Army Gen David Petraeus, “I wanted this job. I am taking off the uniform I have worn for 37 years to do this the right way,” Petraeus said earlier this year.

**Eleven killed in blast in Pakistan**

Islamabad, 31 Aug—At least eleven people were killed and 25 others wounded when a powerful blast hit Pakistan's southwest City of Quetta on Wednesday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

Over ten cars were also destroyed following the blast that occurred at about 9:50 am Wednesday at a parking lot on the Alamdar road in the city, said local media reports, adding that nearby buildings were also partially damaged. Police said that it was a remote-controlled bomb attack.

All the injured have been shifted to nearby hospital. At least two wounded people died later at hospital.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast yet. This is the first serious blast reported in Pakistan at the very beginning day of Eid, a festival celebrated by all Muslims after a month of fasting, which is officially observed from 31 Aug to 3 Sept.

**US airmen’s alleged killer on trial in Germany**

Frankfurt, 31 Aug—Prosecutors say a 21-year-old Kosovo Albanian charged with gunning down two US airmen in at Frankfurt Airport intended to kill a large number of Americans.

Prosecutor Herbert Deimer told the court at the opening of the trial Wednesday that Arid Uka went to the airport on 2 March with the aim of shooting US servicemen and women.

Uka is charged with two counts of murder and three of attempted murder in connection with the attack. He faces a possible life sentence.

In this file photo, police investigate the scene after a gunman fired shots at US soldiers on the bus outside Frankfurt airport, Germany. Internet
Family heart disease risk linked to genes, not lifestyle

MALMO, 31 Aug—Genes affect hereditary coronary heart disease risk but family lifestyle does not, according to a new study.

While it’s long been known that hereditary factors influence this risk, it hasn’t been clear whether this is due to genes or unhealthy lifestyle in the family, the Swedish researchers said.

In order to answer that question, the investigators examined the health records of 80,214 adopted men and women in Sweden who were born in 1932 or later and developed coronary heart disease between 1973 and 2008.

The researchers also studied the participants’ adoptive and biological parents.

Adopted people with at least one biological parent with coronary heart disease had a 40 to 60 percent higher risk of coronary heart disease than people in a control group.

There was no increased risk for people with one or two adoptive parents who had coronary heart disease, the researchers reported in the August issue of the American Heart Journal.

“The results of our studies suggest that the risk of coronary heart disease is not transferred via an unhealthy lifestyle in the family, but rather via the genes,” study leader Kristina Sundquist, a professor at the Centre for Primary Health Care Research in Malmo, Sweden, said in a journal news release. — Internet

Health Tip: Feel more rested during pregnancy

Fatigue is a common complaint among pregnant women, but there are things you can do to get better sleep and boost your energy.

The Womenshealth.gov website suggests how to feel more rested during pregnancy:

* Sleep on your left side with pillows between your knees, under your belly or wherever you need support.
* Go to bed at the same time each night, and get up at the same time each morning.
* Go to bed a bit earlier when you feel very tired.
* Take a nap during the day if you can’t get enough sleep at night.
* Drink most of your fluids earlier in the day, limiting them at night.

S Korea output growth slows amid global weakness

SEOUL, 31 Aug—South Korea’s industrial output grew in July at its slowest pace for 10 months, official figures showed Wednesday, amid economic uncertainty at home and abroad.

Statistics Korea said production in mining and manufacturing expanded 3.8 percent last month compared to a year earlier, the slowest rate since September 2010 when it rose 2.9 percent.

It was the 25th straight month of expansion but the figure fell sharply from June’s revised 6.5 percent growth. Output declined 0.4 percent month-on-month.

“The on-month contraction seems to have been partly caused by a slump in the construction sector,” Yoon Jong-Won, director general of the finance ministry’s economic policy bureau, told Yonhap news agency. — Internet
Myanmar establishes diplomatic ties with Bosnia and Herzegovina

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—**The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Bosnia and Herzegovina, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassador level with effect from 25 August, 2011. The Joint Communiqué on the agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Bosnia and Herzegovina was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations in New York on 25 August, 2011. Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with all countries all over the world and Bosnia and Herzegovina has become the 104th country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister makes inspection tour of Mudon Township

**NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—**Chief Minister for Mon State U Ohn Myint attended an opening ceremony for basic course No. 34 for vocational handicraft (cane) at women’s vocational training school in Mudon on 29 August. The chief minister viewed paddy growing in central farm and inspected the chosen site for construction of motorboat quay in Azin Creek. He inspected paddy farms and mangrove forests along Thanlwin River bank by boat, and stressed forest conservation to prevent erosion and natural disaster preventive measures. He then arrived at basic education primary schools, and inspected road condition. The chief minister in the evening met township departmental officials and ward/village administrators at the hall of Mudon Township General Administration Department.—MNA

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In addition to already-built five concrete sleeper factories, more six factories will be built. Therefore, there will be 11 concrete sleeper factories to produce 2.2 million concrete sleepers yearly. Among completed concrete sleeper factories, one factory in Myyinteg of Mandalay Region produces 300,000 sleepers per year, one more in Mottama of Mon State 200,000 sleepers a year, another one in Pyuntaza of Bago Region 100,000 sleepers yearly, the next one in Okshiptin 200,000 sleepers per year and the last one factory in Pakokku of Magway Region 200,000 sleepers per year. Five factories produce 1 million sleepers a year. Moreover, one each sleeper factory were constructed in Minbu of Magway Region, KhinU of Sagaing Region and Shwenyaung of Shan State (South). Furthermore, three factories will be built in Bhamo of Kachin State, Hsipaw and Namsang in Shan State (North). As such, there will be 11 sleeper factories in the nation. As Myanma Railways is building railroads across the nation, there will be 1944 miles long railroads and 6743 miles long rail tracks on completion. A total of 1448 pieces of sleepers are to be laid along one mile long railroad. Therefore, 16,506,864 pieces of sleepers must be used for 6743 miles long railroads. Each wooden sleeper can be used for five years. To be able to strengthen the railroads, it is necessary to substitute sleepers once every five years. Hence, the railroads need 3,301,370 pieces of sleepers yearly. To do so, it is necessary to saw 100041 tons of timber. As part of efforts to conserve environments, concrete sleepers that can be used for about 60 years are to be substituted in the places of old ones along the railroads. ******

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Pensioners’ Smiles

* When service personnel become pensioners, No one can see bright future. Hopes and prospects are a blur. Become neither here nor there.
* Pensioners have done all their best, Have time to earn their rest. Vicissitudes torture them almost to death, Scanty pension made them nearly mad.
* Feeably walk and frugally spend, Hardly see the ways to mend. With grandchildren around them, Will expectations come tomorrow or when?
* Old and new rates are equalized The government has taken its pride. Strength of morale comes to rise, Together with them are physical mights.
* Increasing old pension rates bring benefits, In recognition of the past service, Enjoy the fruits of what they did, Pensioners are to do their bit.
* Old pensioners are now overjoyed, State’s benevolence is kept in mind. The nightmare has been left behind, What we see is their smiles…

Bell chimes thousands smiles…

Maung Swe Ngae

New iPhone app offers rewards for exercising

**TORONTO, 31 Aug—**Need some motivation to hit the gym? Perhaps some free merchandise will do the trick. At least this is the premise behind a new app that tracks activities ranging from running and weightlifting to fencing and polo and rewards users with free and discounted merchandise in the hopes that users will adopt long-term exercise habits. “We’re trying to create a lifestyle - not a quick fix,” said co-founder Benjamin Young. “We don’t focus on how many miles you run or how many pounds you’ve lifted. You get points in the game for healthy behaviors.” Users can accumulate points based on the length of their workouts and for other behaviors that reinforce frequent exercise habits. Exercising with a friend or on a rainy day, for instance, allows users to accrue umlative bonus points. “A lot of it is driven by research studies. If you exercise with someone, you’re more likely to continue to exercise.” said Young. Receiving prizes is more of a lottery rather than direct redemption. Users with more points have greater chances of winning prizes, and those that have reached higher levels have access to more valuable prizes.—Reuters

New research shows that panda feces contains bacteria with potent effects in breaking down plant material in the way needed to tap biomass as a major new source of biofuels.

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whether the fertilizers produced by State-owned fertilizer plants are distributed to the farmers or not, and he wanted to know how fertilizer will be distributed to regions and states.

The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation directly took fertilizers from the Ministry of Energy for growing crops and distributed them to farmers up to 2005. Beginning 2006, requirements of urea fertilizer for farmers and farms of the enterprises under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation were listed for cultivation of paddy, maize, beans and pulses, edible oil, cotton, sugarcane, jute and other crops and the lists were sent to the Ministry of Energy.

The Ministry of Energy that cannot sell fertilizer to each farmer sell fertilizers in cash or six-month installment system to them through region and state governments and paddy companies. Up to 10 August 2011-2012 financial year, the ministry has distributed 250 tons of fertilizer to Kayah State, 256.50 tons to Kayin State, 3963.50 tons to Mon State, 560.10 tons to Rakhine State, 100 tons to Shan State (North), 2850 tons to Sagaing Region, 1275.85 tons to Mandalay Region, 12.50 tons to Magway Region, 4572.80 tons to Bago Region (East), 4670.75 tons to Bago Region (West), 19282.55 tons to Ayeyawady Region, 3163.75 tons to Yangon Region and 1125 tons to Nay Pyi Taw totally 42183.3 tons.

Although the fertilizer plants of the Ministry of Industry plan to produce fertilizer to meet domestic consumption this financial year, it is necessary to effectively provide basic inputs to the farmers with invitation to local and foreign investment for production of about 3 million tons of fertilizers in addition to more productions of the government-owned plants. Only when fulfillment of fertilizer requirement can be carried out, will production of crops and paddy be increased by meeting the target.

U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency said he would like to know how many acres of pasture lands across the nation, how many acres of pasture land and acres of meat, fish and prawn breeding ponds in Rakhine State after 1962 and how many acres of pasture land, restricted land and livestock breeding farms in Minbya Township in 2010 and whether the grants of farms for breeding of fish and prawn on the pasture land can be immediately lifted for poverty alleviation and living of draught cattle. Regarding this reply, it was replied that according to the data on conservation of pasture land issued by Central Security and Management Committee on 8 February 1974, there were 917,206 acres of pasture land before 1962. According to the 2010-2011 statistics, there were 760,991 acres of pasture land in the Union. Rakhine State General Administration Department cancelled 4460 acres of pasture land from 2001 to 2007 in Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, Mrauk-U, Minnya, Myebon and Yathedaung townships. In the 2010-2011 statistics, there remains 79,972 acres of pasture lands across the state. Although fish and prawn ponds were officially allowed on pasture lands, a total of 2453 acres of lands are used as fish and prawn breeding in the state.

According to the 2010-2011 statistics, Minbya Township has 11,793 acres of pasture land, and state GAD allowed to cancel 1236 acres of pasture lands to grow paddy in 2014. Although fish and prawn ponds were officially allowed on pasture lands, a total of 424 acres of lands are used as prawn breeding in the township. Some differences may be seen in the statistics in comparison with the actual ground stocks. The Union government and those of State level always urge respective township and district administrative bodies and region and state governments to supervise collection of ground stocks by Settlement and Land Records Department for ensuring correct land utilization and accurate data.

The GAD of the Ministry of Home Affairs supervises management of pasture lands according to the reports of regional administrative bodies under the laws. With regard to the question, requirements of farmers are to be reported to the state government and it should be scrutinized in conformity with the actual circumstances. As breeding of cows and buffaloes and other animals in rural regions contributes to uplift of living standards of the farmers and creation of job opportunities, region and state governments are to manage development of systematic breeding tasks in addition to livestock breeding on a manageable scale for fulfilling requirements of the local people. Moreover, it is necessary to continue fulfillment plans for the local people in line with laws and regulations. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will provide necessary assistance for the local people.

In shooting a question, U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency said that the cultivable lands in Kawa Township of Bago Region are located in the low land between Bago River and Sittoung River. Therefore, farmlands are flooded in the rainy season. He asked whether there is a plan to dredge the canal to drain more water for prevention of floods or not. The Union Minister replied that due to heavy rains and overflow of Bago River in Bago Region at the end of July and early August, the areas were flooded. For the first phase, it is necessary to dredge Abya-Shankai drain, Minnya-Kokko drain, Minnya-Kalali Bridge-Paingkyin drain and Hsemu Creek. For the second phase, the drain from Kalai Bridge to Ohnhne Road is to be dredged and then to be connected with 30-mile greenring canal. Moreover, it is necessary to build Phonemasoe sluice gate beside Bago River in Kawa Township and re-dredge Kayan Creek in Yangon Region. The plan on flood prevention and farmland reclamation plan at Sittoung Basin (Pyuntaza Plain) and the plan on flood prevention at Kawa-Thantatpin area have been submitted to the State. Kodwke Dam Project is being implemented in Bago Township of Bago Region, and feasibility studies are being conducted for implementation of Salu Creek and Shwelaung Creek Dam Projects. On completion, preventive measures can be taken in Bago Township, and the plans will be submitted to the State. Depending on the budget, the plans will be implemented to effectively prevent floods of Bago River. The State will allot funds for the projects while the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will seek funds from the Union government for carrying out tasks effectively in open season. According to the priority of the State, implementation tasks will be undertaken with momentum.

In his question, U Moe Zaw Hein of Katha Constituency said that the 36,800 feet long Shweli embankment in Katha Township of Sagaing Region is damaged at some parts. Despite preparing it on a self-reliant basis, river overflows the farmlands yearly. He asked whether there is a plan to rebuild Shweli embankment or not. The Union Minister replied that Shweli embankment along Shweli River is 36,800 feet or 6.97 miles long from Wttu Village to Nannve Village in Katha Township. The original embankment was eight feet wide, seven feet high and 36 feet wide at the base. It was built in 1982-83 with the participation of local people and Irrigation Department. Thanks to the embankment, a total of 6,882 acres of arable lands were protected against floods in Wettu, Seiktha and Ngate village-tracts. About 20 years later, there was damage to some parts of the embankment.

It can be found that it is necessary to change the alignment of the embankment due to bank erosion of Shweli River. Therefore, it is necessary to repair the embankment meeting set standards for prevention flood of Shweli River. As such, a plan is under way to make field trips to the area for detailed survey in 2011-2012 open season. Depending on the budget, the embankment will be rebuilt.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe replied to four questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives. (See page 7)
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U Tin Maung Win of Mingladon Constituency asked whether there is a plan to practise pre-paid card system for payment of housing electric meters and power electric meters of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 or not. The Union Minister said that up to July 2011, Yangon City Electric Supply Enterprise has installed 850,784 housing electric meters and Electricity Supply Enterprise, 1,412,630 electric meters, totalling 2,263,414. For practising pre-paid card system, one pre-paid meter for housing electric meter or power meter may cost US$ 100-150 depending on brands. Industrial-used transformer city meter is more expensive. It can be estimated that value of one electric meter is valued at K 100,000, and substitution of meters the whole nation may cost K 2263.414 billion. Moreover, such amount can be added with values of other accessories and infrastructures. There will be time limit to complete

First Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency raising question.

Substitution process of electric meters. In the neighbouring countries installed electric meter at residences similar to that of Myanmar, and the residents can pay meter bills at the designated places instead of respective offices, through online system. They are on test of pre-paid card system as pilot project. Some countries practise 10 percent of pre-paid card system. The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 started discussions to practise charging of electric bills through online system. At present, there is no plan to practise pre-paid card system for charging electric meter bills.

U Maung Maung Soe of Thakayta Constituency said that some wooden lamp-posts were substituted with concrete lamp-posts in roads and streets in wards of Thakayta Township in Yangon Region after 1988. A total of 175 wooden lamp-posts on 62 streets came into damage, and some of them are supported with buttresses. Whether there is a plan to substitute the damaged lamp-posts with new one. The Union Minister replied that the ministry has substituted 10,448 lamp-posts with concrete facilities from 1988 to date. A total of 7,316 concrete lamp-posts damaged in the Storm Nargis were substituted with new ones in 2008. In 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 financial years, a total of 9,186 concrete lamp-posts will be substituted in the places of old ones in townships of Yangon Region. In Thakayta Township, the YESB has planned to substitute 90 lamp-posts in third and fourth quarters of 2011-2012 financial year and 85 in first and second quarters of 2012-2013 regardless of budget of the board.

U Win Thein of Pinlebu Constituency said that Pinlebu of seven townships in Katha District of Sagaing Region cannot enjoy electricity from the power grid supplied by the State, and he asked whether there is a plan to supply electricity to the township or not. The Union Minister said that one Hino engine and two 150 KV dynamos of the department run to supply electricity to 530 persons of the town. The department is spending 980 gallons of diesel monthly to generate electricity two hours a day. The department collects 25 kyats per unit of electricity. The power grid supplies electricity to Katha District through Kyaukphato 132/33/66.6 KV, 15 MVA sub-power station. To supply electricity to Pinlebu from the national power grid, a 33 KV power line is to be built to line Kawlin-Wuntho 33 KV power line.

It is needed to build a 33/11 KV power station in Pinlebu as the cable line is estimated to be about 35 miles long; that the estimated cost for a mile of cable line is about K 25 million, so the total cost for the whole line is about K 875 million; that the estimated cost for a 33/11 KV power station is about K 120 million, so it brings the total cost to about K 995 million; and that the government has passed a budget covering all the projects for power supply across the nation, and to supply power to Pinlebu will be underway in a certain period.

When asked by Daw Mi Myint Than from Ye Constituency if there is a plan to supply power to Ye from the power line that goes as far as Thanbyuzayat Township, he said that electric power is supplied from the national grid to Mawlamyine in the 132/33/11 KV power station with 66 KV system, and is received at 66/33 KV 20 MVA power station in Mawlamyine; that power is supplied from Mawlamyine to Mudon and Thanbyuzayat with 33 KV power line (40 miles), so the power from the national grid is supplied to Thanbyuzayat in Mon State; that a project is in progress to extend the 230 KV cable line up to Mawlamyine for extensive power supply to Mon State; that the project covers Thaton-Mawlamyine 230 KV cable line (50.1 miles), two cable lines passing through Gyaing and Thanlwin rivers, and a230/66/11 KV (2x50=100 MVA) main power station in Mawlamyine; that so far, the project has been completed by 35 per cent, and the whole project will be completed in 2012-2013 fiscal year; that a power supply committee is working with four 300 KVA coming generators in Ye; that power charges are collected under the supervision of local authorities and the committee; that Ye is 97 miles from Mawlamyine and Dawei is 100 miles from Ye, so power is to be supplied to those townships only through cable lines; and that ongoing major projects already cover supply of power to Myeik through Ye and Dawei.

U Zaw Win Aung from Myinnan Constituency asked if it has been planned to upgrade the lab in the livestock breeding and veterinary Department in Myinnan, Sagaing Region, to a lab that produces vaccines against foot and mouth disease. Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein said that the lab established in Insein in 1975 launched its production line in April 1984; that 2011-2012 fiscal year, it produced vaccines against foot and mouth disease for 221,000 cattle; that the department already had a plan to set up a lab to produce vaccine against foot and mouth disease in Myinnan, but the plan was not launched due to several reasons such as the underground water around the lab does not meet the quality to produce vaccine, the vaccines supplied from the lab in Insein are enough for Myinnan, and if a lab was built in Myinnan, transportation charges and production of vaccines might be costly, and that the lab in Myinnan will be upgraded to FMD Diagnosis Laboratory by providing necessary laboratory apparatuses and conducting related courses to make medical tests with Enzyme Linked Immuno-sorbant Assay (ELISA) method.

U Maung Maung Thein from Kayan Constituency submitted a report to ask if there is a plan to handle the challenges on fish-breeding. But, he said that the Union minister concerned did not need to reply to the question, and the question would be read out just for the knowledge of Hluttaw representatives and putting on record. Then, U Maung Maung Thein read out the question.

The proposal submitted yesterday by U Soe Tha from Twantay Constituency “regularly operating businesses facing crisis due to falling exchange rate between US dollar and Myanmar currency” was under discussion by seven Hluttaw representatives.

U Htay Myint from Myeik Constituency discussed that the value of one US dollar fell from 1080 to 700 kyats or by 30 percent in a year; that therefore, entrepreneurs are facing varieties of problems to continue their businesses; that so it is time to address this issue with all possible ways; and that he is in support of the proposal.

Dr Win Myint from Hlne Constituency said that the nation’s production enterprises such as agriculture, cooperatives and garment factories are no longer in a position to continue operation due to the sharp fall in US dollar value; and that therefore, he seconded the proposal.

U Ko Gyi from Aungmyethazan Constituency said that the fall in US dollar value has impact on agriculture produce, and farmers in Myanmar are facing many distresses; that, necessary measures should be taken promptly for their businesses to return to normal; and that he seconded the proposal.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency raising question.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency raising question.

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difficulties in receiving treatment as no doctors-in-charge has been assigned to hospitals in Naga Self-Administered Area.

The Union Minister replied that assistant doctors from Kalay People’s Hospital and Monywa People’s Hospital are assigned to hospitals in townships and sub-townships in Naga Self-Administered Area on four-month shift under the arrangement of Sagaing Region Health Department; that his ministry is also taking measures to assign experienced doctors from hospitals to townships and sub-townships in Naga Self-Administered Area.

U Thein Win from Constituency No.9 of Sagaing Region asked the Union Minister if the ministry has a plan to establish FDA branches in border trade camps and launch a programme to ensure safety in consumption of foodstuffs and medicines that come through borders saying that although foodstuffs and medicines can be imported through border trade with the recommendation of the Food and Drug Administration of the Ministry of Health, it usually takes a long time as license is issued in Nay Pyi Taw whereas recommendation is made in Yangon in addition to some other contributing factors; that when the license is permitted, the goods are already in the market through illegal channel which requires no recommendation and thus there has been a great deal of cases those who follow procedures suffer losses.

The Union Minister replied that Food and Drug Administration Committees in regions, states, districts and townships have been exposing and taking actions against illegal importation of foodstuffs and medicines. Customs Departments in border regions also seize illegally imported foodstuffs and medicines and hand over to the FDA taking actions against such acts. Food and Drug Administration has its branches in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and that there is plan to open FDA branches in border trade camps and to expand the structure of the FDA.

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U Nyunt Hlaing from Pyu Constituency said that he notices that in addition to ongoing measures, effective short-term and long-term plans should be implemented to ease the hardships of entrepreneurs, workers and the people due to the fall in US dollar value and to boost the national economy; and that so he seconded the proposal.

U Ye Min Tun (a) U Min Tun from Hsipaw Constituency said that State-run enterprises are being privatized, and the privatized enterprises need to be implemented the quickest way and on a broader scale; that the number of businesses operated in US dollar in Myanmar is growing, so it is needed to reduce the number; that all due work should be done for national development; and that he supported the proposal.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said in Myanmar there are different exchange rates such as official foreign exchange rate, foreign exchange rate in markets, FFC exchange rate, handy exchange rate, earning exchange rate, and account transfer exchange rate; that therefore, that causes complications and inconvenience in doing businesses; that the only means to remedy the situation is to adjust the foreign exchange rates; that the Central Bank of Myanmar has studied the situation to fix the standardized foreign exchange in cooperation with IMF; that changing foreign exchange rate in an easy and quick way may be followed by adverse effects in the nation’s economic and social affairs; that in the process, it should take into account GDP, inflation rate, the nation’s budget, foreign debts, foreign investment, the amount of the nation’s private foreign reserve, tactics to stabilize foreign exchange market, human resources, infrastructures, and sufficient funds; that after the process, the government will be able to handle the foreign exchange market in accordance with the tax policy, commercial policy and exchange rate policy; that steps are also being taken to adjust the bank interest rates in accordance with the objective conditions; that it is pursuing programmes to address the issues due to the fall in US dollar value; that the ministry in the process reduced commercial tax and granted tax exemption from exports, and reduced tax paid in foreign currency; that some enterprises in the nation are going through hard times, import licenses were issued within two weeks and company licenses, within two months; that the ministry has reduced tax rates, lifted non-customs commercial barriers, standardized and mitigated commercial and customs rules and regulations, business licenses, and procedures, and worked in cooperation with international and regional organizations; therefore, private enterprises can grab those good opportunities; that therefore, the government has taken some measures in connection with the proposal; and that he clarified ongoing measures and follow-up programmes.

The proposal does not need voting process, and it should go on. So, the Hluttaw approved and put it on record.

U Soe Soe from Htigyaing Constituency put forward a proposal “to supply irrigation water, build dams according to the geographical features of the regions for furthering the goal that Kachin State will become the fourth granary in Myanmar”.

Pyithu Hluttaw passed a resolution to discuss the proposal. The proposal will be discussed on 1 September, and those representatives wishing to take part in the discussion are to register this evening.

In the sector of submitting bills, Union Election Commission Member U Myint Naing submitted a bill of amending Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law. Committee member U Thein Tun read the report of the findings of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee in connection with the bill.

Pyithu Hluttaw passed a resolution to discuss the proposal. The proposal will be discussed in the second week of September. Those representatives wishing to take part in the discussion are to register by 2 September, stating paragraph, sub-paragraph and subject of the bill to be amended in accordance with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 156 and 157.

The eighth-day regular session ended at 3:30 pm. The regular session continues tomorrow. —MNA
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Second regular... (from page 8)
long road; that as the local villagers
funded K 30 million for the
construction works and the facility
has been completed for 30 per cent
and remaining works are under
implementation; and that the local
peoples are poor and thus have
difficulties in completing the facility
and asked the ministry if the State
can provide reasonable allocation.

The Union Minister said that his
ministry has been constructing new
hospitals, adding more beds to the
existing hospital, setting up special
treatment sections, and providing
workforce to the hospitals. In constructing hospitals, the Ministry of
Health has been acting on lists of
priorities according to the needs based
on the allowed budget of the State and
that as his ministry has permitted the
opening of Suttaw Village Station Hospital, it will provide cash assistance
grades; that it should be reconsidered
that if it is worthwhile to let students to
learn for 11 years so as to sit for the
matriculation exam, an entrance to the
future life and asked there is a plan to
test Grade-5 students who will complete
the primary education by township board
of examinations, and Grade-9 students
who will complete the middle education
by region/state board of examinations
for promoting academic standards while
the current system is inevitably in
practice and the estimated time of
introduction to the new system if the
government has such a plan.

The Union Minister replied that level
of educational qualification is usually
measured by the results of the exam after
completion of the final term of a
particular basic education level in most of
the nations; that Myanmar used to
practise such system by asking township
board of examinations to test Grade-5
students who will complete primary
education, Myanmar Board of
Examinations or state/division board of
examinations to test Grade-9 students
and he hoped that the schemes could be
implemented within the fifth five-year
educational promotion programme.

U Nu then said that number of schools
with only female teachers and no
male teachers have been on the
increase though today’s basic
education schools should have both
male and female teachers who are like
father and mother to students, thus
leaving a gap in the mind of the
students in their student’s life as well
as weakening academic matters,
administration, management,
development and discipline
enforcement to some extent; that
reasons why number of male teachers are on the
decline in education field
should be find out along with the
remedial measures; and asked if the
Union Minister.

He said that his ministry is still
raising question.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
Daw Khin Wine Kyi of Yangon
Region Constituency (1)
participates in discussion.—MNA

based on the budget of the State.
U Maung Thar Khin of Constituency
No. 8 of Rakhine State asked the Union
Minister if his ministry has a plan to
extend the 50-bed Maungtaw People’s
Hospital. The Union Health Minister
answered that his ministry will upgrade
Maungtaw People’s Hospital according
to the list of priorities.

Next, Union Minister for Education
Dr Mya Aye replied to three questions
raised by U Nu of Constituency No. 10
of Yangon Region.

First, he said that in the basic education
sector, students have to learn for 11
years, only when they finish the Grade
11, they can sit for the matriculation
exam held by the government and go to
university if qualified, but in the primary
and middle basic education sectors,
students just have to sit for exams held
by the schools they are in and can go to
the next grade easily whether they are
qualified or not, leading to decline in
teaching capacities of teachers as well
as qualifications of students at different
Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
U San Pyae of Kachin State
Constituency (7) participates in
discussion.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
U Maung Thar Khin of Rakhine
State Constituency (8) raising
question.—MNA

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as weakening academic matters,
administration, management,
development and discipline
enforcement to some extent; that
reasons why number of male teachers are on the
decline in education field
should be find out along with the
remedial measures; and asked if the
Ministry of Education has any
particular plans to attract male
teachers to join the education field
to avoid the serious shortage of male
teachers and the time when it can be put into practice.

The Union Minister replied that the
ratio of male staff in the entire academic
and administrative staff of the Ministry
of Education is 23 per cent; that
according to the report the work in
March, 2011 of Basic Education
Department, the number of male
teachers is 48000 out of 273000 male
and female teachers, accounting for
only 17.7 per cent of the 45000 staff
of schools and office, there are 24600
male staff, accounting for 54.5 per
cent and the ratio of male staff in 0.318
million staff engaged in basic education
sector is approximately 23 per cent.

To increase the number of male
teachers in basic education schools,
allowance of male trainees to pre-
teachership course has been increased up
to 40 per cent but the actual ratio of males
in course for those who have passed
matriculation examination is only 22 per
cent and course for those who have got a
degree is only about 7 per cent.

In order to turn out more male
teachers, the matriculation exam marks
of the male to join the course is set at 260
marks and the graduated males are given
favor regarding their marks in entrance
tests to the course, but the number of
male applicants to the course is relatively
low, noted the Union Minister.

Although the numbers of male and
female trainees are designated according
to respective regions, states and districts
so as to assign them back in their home
regions, if the number of qualified male
applicants of some regions and states
exceeds the designated quantity, the
surplus trainees are allowed to attend
the course as the strength of other regions
and states that does not have the required
quantity of male trainees.

That male only account for around
42 per cent of yearly total matriculation
exam pass rate, that most of the male
students join armed forces and police
force, that other institutions, except
Nursing University and Institute of
Economics has allowed more male
students, that males have to lead the
business of their parents, that the number
of educated females are increasing and are
found to be contributing factors to drop
in number of male teachers, noted the
Union Minister.

He went on that there are over
0.318 million of education staff in basic
education sector. Of them, number of
male officers is 1600. The ratio of
officers to non-gazette officer stands at
1:200. It takes too long to promote from
one position to another according to
PAT, JAT and SAT ranks. In promoting
PAT and JAT, only some teachers aged
of about 50 can reach junior officer
level (head of high school). Most
teachers have to take pension as JAT
(upper division clerk like head clerk).
Despite promotion, the pay scale
for most of positions at the office of
director of education officer in township and
Region/State are the same. Those facts
are problems for male teachers to join
education field.

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Before 1970, due to insufficient education and teachers, there were outnumbered female ones. At present, Myanmar education is believed to be higher because of growing number of female teachers. It is found that there are shortcomings in male teachers who look like fathers for students. Looking forward to more increased male teacher by increasing taken to give fave to male teachers in PDGMA, give promotion to some who are in the same rank, grant fee for teachers for extra-time teaching, give priority to assiduous male teachers to be promoted, and provide extra provisions for teachers with the arrangement of Region/State development affairs committees in addition to salary.

Designating the positions needed to raise salary and enjoyment of extra-time fee are concerned with more spend of the State budget. It is required to have permission of the Union Government to set pay scale and allocate budget. So, the starting academic year cannot be answered yet.

There are primary, middle and high levels in basic education level where there is the appointment of primary assistant teacher (PAT), junior assistant teacher (JAT) and senior assistant teacher (SAT). He wondered whether or not appointment of PAT, JAT and SAT in middle level (Grade 6 to 9) and appointment of SAT not only in basic education high level (Grade 10 to 11) but also basic education primary and middle level (Grade 1 to 9) at their discretion. He asked about the academic year and realize such plan if there is such plan.

In response, the Union Minister said that there are appointments of PAT, JAT and SAT, and he wondered whether anyone who got BEd and DipEd are engaged as JAT or SAT. Please Graduate PATs with teaching certificate are engaged as JAT or SAT. In basic education sector in Myanmar, teachers have been giving related trainings and after training, engaged, as PAT, JAT and SAT in order of vacancy. In doing so, PAT who is promoted to JAT needs to learn middle school teaching. Similarly, JAT who is promoted to SAT needs to learn high school level teaching.

PAT and JAT are employed in primary and middle level, and JAT is employed in primary level for now. JAT is now in middle level and SAT in high level. There is not a plan to engage SAT in primary and middle levels yet.

Dr. Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 discussed that those who want peace most are armed members of both sides and their family members. They have the same intention of no fighting, and so there must be one way of stopping fighting. There should be one committee to find the way. He also seconded the proposal.

Dr. Win Myint Aung of Mon State Constituency No. 7 in his discussion said that it is not appropriate to fix exchange rate. Internationally, currency exchange works with currently happening rate and floating value exchange system is realized. Government needs to keep a balance for stable rate in case of changes in rates that can harm economy. Billions of foreign exchange will stream into the country if there is strong Myanmar currency strength. It is required not to be very complex. Therefore, the Central Bank of Myanmar is now cooperating with the International Monetary Fund to carry out the Exchange Rate Unification in the country.

Dr. Cray Phyo of Kachin State Constituency No. 12 in his discussion wondered whether or not present exchange rate problem in the country is a opportune moment to implement an international-standard monetary policy. He continued to say that present exchange rate problem in Myanmar currency as from 1960 in Myanmar was set as one US dollar to be six kyats. After 50 years, the exchange rate is no longer agreeable to present situation. Smooth flow of economy is fundamental to building up economic strength. The proposed exchange rate need to be very large gap between Myanmar currency and foreign exchanges so as to drive up economic mechanism. He showed his appreciation to the proposal that how it is needed to reset exchange rate as the State will exercise market exchange system economically.

Dr. U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 10 in his discussion said that present exchange rate problem in the country is a opportune moment to change exchange rate of the country. Grasping such opportunity, it is needed to implement an international-standard foreign exchange market. The market will lead fairly stable exchange rate. The Central Bank is in need to take necessary preparatory measures for exchange rate to be effectively used in management. It is needed to change exchange rate in real-time situation. He was glad to hear that Myanmar has asked for helps from IMF in the event of complicated technical issues, and approved the proposal.

Dr. Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 8 in his discussion said that it is not appropriate to fix exchange rate. Internationally, currency exchange works with currently happening rate and floating value exchange system is realized. The proposal and urged all national brethren to join hands each other to build an eternal peace.

Mr. San Pyae of Kachin State Constituency No.7 said that the people are worrying about the country's economic development that Thantmadaw Government had restored. Therefore, all national races should accept the Order Three National Causes and should work together within the framework of the constitution. He continued to say that they, all representatives, are also responsible to discuss and coordinate the task. Therefore, he seconded the proposal, he added.
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He also said that he seconded the proposal in an attempt to find ways for solving conflict in peace.

Defence Services Hluttaw Representative Maj Maung Maung Gyi in his discussion said that the State was not developed to the extent it should be because of the lack of peace and stability; the government issued Notification No (1/2011) dated 18 August, 2011, inviting national races armed groups for peace talks; appropriate negotiations suited the current reality is essential now; and the proposal was seconded.

U Paw Lyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency (9) discussed that national races stood under the same flag in the affairs of the State despite different cultures and customs; taking lessons from the history, it is the right time to perpetuate peace handed down by the Tatmadaw government and build the democratic nation; so, the proposal was seconded.

Daw Khin Wine Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (1) discussed that the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives have to handle the responsibility to ensure the solid foundation as they are taking part in opening new pages in the history of the State; they are to translate the eternal peace into reality as well; negotiation is the only way to bring about peace to the people; and there is a pragmatic need of a committee for peace; so, the proposal was seconded.

In his discussion, U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency (10) said that the lagged economy is seemed to be the result mainly of the civil war; for instance, roads and bridges, colleges, universities, schools, irrigation facilities, dams, transport enterprises, communications enterprises and hydropower projects were necessarily upgraded after civil peace in 1996; everyone could freely run their own businesses; grass-roots level conflicts sparked attacks in Kachin State since 9 June 2011; roads and bridges were destroyed and innocent civilians lost lives as a result; we all are brothers and sisters; local people in Kachin State have fallen to the status of war refugees as they had to flee from war, abandoning their properties, farms and cattle; citing the examples that the wars caused many damages, the proposal was seconded for ending up-years long civil wars and building the nation with peace and stability.

Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1) discussed that the Constitution grants rights for every races to make the sense of Union more meaningful; instead of the way committee as proposed, another committee with national races representatives from every parties who are appointed by majority and accepted by both sides should be established, and the proposal was seconded.

U Saw Taw Palal of Kayin State Constituency (2) discussed that he was born in a region lack of peace and is still suffering the consequences of instability; development of the State is now a matter of discussion; though, with no peace, it would not be accomplished; the local people of his region are desirous of peace; and so, the proposal was seconded.

U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency (4) discussed that the region was developed thanks to temporary peace realized by the Tatmadaw government; the local people just hope peaceful lives; to satisfy the desires of the people, the committee should be broadly established; and the failures of previous peace attempts should be reviewed.

U Khai Htain Nan of Kachin State Constituency (1) discussed that previous error cycles caused the failure in national reconciliation; Kachin State which claimed peace in 1994 is now experiencing gun fires and bomb explosions again; no one wants to return the past conditions; and the eternal peace is the most important political duty.

The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

U Ken Maung Huay of Mandalay Region Constituency (10), Dr Banyar Aung Mo of Mon State Constituency (7), U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency (4) and U Bran Shaung of Kachin State Constituency (3) discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by U Tin Maung Win of Mandalay Region Constituency (3) about “Amyotha Hluttaw’s appraisal and record of measures of the Union and Region/State governments in over 100 days”.

The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

U Hmat Gyi of Mandalay Region Constituency (9), Dr Banyar Aung Mo of Mon State Constituency (7), U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency (4) and U Bran Shaung of Kachin State Constituency (3) discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency (9) that “from administrative laws of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a new law encouraging development activities in the agricultural sector of the Union and Region; the Ministry of the Union of Myanmar, ensuring farmers right to run farms and full security to farmers, ensuring finished agricultural products do not suffer unfair prices and have markets should be drawn up and the government should cancel 1953 Farmland Nationalization Act, 1963 Tenancy Law, 1963 Farmers Rights Protection Law”.

The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

U Tin Maung Win of Mandalay Region Constituency (3) submitted the proposal “the Union government is urged to add trustworthy townsenders into investigation groups for complaints of misapplication of power to public”.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko discussed that Myanmar starts practicing modern and lawfully administrative and developmental administration; Section 289 of the Constitution which suited these facts suggests that the ward or village administration shall be assigned in the ward or village to a person whose integrity is respected by the community; ward and village administrators are accorded with that provision; those administrators will settle down the arguments and complaints among the public or between the government staff and the public fairly; proficiency courses are being conducted to equip ward and village administrators with proficiency to complete the duty in accord with rules and regulations; and township administrators are supervising at each level.

Arguments and complaints between the service personnel and the public are investigated by groups assigned by heads of respective departments and regional administration; despite varying investigation techniques in regard of different fields, their sole objective is to discover the truth.

Investigation teams are to report the assignments to the authority who originally assigned the duty; if the authority does not satisfy the report, the additional investigation will be carried out; if the report is verified, another investigation team will be formed; if needed, the legal advices will be acquired and it will continue in accordance; the responsibility of revealing the truth falls on the investigation team; the judiciary will take action against those who are found guilty.

Concealing the truth and omitting some investigated facts in some cases happened because of individual weaknesses and corruption of some investigators; if such cases happen, one may complained in accord with legal procedures; existing laws including Penal Code and 1985 Service Personnel Disciplinary Manual are prescribed for investigation.

Investigation teams are assigned by the authority and heads of department, based on their experience and proficiency; they have to gamble their pride and service personnel status on the results of the investigation.

For handling complaints, the courts under Penal Code Article 159 and 200, Myanmar Police Force under Article 45, 127, and members of the Investigation Department under Article 6 and 7 of 1951 Special Investigation Team and Special Investigation Department Act are invested the power; and only law enforcement bodies are found to be invested the power and ordinary people who are not service personnel are not invested the power.

According to Article 31 (c) and 41 (b) of 1985 Service Personnel Disciplinary Manual, those who are included in the investigation team shall not be those who interested personally in the case and indirectly related with the case; as a nature of investigation, the skilled staff are more appropriate for conducting the investigation; townsenders of respective regions are invited to the site of investigation as witnesses and Penal Code and rules and regulations will be the answers to the proposal.

After the Union Minister made clarification about the proposal, the proposal was changed to be signed by the proposal and the answer of the Union Minister was recorded, the Hluttaw Speaker announced.

U Dham Than Win of Sagaing Region Constituency (9) submitted the proposal that “the Union government is urged to amend (a) The Myanmar Companies Act, (b) The Partnership Act, and (c) State-owned Economic Enterprises Law which are administrative laws of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development”.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thon announced that the amendments of The Myanmar Companies Act, The Partnership Act and The State-owned Economic Enterprises Law out of 10 administrative laws by the ministry are being drafted to be suited with the age under the guidance of the President Office in coordination with the Union Attorney-General’s Office.

In addition, the amendment of Foreign Investment Law and new Competition Law is being drafted.

The President Office has asked not only the ministry but all other ministries to list the laws to be amended.

The proposal submitted by U Thon Win was seconded and the ministry is undertaking the task as well.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal to discuss.

U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10) submitted the proposal that “the Union government is urged to review existing laws which are administrative laws of nine organizations and 15 ministries to revoke, amend and replace”.

Regarding the proposal, Union Attorney-General Dr Tin Shin said that some of the prescribed laws were revoked and amended as they were not suited with the current situation, were not coherent with the Constitution or whether it is accorded with the future; there are 401 existing laws listed under Union Attorney-General Law by the Attorney-General’s Office; those which have no needs were revoked and amended by the proper ministries; and the office has listed the laws and to revoke, amend and replace in coordination with respective ministries.

The office is urged to review the laws which are not suited with the age and do not contribute to the State and the people and to send to the office with comments just after the first regular session concluded; the ministries are submitting the laws; and the office is replying with comments after analyzing whether it is accorded with the Constitution or whether it is accorded with the existing laws.

Union level organizations and Union ministries are submitting new laws and to-be-amended laws to this Hluttaw session.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal to discuss.

The eight-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 5.10 pm. The ninth-day session will be held on 1 September, 2011 (Thursday).

At today’s session, nine questions were raised and answered, four proposal submitted for discussion for handling complaints, and three proposals were submitted.—MNA

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Obama vows to work with new Japanese PM

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug—US President Barack Obama on Tuesday offered his personal congratulations to Japan’s new Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, saying the United States will work with him and the Japanese people “on initiatives that benefit our two countries, the region and the world”.

“For the last half-century the US-Japan Alliance has served as the linchpin of peace and security in the Asia Pacific region and, together, we can ensure that the next half-century enjoys the same stability and prosperity,” Obama said in a statement. Describing US-Japan relationship as one based on common interests and values, the US president pledged to work with Noda to tackle “the broad range of economic and security issues that require our attention”.

Noda to tackle “the 2011-2012 Inservice Rail Buses (RBE) 20 Nos with Roof Mounted Air Condition, Quantity 20 Nos Closing date/ time - 30.9.2011 (Friday) / 12:00 hr

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (601)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (601) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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: MS ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

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Claimants Day Notice

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Panamanian president appoints new FM

PANAMA, 31 Aug—Panama’s President Ricardo Martinelli on Tuesday appointed Trade and Industry Minister Roberto Henriquez as the new foreign minister, replacing Juan Carlos Varela. Martinelli asked for Varela’s resignation after political differences emerged between Varela’s Panamist Party and Martinelli’s Democratic Change Party. The 60-year-old new minister, a leading member of the ruling party, secured important international trade agreements for the country when serving as the trade and industry minister. Henriquez got diplomas in economics at University of Jerusalem and sociology at Universidad Santa Maria la Antigua of Panama. — Xinhua

Auckland named world’s 10th most liveable city

AUCKLAND, 31 Aug—New Zealand’s largest city Auckland has been named as the 10th best city in the world to live in while the capital Wellington occupied the 23rd position, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit’s latest survey of ranking among 140 locations. Melbourne came in as the best city in the world to live in, knocking Vancouver off its perch.

It’s the first time in almost a decade of the global livability survey that Vancouver hasn’t ranked as the best place to live in the world. Bottom place went to Harare in Zimbabwe. Cities are assessed on 30 different factors, including stability, healthcare, culture and environment. — Xinhua

Meat diet may increase greenhouse gas emission

STOCKHOLM, 31 Aug — Meat diet, a dietary habit popular in some developed countries, can produce more greenhouse gas and thus is likely to actually cause more impact on climate, said a Swedish study published on Tuesday. According to Swedish Radio’s Ekt news programme, the meat diet, also known as Low Carb High Fat (LCHF) diet, doubled the greenhouse gas emission compared with the balanced diet recommended by the Swedish Food Administration. — Xinhua

Colombian police seize one ton of cocaine

BOGOTA, 31 Aug—Colombian police seized a ton of cocaine, which belonged to the organization of drug trafficker Daniel Barrera, alias “El Loco Barrera”, one of the most wanted drug dealers in the state, a police spokesman said on Tuesday. Director of the Narcotics Police General Cesar Augusto Pinzon said that the drugs were found inside a house in a rural area of Obando in Valle del Cauca.

The police have also confiscated 600 gallons of aircraft fuel during the operation. Pinzon told RCN that the street value of the seized cocaine is worth 12.5 million US dollars in the local black market and about 25 million dollars in the United States. — Xinhua

Auckland, New Zealand

The Republican of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Rail Transportation Myanmar Railways

Invitation of Open Tenders

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

Tender No Description Quantity

1/MR/Rail Bus(M) 2011-2012 Inservice Rail Buses (RBE) 20 Nos

Closing date/ time - 30.9.2011 (Friday) / 12:00 hr

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, Myanmar Railways, corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Yangon

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (601)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (601) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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Panamanian president appoints new FM

PANAMA, 31 Aug—Panama’s President Ricardo Martinelli on Tuesday appointed Trade and Industry Minister Roberto Henriquez as the new foreign minister, replacing Juan Carlos Varela. Martinelli asked for Varela’s resignation after political differences emerged between Varela’s Panamist Party and Martinelli’s Democratic Change Party. The 60-year-old new minister, a leading member of the ruling party, secured important international trade agreements for the country when serving as the trade and industry minister. Henriquez got diplomas in economics at University of Jerusalem and sociology at Universidad Santa Maria la Antigua of Panama. — Xinhua

Auckland named world’s 10th most liveable city

AUCKLAND, 31 Aug—New Zealand’s largest city Auckland has been named as the 10th best city in the world to live in while the capital Wellington occupied the 23rd position, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit’s latest survey of ranking among 140 locations. Melbourne came in as the best city in the world to live in, knocking Vancouver off its perch.

It’s the first time in almost a decade of the global livability survey that Vancouver hasn’t ranked as the best place to live in the world. Bottom place went to Harare in Zimbabwe. Cities are assessed on 30 different factors, including stability, healthcare, culture and environment. — Xinhua

Meat diet may increase greenhouse gas emission

STOCKHOLM, 31 Aug — Meat diet, a dietary habit popular in some developed countries, can produce more greenhouse gas and thus is likely to actually cause more impact on climate, said a Swedish study published on Tuesday. According to Swedish Radio’s Ekt news programme, the meat diet, also known as Low Carb High Fat (LCHF) diet, doubled the greenhouse gas emission compared with the balanced diet recommended by the Swedish Food Administration. — Xinhua

Colombian police seize one ton of cocaine

BOGOTA, 31 Aug—Colombian police seized a ton of cocaine, which belonged to the organization of drug trafficker Daniel Barrera, alias “El Loco Barrera”, one of the most wanted drug dealers in the state, a police spokesman said on Tuesday. Director of the Narcotics Police General Cesar Augusto Pinzon said that the drugs were found inside a house in a rural area of Obando in Valle del Cauca.

The police have also confiscated 600 gallons of aircraft fuel during the operation. Pinzon told RCN that the street value of the seized cocaine is worth 12.5 million US dollars in the local black market and about 25 million dollars in the United States. — Xinhua

Auckland, New Zealand
Boy gets noise complaints playing outside

Officials in an English Town told a couple their 4-year-old son may have to be “monitored with digital equipment” after complaints he’s been too noisy outside.

Simon and Pippa Lansdell of Hull said they received a letter from the Hull City Council’s environmental health team saying their son Alfie may have to be “monitored with digital equipment” if he continues to garner complaints while playing in his garden, Express reported Tuesday.

The letter said the “noise-nuisance” allegations related to a “child screaming/playing in garden.”

“When I first opened the letter I was shocked, then fuming. Alfie can be noisy and boisterous, but he is just a normal 4-year-old,” Simon Lansdell said.

The parents said the letter also informed them they could be fined more than $2,000 if complaints continue.

“Legally, we have to investigate any noise complaints we receive, regardless of the source of the noise,” the Hull City Council said in a statement.

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Jessica Simpson to launch jewellery collection

LONDON, 31 Aug—Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is set to release her first fine jewellery collection with become the first celebrity to work such personal expression of has allowed me to create pieces that can become a keepsake — quoted the 31-year-old as “I love that a piece of down from generation to pieces that were given to be able to design my own beautifully crafted. The and so easy to wear,” she The collection called “Friend” consists of bracelets and bangles in The range which will between $79 and $999, this year. Simpson has shoes, clothes, accessories and fragrances.—Internet

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Rooney wants to be a record breaker

LONDON, 31 Aug — Manchester United’s Wayne Rooney is setting his sights on Sir Bobby Charlton’s all-time club scoring record. Rooney played a pivotal role in United’s stunning 8-2 annihilation of Arsenal at Old Trafford on Sunday. The England forward curled home free-kicks either side of the interval before completing his hat-trick eight minutes from the end of an astonishing rout.

His first effort saw him become the latest man to score 150 times for United. By the end he had overtaken Ruud van Nistelrooy as the 10th most prolific player in Red Devils’ history. Still aged just 25, Rooney now has Charlton’s 249 in his sights. “It is always a great feeling to score,” he said. “Now I have over 150 goals for a club like United and hopefully there are many more to come. “I am delighted with the way it is going. I worked hard in pre-season. I have started well and the team have started great.” — Internet

Arsenal agree
Park Chu-Young deal

LONDON, 31 Aug — Arsenal have completed the signing of Park Chu-Young from Monaco, subject to a formal registration process. The striker has penned what is thought to be an initial two-year contract, amid reports he is subject to a formal registration process. The striker has signed for an undisclosed fee, reported to be £17 million from Bayern Munich in 2007, but made just 39 appearances for the club. The 26-year-old from under military service. The Gunners have signed the number nine shirt.

Nadal has shaky start to US Open title defence

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Rafael Nadal’s first match as defending US Open champion was hardly a tour de force. He would fall behind in a set, then come back. Fall behind, then come back. His serve was broken six times; that happened a total of five times in seven matches during his 2010 run to the title at Flushing Meadows. His shots didn’t have their normal depth. He needed to save seven set points during the set.

Locked in a struggle for nearly three hours, the second-seeded Nadal eventually got past 98th-ranked Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan 6-3, 7-6(1), 7-5 on Tuesday night.

Wozniacki wins in straight sets to start US Open

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Caroline Wozniacki cruised into the second round of the US Open on Tuesday as the top-seeded Dane again seeks her first major title. Wozniacki beat Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1 in an hour, 20 minutes. She won last week at New Haven to regain some momentum heading into the Open. Wozniacki broke for the fourth time to clinch the match. She faced only one break point on her serve. The 125th-ranked Llagostera Vives has never won in seven tries at the US Open.

City pair excited by prospect of Hargreaves transfer

MANCHESTER, 31 Aug — Manchester City duo Joleon Lescott and Joe Hart believe Owen Hargreaves will fit right into City’s already formidable squad. The England midfielder signed for Manchester United for £17 million from Bayern Munich in 2007, but made just 39 appearances for Sir Alex Ferguson’s side over four seasons as he battled persistent knee problems.

Eventually, United lost patience and released Hargreaves, who took to posting a video on the YouTube site to demonstrate his fitness, having traveled the world to receive treatment on his knee. Lescott and Hart are both convinced Hargreaves will fit right into City’s already formidable squad.

Newcastle sign defender Davide Santon

LONDON, 31 Aug — Newcastle signed defender Davide Santon from Inter Milan on Tuesday as the north-east side found a replacement for Jose Enrique following the left-back’s departure for Premier League rivals Liverpool.

The 20-year-old Italian international signed a five-year deal for an undisclosed fee, reported to be around £5 million, after flying to Tyneside for a medical earlier on Tuesday. "We are delighted to bring Davide to Newcastle," said Magpies manager Alan Pardew. "He is a quality left-back and an established international who also gives us flexibility in defence. "Davide is a young lad and a great signing for us and I am sure he will adapt to the Premier League very quickly.” — Internet

Venus Williams

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Venus Williams takes these tournaments one match at a time. Not a bad plan for a player who’s played only one match since Wimbledon. Williams returned to tennis on the big stage Monday, winning her first match at the US Open after a two-month break she needed to fight off a viral illness.

"A lot of the battle is just trying to be fit and stay healthy,” Williams said after her 6-4, 6-3 victory over Vesna Dolonts. “Sometimes I’ve been losing that battle a lot. But I do feel like I can play six matches. I need to win them. No one is more in one-match-at-a-time mode than me now at this tournament.”

Williams, a two-time champion at Flushing Meadows, came into the tournament unseeded for the first time since 1997, when she was 17 and made a run all the way to the final. Of course, people overlooked her at their peril. When healthy and motivated, she and her sister, Serena, are the biggest X-factors in any tournament they enter.

Serena opens play on Tuesday against Bojana Jovanovski in much the same situation as her sister — seeded a lowly 28th after missing a big chunk of the year with an injury. But unlike Venus, who had not played competitive match since Wimbledon, Serena has had a good lead up to the US Open, winning two tournaments earlier this month.

His shoulder OK, Djokovic wins in walkover at Open

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — If Novak Djokovic’s shoulder was still bothering him, it didn’t show. Then again, he was barely around long enough to tell. He spent 44 minutes on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court Tuesday, taking a 6-0, 6-1 lead in his first-round match at the US Open against Ireland’s Conor Niland before Niland retired because of food poisoning.

It wasn’t much of a test for the top-seeded Djokovic, who pulled out with an ailing shoulder while trailing in the second set of the Cincinnati Masters final on 21 Aug. In his first match since, Djokovic won the first seven games, then after Niland retired with a single game, Djokovic tore off 16 points in a row before Niland retired. Djokovic moved to 58-2 on the year and this might have been the easiest of them all.

“Throughout the whole week I was carrying the pain and discomfort in my shoulder,” Djokovic said.

Venus a winner at US Open; sister Serena up next

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Wayne Rooney completes his hat-trick from the penalty spot.— Internet

SPORTS
Chinese, Philippine presidents hold talks

BEIJING, 31 Aug—Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Philippine counterpart Benigno Aquino III held talks in Beijing Wednesday afternoon.

Hu said he believes that Aquino’s visit to China, the first of his visit to a country outside the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), will further promote bilateral traditional friendship and pragmatic cooperation, and lift bilateral strategic relationship of cooperation to a new level.

Aquino apologized for taking too long to visit China, saying the visit will serve as an opportunity for the two sides to “broaden and deepen bilateral ties and friendship existing between the two peoples for centuries.”

Hu hosted a red-carpet welcome ceremony for Aquino, who is on his first state visit to China, at the Great Hall of the People before their formal talks.

Chinese ambassador Liu Jianchao said earlier that Aquino’s delegation would group many business magnates and he would attend three business forums during the five-day visit.—MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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Weather forecast for 1st September, 2011

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