**Judges to follow judicial principles in accord with constitution and Union judicature**

YANGON, 3 Sept—Judges are to follow judicial principles in accord with the constitution and the Union judicature, said Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo in meeting with judges and law officers of Yangon Region at the Yangon Region High Court this noon.

He noted that the primary responsibility of judgment is to seek the truth. After realizing the truth, correct decision can be made in accord with the laws, he added. Facts and laws are decisive for the cases, he said. Judges are urged to pledge that their judgments must be correct. He stressed the need to always supervise subordinates to be free from corruption.

The Union Chief Justice attended the opening ceremony of Deputy Township Judge Refresher Course No. 1 at the training school in Hlinethaya Township and made a speech. He said that the training courses were conducted for uplifting proficiency of the Deputy Township Judges in legal affairs, judgment affairs and court management work and enabling them to conduct judicial tasks in line with law and regulations correctly and quickly. He urged the trainees to keep in mind the subjects of training course to become highly-qualified judicial officers on whom the judicial duties can be assigned reliably.

The 8-week course is being attended by 50 trainees.—MNA

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**Paddy thriving in farmer educative farms in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing heard reports on thriving paddy plantations of 84 days old presented by the farm in-charge Dr San San Win at the 40-acre farmer educative special farm near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township this morning.

The Union Minister visited the 20-hectare mechanized farm in Bonigyi field of the village. Director-General U Soe Hlaing of Agriculture Mechanization Department reported on completion of the 20-hectare farmland reclamation from 10 August to 2 September.

The Union Minister stressed the need to make cost analysis in transforming conventional small farmlands to the new farmlands of hectare measurements with that of short and long term benefits of farmers and to attract the private sector to participate in mechanized farming.

After viewing transplanting of paddy saplings at 10-acre paddy farm near Aungthukha Village, the Union Minister gave instructions on organizing the farmers to apply good cultivation methods.

At 20-acre paddy farm in Nyaungbingyisu Village of Pobbathiri Township, Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanma Agriculture Service reported on Hsanhmway paddy plantation of 73 days old at the research farm. The Union Minister instructed officials to submit a report on characteristics of the paddy term of plants, production and eating quality through research work.—MNA

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**Talks on traffic knowledge held**

YANGON, 3 Sept—Police Colonel Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Core and party gave educative talks on traffic rules to departmental staff at Hmawby Township General Administration Department and to departmental staff and members of NGOs at Taikkyi Township General Administration Department on 1 September.

Likewise, Police Inspector Kyaw Tun Win of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Core and party disseminated traffic knowledge at Thanlyin Township Basic Education High School No. 1 and Thanlyin Township Cooperatives Degree College yesterday.—MNA
Conserve nation’s natural heritage Inlay Lake

Inlay region in Shan State (South) is a favourite spot for both local holidaymakers and tourists. The surface of Inlay Lake, the second largest lake in Myanmar after the largest Indawgyi Lake in Kachin State, has been shrunk to 24 square miles from 100 square miles.

Inlay Lake is either a natural heritage of the State or a landmark of Shan State. The invaluable lake is contributing towards socio-economic development of local people and the nation’s generation of electricity.

ASEAN recognized the Inlay Lake as ASEAN Cultural Heritage because the lake has claimed a role as ancient natural heritage in Myanmar. Sustainability, proper drainage, conservation of its ecosystem and watershed areas, reforestation and survivability of biodiversity of the lake are being realized in systematic manner.

The Inlay Lake with water flowing properly helps local people develop their socio-economic status. Lawpita Hydropower Plant which depends on the Inlay Lake and Bilu creek for water inflow is the key to accelerating socio-economic development of the country. Among 29 creeks flowing into the Inlay Lake, four are of all-season ones.

Plans are underway as it is needed to take measures for greening the Inlay Lake and its 20-mile environs and conservation of environment and biodiversity.

Local people are to join hands with the State in conserving the Inlay Lake which is one of priceless natural resources handed down by our ancestors.

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Aud Thiri hands over newly built and repaired schools in Pobbathiri Township

**Yangon, 3 Sept—** Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan attended the ceremony to hand over school buildings by Aung Thiri Foundation at Basic Education High School in Kyitaungkan Village of Pobbathiri Township, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Than Aung, departmental heads, the chairman of Aung Thiri Foundation and local people.

**Aung Thiri hands over newly built and repaired schools in Pobbathiri Township**

**Kenbo Junior Golf Championship 8 Sept**

**Yangon, 3 Sept—** Under the arrangement of Myanmar Golf Federation, the second match of HAN Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2011; KENBO Junior Golf Championship, sponsored by HAN Golf Masters Pte Ltd and Aung Kan Bo Trading Co Ltd, will be held at Myanmar Golf Club on 8 September.

There are four class of age—8-12 aged, 13-15 aged, 16-18 aged and 19-21 aged in the competition. It is to be held in accord with St Andaru and local golf rules.

Golfers may register with the citizenship scrutiny card (or) household registration list at the corner of Okkala Road and Airport Road in Mayangon Township and at Myanmar Golf Club not later than 1 pm on 6 September. Dial 09-2037671, 0973130474 and 01-651374.

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All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
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NATO kills ex-Gitmo detainee in Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Sept— NATO and Afghan forces killed a former Guantanamo detainee who had become a key al-Qaeda affiliate after returning to Afghanistan, officials said Saturday.

Sabar Lal Melma, who was released from Guantanamo in 2007 after five years of detention, had been organizing attacks in eastern Kunar Province and funding insurgent operations, NATO spokesman Capt. John Brockdorff said.

A NATO statement described Melma as a “key affiliate of the al-Qaeda network” who was in contact with senior al-Qaeda members in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Troops surrounded Melma’s house in Jalalabad city on Friday night and shot him dead when he emerged from the building holding an AK-47 assault rifle. Several other people were detained.

A guard at the house, Mohammad Gabi, said a group of American soldiers scaled the walls of the compound around 11 p.m. and stormed the house, shooting Melma in the assault. Three others were detained, Gabi said—Xinhua.

NATO soldier killed in Taleban attack in Afghanistan

BOGOTA, 3 Sept— A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed as anti-government militants attacked the troops in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, a Press release of the military alliance said.

“It is the ISAF’s policy to defer casualty numbers,” the release said.

The ISAF said it was the first ISAF death in Afghanistan since 1 May.

Troops mostly from the US, Britain and Australia have been stationed in southern Afghan Provinces where Taleban insurgents are active.

Meantime, locals say that militants loyal to the Taleban outfit attacked a place of the incident, only saying it is the ISAF’s policy to defer casualty numbers, the release said—Xinhua.

13 killed in raid against rebel guerrillas in Colombia

BOGOTA, 3 Sept— At least 13 were killed during an operation in which the authorities captured a rebel leader known as “Forces” in a rural area in southern Colombia, President Juan Manuel Santos said Friday.

“The operation was launched, was repelled by the criminals, then the Air Force entered...managed to capture this leader,” Santos said.

According to the president, “Forces” is a dangerous figure from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). He was the head of state added.

“This was a well-aimed blow against the FARC,” Santos said—Xinhua.

Five insurgents killed, 24 captured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Sept— The Afghan army, backed by NATO-led forces, have eliminated five insurgents and detained 24 others in the country over the past 24 hours, the Afghan Defence Ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

“Afghan National Army (ANA) personnel have killed five terrorists and captured 24 others during several joint operations in Nangarhar, Wardak, Khost, Ghazni, Helmand and Herat Provinces over the past 24 hours,” said the statement here.

During the raids, troops also found and defused two Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) besides seizing two machine guns and six motorbikes, it said.

It also said in two separate incidents an army soldier was killed and four ANA personnel were injured as a result of enemy fire and an IED blast in the country’s southern Helmand and eastern Paktia Provinces in the same timeframe.

In a separate incident, a man was killed when troops conducted a night raid operation overnight in Jalalabad city, capital of eastern Nangarhar Province, a spokesman for the provincial administration said on Saturday.

Troops carried out the operation to capture a suspect in Aanger Bagh neighborhood but a man named Sabir Lal, who might have been the target of the raid, was killed, Ahmad Zia Abdulah told Xinhua.

However, according to locals, Sabir Lal, who formerly served as a commander with Mujahidin or anti-Taleban fighters, was captured by the NATO and Afghan forces a couple of weeks ago but was released later.

The Taleban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group announced to launch a spring offensive from 1 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops stationed in Afghanistan.

Taleban insurgents have yet to make comments—Xinhua.
WASHINGTON, 3 Sept—Bank of America Corp executives are discussing plans to potentially shed 25,000 to 30,000 jobs over the next several years, the Charlotte Observer said.

Bank of America executives are still working on the final plans regarding the workforce reduction, which could reach much more than 10,000 jobs, the Charlotte Observer reported, citing sources familiar with the matter. Job cuts at the biggest US bank, which the Wall Street Journal had reported could rise to 10,000 in the coming months, come on the heels of the bank’s stock plunging over 40 percent since the beginning of this year.

The bank, part of a growing list of large banks that have been slashing their workforce, is expected to cut 3,500 jobs in the next few weeks as it continues to cope with its $1 trillion pile of problem home mortgages.

Bank of America, which recently received a $5 billion investment from Warren Buffett, has suffered a series of quarterly losses over the past two years, including a record $8.8 billion loss in its latest quarter.

In the first phase of the programme, the bank’s executives are examining the consumer side of the bank, the mortgage business and staff functions.

In the fourth quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year, they will tackle capital markets, wealth management and commercial banking operations, the Charlotte Observer said.

On a conference call with investors last month, Bank of America Chief Executive Brian Moynihan said the bank could cut as much as $1.5 billion in quarterly expenses.

Gold jumps as US jobs report jolts investors

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Gold approached another record high Friday as a bleak jobs report added to fears that the US economy is weakening.

Gold jumped $47.80, or 2.6 percent, to end at $1,876.90 an ounce. That’s just $15 shy of the closing high of $1,891.90 an ounce reached 22 Aug.

Investors were jolted by the jobs report. The Labor Department said no jobs were added in the US economy last month and the unemployment rate remained at 9.1 percent. The report was far weaker than analysts had expected and renewed concerns that the US might be headed for another slowdown or recession. Europe’s debt problems are still dragging on, and China’s economy is showing signs of slower growth. Those problems could weaken global demand for many kinds of commodities including oil, metals and agricultural products such as corn, soybeans and wheat.

As a result, investors have been buying gold, sending its price up 50 percent over the past year.

Gold, which isn’t tied to any particular currency, is seen by investors as a relatively stable store of value during times of economic weakness and turbulence in financial markets.—Internet

Is breast reduction after weight loss surgery best?

ROCHESTER, 3 Sept—Having weight loss surgery before breast reduction surgery is best for severely obese women who have both procedures, according to a small new study.

While there are some benefits to having breast reduction surgery first — including reduced pain and increased ability to exercise — women may be disappointed with the appearance of their breasts after they lose large amounts of weight, Dr. Jeffrey Gusenoff and colleagues at the University of Rochester Medical Center said in a journal news release.

The investigators looked at patient satisfaction and other outcomes among 29 severely obese women (average body mass index, or BMI, of about 54) who lost more than 50 pounds. BMI is a measurement that takes into account height and weight, and a BMI over 30 is considered obese.

All but one of the women in the study had weight loss (bariatric) surgery, according to the report published in the September issue of the journal Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Fifteen of the women had breast reduction surgery before their weight loss.

Heart experts say work less and eat more chocolate

PARIS, 3 Sept—Eat dark chocolate, watch funny movies, avoid stressful jobs, and pedal hard when biking are all ingredients in the recipe for a healthy heart, according to experts meeting in Paris this week.

Whether one is afflicted by a heart attack, high blood pressure or constricted arteries depends in large measure on a host of lifestyle choices.

But the ideal formula for avoiding heart problems remains elusive: it is hard to tease apart the factors that impact cardiovascular health, and the right mix of things to do — or not do — can vary from person to person.

The study, led by Danish cardiologist Peter Schnohr, showed that men who regularly cycled at a fast clip survive 5.3 years longer than men who pedalled at a much slower pace. Exercising “average intensity” was enough to earn an extra 2.9 years.

“A greater part of the daily physical activity in leisure time should be vigorous based on the individual’s own perception of intensity,” Schnohr said in a statement.—Internet
Domino’s plans to open first pizza place on the Moon

New York, 3 Sept—Plan to live on the Moon someday? You may be eating a lot of pizza once there. What happens when competing pizza chains go all-out in an attempt to outdo each other? Apparently some big, ridiculous promises are made. At least that seems to be the case as the Japanese arm of both Domino’s and Pizza Hut face off in the first-ever restaurant space race.

It all started back in 2001 when Japan’s Pizza Hut chain sent along some pies for the crew of the International Space Station during a routine supply run. It was officially the first pizza delivery in space. More recently, Domino’s hired construction firm Maeda Corp to draw up plans for a moon-based Domino’s restaurant, and the company is finally ready to show it off. The lunar eatery will cost an estimated $22 billion to complete, and will require 15 rocket trips to deliver supplies to our planetary neighbor’s rocky surface.

Staff would be required to live at the restaurant, which might not be such a bad gig considering the company plans to have a huge recreation area inside the complex. Domino’s employees would have everything on-site in state-of-the-art lunar gardens. Customers will be able to chose to come in for a bite to eat, or have their pizza brought to them by spacesuit-clad delivery boys.

Despite the ridiculous nature of these plans, Domino’s officials are keeping a straight face. Spokesman Tomohide Matsunaga notes, “In the future, we anticipate there will be many people living on the Moon, astronauts who are working there and, in the future, citizens of the moon.”

Sony to release tablet computer this month

Tokyo, 3 Sept——Sony’s first tablet computer will hit the Japanese market on 17 September as the company looks to take on Apple’s popular iPad, the electronics giant said Thursday.

The Sony Tablet will be powered by Google’s Android software, allowing users to download content such as books, movies and games. The Sony Tablet “S” series with a 9.4-inch (23.8 centimetre) touchscreen display is expected to have a price tag of 45,000 yen ($580) for a 16-gigabyte data storage model and 53,000 yen for the 32-gigabyte version.

The product will also become available in US and European markets later this month, with a price tag of $499 and 479 euros for the 16-gigabyte model. Competitors have rushed to cash in on soaring demand for tablets since the iPad was released in April last year, but Sony’s devices will arrive well behind those of its rivals.

The devices will have access to Sony’s cloud of online content such as movies, music, digital books, PlayStation games and other entertainment. Sony has focused more on pushing its content such as games and music through hardware platforms including game consoles, smartphones and tablet computers. —Internet

Secretive private spaceship builder reports rocket failure

New York, 3 Sept——Blue Origin, the private entrepreneurial space group backed by Amazon.com mogul Jeff Bezos, has reported a failure in its suborbital rocket development plans.

“Three months ago, we successfully flew our second test vehicle in a short hop mission, and then last week we lost the vehicle during a developmental test at Mach 1.2 and an altitude of 45,000 feet,” Bezos wrote in a statement posted to the Blue Origin website on 2 Sept.

According to Bezos, a “flight instability” drove an angle of attack that triggered the Blue Origin range system to initiate an abort at Mach 1.2. The vehicle failed to lift, then impacted the ground.

The light-lipped Blue Origin space company has been focused on suborbital spacelift, first using its Goddard vehicle and then migrating to the New Shepard spacecraft design at its facility in Culberson County, Texas. —Internet

Google gives Blogger a fresh new look

Washington, 3 Sept——Since the launch of Google+ Beta, Google has slowly been rolling out new designs for a number of its popular products including Docs, Calendar and Gmail. The latest Google product to get a makeover is the company’s blogging platform, Blogger.

“It’s been a few years since we made major updates to Blogger’s look and feel, and there’s a lot more to these changes than just shiny new graphics,” said Blogger Product Manager Chang Kim. “We’ve rewritten the entire editing and management-experience from scratch so it’s faster and more efficient for you — and easier for us to update and improve over time.”

The redesign includes a streamlined blogging experience and a new Overview section where users can find traffic analytics, comment activity and follower statistics. —Internet

Mars rover Opportunity studying new surroundings

Los Angeles, 3 Sept——The Mars rover Opportunity is snapping pictures like a tourist soon arriving at its latest crater destination, much to the delight of scientists many millions of miles away.

The solar-powered workhorse beamed back images of the horizon, soil and nearby rocks that are unlike any it has seen during its seven years roaming the Martian plains.

Opportunity is doing more than just sightseeing. It recently spent a chunk of time using its robotic arm to investigate a flat-topped boulder that likely formed in a hydrothermal environment. After a three-year drive, the six-wheel rover finally rolled up to the western rim of Endeavour Crater in early August to begin a new chapter of exploration. Opportunity is showing typical wear for its age. It has to drive backward to prevent one of its wheels from freezing up and has arthritis in its arm. —Internet
Typhoon Talas dumps rain on southern Japan

Tokyo, 3 Sept—Slow-moving Typhoon Talas dumped heavy rain across a wide swath of Japan on Saturday, reportedly killing one person and leaving five others missing.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said the center of the typhoon, the 12th of the season, was moving north across the southern island of Shikoku at less than 6 miles (10 kilometres) per hour. Because of the storm’s slow speed, the agency warned of heavy rain and strong winds centered in south-central Japan that could lead to flooding and landslides.

Kyodo News agency said 3,200 people were evacuated in 16 prefectures.

They also said a 75-year-old woman was missing after she was swept away in a swollen river in Shikoku’s Tokushima prefecture, but police could not immediately confirm either report.

Tropical Storm Lee inches northward in US gulf

Bangalore, 3 Sept—Tropical Storm Lee was inching northward in the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico and its center is expected to approach the coast of southern Louisiana during the weekend, the US National Hurricane Centre said in its report on Friday.

The latest alert from the NHC said the storm was located about 170 miles southeast of Cameron, Louisiana, packing winds of 45 miles per hour (75 km/h). “Gradual strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours,” the NHC said.

Nearly half of the US Gulf of Mexico crude oil production and 33 percent of its natural gas output were shut down on Friday as Tropical Storm Lee formed off the Louisiana Coast, the US government said.

Tropical cyclones become named tropical storms when their winds exceed 39 miles per hour (63 km/h) and develop into hurricanes when their winds reach more than 74 mph (119 km/h).—Internet

Bad weather diverts Obama helicopter

Washington, 3 Sept—US President Barack Obama’s helicopter had to be diverted on its flight to Camp David, Md, Friday because of bad weather, the White House said.

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The helicopter, with Obama’s daughter, Sasha, aboard with him, landed in Frederick, Md, 42 miles from Camp David, CBS News reported.

The president is scheduled to stay at Camp David until Sunday, when he is to travel to Paterson, NJ, to tour areas damaged by Hurricane Irene.

He is scheduled to go to Detroit to speak Monday to labor groups at a Labor Day parade.

Venezuela’s Chavez finishes 3rd round of chemo

HOUSTON, 3 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said he felt great and playfully boxed for television cameras on Friday as he emerged from his third round of chemotherapy for cancer.

The 57-year-old president, who shaved his head after he started losing hair due to the treatments, did jumping jacks and spurred as he left the Carlos Arvelo Military Hospital in Venezuela’s capital.

Chavez told Venezuela state television that during the week of treatment he had gained “more than a kilo” and now weighs 88½ kilograms (195 pounds). “At the end the chemotherapy is softer.”

“Today we finished for the same period should be about 30.44 degrees Celsius, or 86.8 degrees Fahrenheit.

The National Climate Data Center will release official weather data next week, according to the newspaper. Apart from the extreme heat, Texas is also enduring the worst-ever one-year drought in the state’s history.—Internet

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HOUSTON, 3 Sept—The US states of Texas and Oklahoma are in a race for the hottest summer recorded in the US history, climate officials have said.

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A woman sings to Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez upon his arrival to the Miraflores presidential palace after his third round of chemotherapy, in Caracas, Venezuela, on 2 Sept, 2011. —INTERNET

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with the hemoglobin tests, white blood cells,” said the Venezuelan president, who was wearing an olive green military uniform and his trademark red beret. He added that his condition “couldn’t be better.”

Hospital director Col. Earle Siso said Chavez was released in “top condition not only in spirit but physically.”

Standing in the open sunroof of a sport-utility vehicle, Chavez waved to supporters as he led a caravan to the presidential palace. In a televised speech to supporters at the palace, Chavez said “this third cycle (of chemotherapy) ended without problems.”—Internet

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Photo taken on 12 Aug, 2011 shows a view in a hotel in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province. Statistics issued by Hainan Commodity Price Bureau shows the average room rate of 196 hotels in Sanya will reach 1,490 yuan (230 US dollars) a day during the National day holiday which lasts from 1 to 7 Oct this year, climbing 9.3% from the year earlier.

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Chinese President calls on artists to create more excellent works

BEIJING, 3 Sept—President Hu Jintao Friday called on artists to create more excellent works to better serve the people.

Hu made the remarks when meeting the cast and crew of modern drama “Guo Mingyi” in Beijing before he and some other senior officials watched it. The drama, created by Liaoning People’s Art Theater, tells Guo’s virtue of devotion to his work and selfless help for others.

Hu spoke highly of the efforts of the artists in creating the drama, urging all people in the country to learn from Guo, who he said is “a model of virtue”.

Guo, 52, donated half of his salary over the past 16 years to support 180 poor students in school. He has also donated blood for the past 20 years, with the amount extracted coming to about 10 times the amount in his body.

Guo has worked more than 15,000 hours of overtime over the past 15 years.

At least 20 missing in trawler capsize in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 3 Sept—At least 20 people including women and children went missing as an overloaded trawler capsized in the Padma River in southern Bangladesh Saturday morning.

Police and survivors said the trawler with more than 100 passengers on board sank in the river after being hit by a cargo at about 9 am local time near Dularchar ferry terminal in Vedorganj sub-district of Shariatpur district, 101 km south of capital Dhaka.

Most of the passengers could swim ashore as the trawler capsized near the ferry terminal while at least 20 people were missing, local police said.

Shariatpur district Deputy Commissioner Sarwar Hossain visited the spot and said fire brigade divers were called to salvage the sunken trawler. Locals feared that the chance of survival of the missing passengers is bleak due to strong currents of the mighty river.

At least three dead in Chilean military plane crash

SANTIAGO, 3 Sept—At least three people were killed Friday when a Chilean air force plane crashed, Chile’s Ministry of Defense confirmed in a statement.

Defense Minister Andres Allamand said on national television that the crash occurred in the late afternoon near the remote Juan Fernandez archipelago, located some 700 km off the Pacific coast.

The scenario which we are facing is particularly adverse,“ the minister said before heading for an emergency meeting with President Sebastian Pinera. He was referring to the unpredictable weather and geographical conditions which might hamper search and rescue efforts.

Allamand said the Defense Ministry had sent an aircraft and a frigate equipped with a specialized rescue helicopter to the crash site to help search for survivors.

Between 18 and 21 passengers were traveling aboard the CASA 212 military aircraft, including a crew from the TV channel TVN which wanted to cover the archipelago’s rebuilding efforts after the massive earthquake that hit Chile in February 2010, TVN reported.

Juan Fernandez’s Mayor Leopoldo Gonzalez told local media that aviation authorities lost communication with the plane as it approached the islands. “It’s regrettable,” Gonzalez said on national television.
The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.
First Nay Pyi Taw Champion Challenge Cup Tournament-2011 commences

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan attended opening of First Nay Pyi Taw Champion Challenge Cup Tournament-2011 at Paunglaung gymnasium in Pyinmana here today. The tournament consists of nine prioritized sports events that will be held from 2 to 28 September as three phases and 279 male athletes and 117 female athletes from 16 regions and states will take part in them. Today’s first event comprised Sepak Takaraw, billiard and snooker, and tennis. Second phase includes weightlifting, chess and boxing contests from 12 to 18 September, and third phase, traditional boxing, cycling and track and field contests from 22 to 28 September.

Herbal dragon fruits from Hsipaw Township streaming into market

By Maung Yin Kyay (Tachilek)

Everybody may see dragon fruits with the crest shape of dragon. After peeling, the flesh of fruits can be seen with very small black seeds. The flesh is delicious. Dragon fruit is one genus of the species of aloe plant. One of two dragon fruit plants bears white fruits with small black seeds and another one with purplish flesh and black seeds. White fruit may be bigger than purplish one.

The flesh of fruit is mixed taste with sweet and sour. The potency of fruit can be used in treatment of hypertension, diabetes and cardiac diseases in addition to cancer disease.

A large acre of lands are now put under dragon fruit plantations in Shan State (North).

On my visit of Hsipaw recently, I had an opportunity to visit BMG agricultural farm. It is located near Hsulan Village at mile post No. 137 on Mandalay-Lashio Highway. Most of the people can see dragon fruits only, but not its plants. I saw thriving dragon fruit plants with many branches at the farm like aloe plants. These plants bore flowers. I have learnt that purplish dragon fruit plants can yield a large number of fruits. Most of the consumers prefer it. Retail price for the fruit is set at K 2500 per kilo and the wholesale price at K 2000 per kilo.

This season, dragon fruits are produced much in Hsipaw Township of Shan State (North). Thus, everybody can see a large number of dragon fruits at the market daily.

Cambodia, Laos vow to boost economic, trade ties

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The Premier made the promise during a meeting with visiting Lao President of National Assembly Pany Yathotou. Hun Sen said Cambodia and Laos were good friends and neighbours and Cambodia was willing to boost cooperation with Laos in the mutual interest of both countries and peoples.

Meanwhile, Pany Yathotou hailed Cambodia for sound economic development and political stability. She said now it was the time to boost trade and investment ties between the two countries and ASEAN members.

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Freed nurse describes ‘living hell’

STOCKPORT, 3 Sept—A nurse who spent more than six weeks in custody accused of contaminating saline said she had been “living in hell”.

The case against Rebecca Leighton was dropped by prosecutors, who said on Friday it was “no longer appro-priate” to continue the proceedings”.

Leighton, 27, was arrested at her home on 20 July over a string of suspicious deaths at a hospital in Stockport, near Manchester.

After her release from jail, Leighton said her life had been turned upside down. All I ever wanted to do was pursue a profession in nursing, and care for my patients.

“I think it unbelievable that anyone in the medical profession would ever put their patients’ lives at risk.”

Leighton remains suspended from working as a nurse.

Greater Manchester Police are now investigating the deaths of seven patients, and potentially 40 victims of contamination at Stockport’s Stepping Hill Hospital.

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A general view of the Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport, north-west England.—INTERNET

Int’l airlines add flights to Nepal for peak tourist season

KATHMANDU, 3 Sept—International airlines have been adding flights to Nepal to handle the anticipated swell in tourist inflow with the autumn season approaching.

Thai Airways, Qatar Airways, Dragonair, Air China, China Southern Airlines and Fly Dubai have received permission to operate extra flights to Kathmandu while Etihad Airways, Gulf Air and Silk Air are planning to increase their frequency, according to Saturday’s eKantipur.com report.

Officials of the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN) said that Air China, China Southern and Fly DUBAI are operating additional flights with a temporary operating permit (TOP).

The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation has allowed international airlines serving Nepal to operate additional flights during 2011 under the TOP scheme due to expected surge in tourist arrivals during Nepal Tourism Year.

Bhutan’s national carrier Druk Air, which currently operates daily flights between Kathmandu and Paro, has applied for six additional flights weekly under the TOP from Sept 29.

“We are processing the application of Druk Air,” said Ram Dinesh Lal Karna, manager of CAAN’s flight permission section.—Xinhua

Van Gogh masterpiece comes to China

BEIJING, 3 Sept—Vincent Van Gogh’s iconic Self-Portrait is wowing art lovers at the Capital Museum.

The show, which opened Thursday, is called “Van Gogh and the Amsterdam Impressionists,” and it’s being held to coincide with a trade mission from The Netherlands.

Apart from Van Gogh’s timeless Self-Portrait masterpiece, also on display are 11 other paintings by well established Dutch contemporaries, including Isaac Israels, George Breitner, Willem Witsen, Eduard Karsen and Willem de Zwart.

The exhibition demonstrates how Dutch paintings flourished greatly at the end of the 19th century, a period of time also known as the Second Golden Age of the Netherlands.

All the exhibits are on loan from the Rijksmuseum, in conjunction with the Municipality of Amsterdam. The show opened to coincide with the Dutch representatives’ visit to Beijing. The delegation is planning a series of exchange programmes between China and the Netherlands. Amsterdam Mayor Van der Laan, along with the Director of the Rijksmuseum and their Chinese counterparts, were in attendance at the opening ceremony of the exhibition.—Xinhua

Cuban scientists develop oil waste treatment with bacteria

HAVANA, 3 Sept—Two Cuban research centres have started using bacteria to treat the oil wastewaters in several parts of the Caribbean island in order to reduce the presence of hydrocarbons in soil and waters of the country, an expert said Friday.

The Centre for Environmental Studies of Cienfuegos (CEAC), in collaboration with the Center for Bioactive Marine (CBM) in Havana, is carrying out the process in the Provinces of Cienfuegos, Pinar del Rio and Matanzas, said CEAC Director Alain Munoz.

Munoz said the two research centres expect the treatment procedures will also be soon introduced in the southern Isle of Youth and the southern Province of Holguin.

The process, which is known as bioremediation, consists of applying bacteria over the damaged area to eliminate the chemical components of oil in a maximum of 180 days, he said, adding the treatment can be developed both inland and in off-shore waters.

Cuban authorities are actively enhancing its national oil industry in abid to achieve national autonomy in its energy needs while taking all measures to protect environment.—Xinhua

Technicians install wind turbines in a factory of CS Windpower Co, Ltd. in Tongliao City, north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, 2 Sept, 2011. INTERNET

A group of yachts which drag traditional Chinese kites sail on the Mass river near the port of Rotterdam, celebrating the opening of the annual festival “World Harbor Day” on 2 Sept, 2011.—Xinhua
Ryan Reynolds, Sandra Bullock reunite for TV comedy

LOS ANGELES, 3 Sept—Hollywood star Ryan Reynolds and Sandra Bullock are going to team up once again - but this time it will be for a small screen project. The pair, which was seen together in the ’Propos- sal’ is expected to make a comeback together to lend their voice to an animated comedy titled,’And Then There Was Gordon’, reported AceShowbiz.

Mila Kunis wants to be a food traveller

TOKYO, 3 Sept—Pop singer Ayumi Hamasaki attends premiere of 3-D digital cinema concert

Internet Princess Sophie of Isenburg’s wedding dress: all the details

POTSDAM, 3 Sept—When Princess Sophie walked down the aisle to wed Prince Georg Friedrich Ferdinand of Prussia outside of Potsdam, Germany, last weekend, all eyes were on her.

It was a task she pulled off seamless- ly by wearing an elaborate tiered dress by top German designer Wolfgang Joop. The dress, which was created using 180 feet of fabric, was accessorized with a 100-year-old family veil, reported German newsweekly Bunte.

According to Bunte, the princess also wore a coat made of transparent organiza- tion over her dress – complete with a 12 foot-long train. The colour of the dress was called whispering white, a colour meant to look antique. Sophie polished the look with her hair swept into an up-do, and accessorized with a family heirloom diamond tiara dating back to 1860 in Paris. The piece is reserved for the members of the royal family’s wed- ding day.—Internet

Moe Yamaguchi announces divorce

Tokyo, 3 Sept—TV personality Moe Yamaguchi, 34, has divorced husband Shigeo Ozeki, 36. Sources close to the couple say the cause of the breakup was a growing sense of distrust that began in June, when Ozeki was arrested and fined for allegedly running an unlicensed hostess club.

Yamaguchi, 34, married her IT indu- strialist husband in 2005 but moved to Ukraine but moved to the US aged seven, is keen to experience as much of the globe as she can in a bid to improve herself, reported Stylist magazine.

“T hope I can improve myself. I love learning If I could go to school and just take lectures, I would. “

King Khan to launch Ganesh Hegde album ‘Let’s Party’

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept—The launch of Ganesh Hegde’s forthcoming album—’Let’s Party’ is going to be a star studded evening as Shah Rukh Khan will make his presence felt there. SRK himself will be launching singer/choreographer and close friend Ganesh Hegde’s forthcoming album. SRK has been associated with Ganesh for a very long time. He has taken time out from his busy schedule to lend his support at the launch of the album, in spite of being tied up with his professional commitments.

With his album ‘Let’s Party’, Ganesh Hegde hopes to revive the dying Indian pop industry.

Shah Rukh Khan and Ganesh Hegde go back a long way, apart from choreographing plenty of the star’s songs and touring with him for shows, Ganesh has also sung the rap song ‘Ek Sawaal Ka Sawaal Hai’, for the third season of the Kaun Banega Crorepati show hosted by King Khan.—Internet

Orlando Bloom wants to play Joe Strummer

LONDON, 3 Sept—Hollywood actor Orlando Bloom wants to play The Clash singer Joe Strummer in a biopic of the late frontline.

The 34-year-old is a huge fan of the singer, who died in 2002, and says he is one of the most iconic figures of the British punk movement, reported Contactmusic.

“The life has the highs and lows and complexities to make for a feature film and a great soundtrack. I’d need to brush up my vocal and guitar skills,” said Bloom.

The actor recently said a bow to his inspira- tions when he played egomaniac punk band leader in ’Sympathy for Delicious’.

“Actually, you know, I was a bit m- ore of the Ian Br- own, from The Stone Roses, school of thought and also the Gallagher brothers, Liam and Noel, from Oasis. I just thought that Northern-I mean, I didn’t do a Manchester accent, I did a broad Northern, because a lot of the great British bands, even the Beatles, they all came from the north of England,” he said.
CLAMS DAY NOTICE
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Twin impostor won’t get hockey shot cash
FARIBUILL, 3 Sept—A Minnesota 11-year-old who made a $50,000-winning hockey shot while posing as his twin brother will not receive the money, the event’s insurance company said.

Odds on Promotions said it spent three weeks considering whether Nate Smith, 11, would receive the money for making the shot Aug. 11 at Shattuck-St. Mary’s School in Faribault, Minn., and officials decided not to give him the cash due to contractual breaches and legal implications, NBC “Today” reported Thursday. Pat Smith, father of Nate and his two brother, Nick, said Nick won a $10 raffle for the chance to attempt the shot during the charity hockey game, but the boy was out of the stadium so he encouraged Nate to take his place. Nate Smith made the shot, but the father encouraged the boys to tell organizers the truth the following day.

Three patients died because of hospital bacterium in Rotterdam
THE HAGUE, 3 Sept — The Klebsiella bacterium was most probably the death cause of three out of 27 patients at the Maassstad hospital in Rotterdam, the interim director Leon Ejsjman said at a Press conference on Friday.

Out of the total 27 deaths that have been researched by University Medical Center in Leiden, there proved no relation between the bacterium and the death cause in 14 cases while the death cause of ten deceased could not yet be determined. The Maassstad hospital would financially compensate relatives of the three patients.

The hospital came to spotlight since June this year after the outbreak of the antibiotic bacterium named Klebsiella Oxa-48.

Pizzeria owner accused of pot trafficking
MEDFORD, 3 Sept — A Massachusetts pizzeria owner was arrested on a trafficking charge after authorities allegedly found 250 pounds of marijuana in 11 boxes in his pickup truck.

Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone’s office said Nikita Yanakopulos, 34, owner of Pinky’s Famous Pizza in Medford, was charged with trafficking marijuana after police saw him load 11 boxes into the back of his pickup truck. Friday that turned out to contain “high-grade” marijuana worth an estimated $750,000, the Boston Herald reported Thursday. Police said Yanakopulos’ truck, three cellphones and $2,366 in cash were also seized during his arrest in Everett, The Boston Globe reported Thursday. Yanakopulos, who pleaded not guilty Monday, was released after posting $15,000 bail and he is due back in court 29 Sept.

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Tourists are seen at the amphitheatre of Red Rocks Park in Denver, Colorado State, the United States, on 31 Aug, 2011. The open-air amphitheatre is a rock structure at the Red Rocks Park that is located about 20 kilometres west of Denver. The seating area of the amphitheatre could accommodate for up to 9846 people. —XINHUA

Insects looking like alien creatures. —XINHUA

“Zorro” will slice its way to Shanghai
BEIJING, 3 Sept — Batman, Spider Man and Iron Man are all well-known superheroes who seek justice while hiding behind a mask.

One of the earliest masked heroes, Zorro, is coming to Shanghai in the form of a musical this October as part of the Shanghai International Art Festival. “Zorro the Musical” will be staged at Shanghai Oriental Art Center from 26 October to 29 November.

“Zorro” debuted on the London West End with music by the Gypsy Kings and John Cameron, who had written the music for “Les Miserables.” The musical was later adapted into different versions and staged in the United States, Israel, Russia, Brazil and Spain.

The version coming to Shanghai is said to be the Broadway version with splendid sets. Elements like aerobatics, fencing, fireworks and magic and, of course, passionate Latin music and flamenco dancing will help spectators feel like a part of Zorro’s world.

Ricky Nur, general producer of the show, says the show was carefully chosen for China.

“We chose ‘Zorro’ after a survey found that Chinese audiences love Latin music, flamenco and the wonderful story of the hero behind the mask,” Nur says.

Internet
Woman punches bear to save dog

An Alaskan woman said she punched a black bear in the face when she spotted it attacking her dachshund in her yard.

Brooke Collins, 22, of Juneau, said she let her dogs outside at about 7:30 pm Sunday and she ran outside when she heard her dachshund, Fudge, barking frantically, the Juneau Empire reported Thursday.

Collins said she saw the bear carrying Fudge “like a salmon” and she was operating on instinct when she ran up to the bear and punched it in the face.

“It was all so fast. All I could think about was my dog was going to die,” Collins said.

“It was a stupid thing but I couldn’t help it,” she said. “I know you’re not supposed to do that but I didn’t want my dog to be killed.” Collins said she grabbed the dog when the bear dropped it.

Regan O’Toole, Collins’ boyfriend, said he ran outside when he heard Collins screaming and the bear appeared to be stunned from the punch. He said the animal ran off when he chased it, the newspaper reported. Collins said Fudge was not badly hurt.

“I wasn’t in my right mind at the moment but I would never think of doing it again,” she said of punching the bear.

Potato blight found in fields in US state Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Sept—A late-season potato blight has been detected on farms in Alaska, only the fourth time the disease appears in the US state since 1995, local media reported on Friday.

The disease was found this week in the fields of potato producers in cities of Delta Junction and Palmer, according to the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Alaska’s second largest daily newspaper. Farmers in both fields are working to prevent the spread of the blight, a fungus-like disease that can kill plants in the field or cause potatoes to rot in storage, the newspaper reported.

Growers have been asked to kill all affected plants within 100 feet, and plant samples from both sites will be examined to identify what type of late blight is involved. Experts said that blight can be controlled through the use of fungicides, but the cool, damp weather this summer has created an ideal environment for the disease to spread.

Although Alaska’s potato crop is tiny compared to other US states, it has been viewed as a possible global source of seed potatoes in recent years because it is largely free of disease.

Man claims he was shooting at UFOs

HEDEMORA, 3 Sept—A Swedish man accused of firing a gun from his apartment window told police he was fighting against a fleet of UFOs.

The 23-year-old Hedemora man, whose name was not released, allegedly began shooting the pistol out of his apartment on the evening of July 15 and the mother of his child called police, The Local reported Thursday.

Police said it took several hours to convince the man to stop shooting at the sky. They said he told them he was shooting down UFOs that exploded when hit. The man was charged with illegal weapon possession and threatening a police officer, but officers said they did not feel threatened by the man.

“We do not believe that the threats voiced were anything other than the desperation of a confused person,” the police report stated. —Internet

Man brings grenades to gun buy back

Detroit police conducting a gun buyback event said they gave out $20,000 in cash for 739 guns, but one guy got nothing for a pair of grenades he brought in.

The Detroit Police Department said the Tuesday event at Second Ebenezer Church collected 339 long guns, 376 handguns, 24 assault rifles and two grenades, which were promptly detonated by authorities, The Detroit News reported Wednesday.

Sgt. Eren Stephens said the man was paid for some guns he brought in, but not for his grenades. Stephens said the event was so successful that event partner Continental Management used up the $20,000 it brought for the exchanges. He said $8,175 in vouchers will be paid out in the coming weeks.

Sword swallower, 76, performs for seniors

WASILLA, 3 Sept—A 76-year-old Kansas man who claims to be the world’s oldest practicing sword swallower put on a show for residents of an Alaska senior center. Jimmy Ball, who has been swallowing swords for crowds since he was 12 years old, said he took time out from his Alaska vacation to swallow two swords and a stretched-out coat hanger for residents of the Wasilla Senior Center, KTUU-TV, Anchorage, Alaska, reported Thursday.

“I love doing it and I love the people,” Ball said after his performance.

The senior center visitors said they were grateful for the entertainment. “Something different for the people here and they all enjoyed it,” resident Carl Timley said.

Internet
Germany routs Austria to reach Euro 2012 finals

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Germany routed Aus-
tria 6-2 to become the first team to qualify for Euro 2012. Top-ranked Nether-
lands routed San Marino 11-0 in its biggest win to move a step closer to the fi-
nals on Friday. Real Madrid playmaker Mesut Oezil’s two goals and further scored by Miroslav Klose, Lukas Podolski, Andre Schurrle and Mario Gozte sealed the free-scoring Germans’ eight straight win in qualifying, giving them an insurmountable lead in Group A.

The match was played at Flushing Meadows and was the second leg of the European Championship play-off between the two teams. Germany has not been beaten in the last 12 meetings, while Austria has won just three times in the last 16 meetings.

Nadal, Murray, Del Potro and Roddick reach US Open third round

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Rafael Nadal breezed into the third round of the US Open, as the defending champion was two sets to the good when Nicolas Mahut retired on Friday. Nadal, struggling to serve as he normally faces, but it made no difference as the Frenchman only turned himself into a target at the net for Nadal to pass.

The Spaniard, who has not been at his best this season, crunched 24 win-
ers and broke serve on four occasions as he se-
cured safe passage into round three in a shade on an hour and a quarter. Andy Murray overcame a two-set defi-
cit to defeat Robin Haase and advance to the third round with a 6-7(5), 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, 6-4 victory.

Former champion Juan Martin Del Potro backed up his impressive first-round win over Filippo Volandri with a mauling of fellow Argentine Di-
go Jungueira. The 19th seed has not been beaten at Flushing Meadows since 2008, having been denied the chance to de-
fend the title he won in 2009 on account of injury, and it could be some time be
fore he is beaten again judged on his 6-2, 6-1, 7-5 win.

Andy Roddick, seeded 21, proved still a worthy veteran and too much for the rising American Jack Sock in the second round of U.S. Open clash happen-
ing between two fel-

Germany’s Mesut Oezil, right, passes Austrian goal keeper Christian Gratzei to score his side’s 2nd goal during the Euro 2012 Group A qualifying soccer match between Germany and Austria.—INTERNET

Rafael Nadal of Spain hits balls in the crowd after his opponent Nicolas Mahut of France retired with an injury at the US Open tennis tournament in New York.—INTERNET

Zvonareva battles into 4th round, Sharapova out of US Open

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — No 2 Vera Zvonareva squeezed into the fourth round after a hard fight, while No 33 Maria Sharapova suffered a sur-
prising defeat at Flushing Meadow on Friday.

The second-seeded Zvonareva, last year’s runner-up to Kim Clijsters,

Italy sneak past brave Faroese to close on Euro

TORSHAVN, 3 Sept — Italy rode their luck to snatch a 1-0 victory over the Faroese Islands here on Friday and close in on qualification for the 2012 European Championships. Antonio Cassano scored the only goal of the game from a suspiciously offside looking position to leave the 2006 world champions needing to beat Slovenia on Tuesday in Florence to ensure their place in Poland and Ukraine next year.

It was anything but easy going in the remote island as the Faroese twice hit the woodwork on a nervy night for the Italians.

Even so, coach Cesare Prandelli’s team need only two more points from their final three games or for Serbia to fail to win all of their final three to secure a place in Group C.

Ferguson picks up Barclays award

LONDON, 3 Sept — Manchester United’s Sir Alex Ferguson has won the Barclays Manager of the Month for August. The title holders won all three Barclays Premier League matches, including the re-
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Mickelson makes news with pinstripes and putter

NORTON, 3 Sept — Phil Mickelson caused a minor commotion with his pants and his putter. The Deutsche Bank Champion began Friday with two players on opposite ends of the world ranking — Luke Donald at No. 1, Troy Matteson at No. 207 — having their lowest ranking opening round of the year on the PGA Tour that was important to both of them for different reasons.

Mickelson set the pace for the FedEx Cup playoffs, overcome a bogy on the first hole for a 6-under 65 and the outright lead after the first round. Donald, struggling of late to get off to a good start, had a 66 and was among those one shot be-
hind.

Through it all, Mickelson brought atten-
tion to himself for two items that looked out of place.
Ten dead in China mine accident

BEIJING, Sept—The bodies of 10 miners have been pulled from a flooded mine in China’s southwestern province of Sichuan, state media reported Saturday, adding two more remain trapped underground.

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Ten dead in China mine accident

BEIJING, Sept—The bodies of 10 miners have been pulled from a flooded mine in China’s southwestern province of Sichuan, state media reported Saturday, adding two more remain trapped underground.

Rescuers are trying to reach the pair, who have been trapped since the mine shaft in the city of Dazhou flooded on Monday when 30 miners were working underground, Xinhua said quoting local authorities. Eighteen miners escaped the flood. The mine’s owner and the manager in charge of safety have been arrested, the report said citing a spokesman. It is the latest fatal incident in China’s notoriously dangerous mines and follows a report by state media on Friday saying that three workers trapped in a mine in the country’s northeast were unlikely to survive.

China’s coal mines, which have a dismal safety record, have been hit by a series of accidents in recent years as demand for energy has spiked. Last year, 2,433 people died in coal mine accidents in China, according to official statistics—a rate of more than six workers per day.—Internet

Weather forecast for 4th September, 2011

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NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint and Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai yesterday afternoon attended the seminar on rural development and poverty alleviation at the city hall in Myitkyina with participation of 600 local people including departmental officials, GEC members, cooperative society members, vendors, tri-shawl workers and farmers.

Adviser at the President Office Dr U Sein Hla Bo gave suggestions on change in cultivation of quality strain crops, extension of livestock breeding on a manageable scale for increasing more incomes, and establishment of strong cooperative societies.

Deputy Director-General U Aung Phyu of Cooperative Department and Deputy Director-General U Mya Than of Small Industries Department U Mya Than explained formation of ward/village cooperative societies, assistance of capital investment and technology and market information.

In his address, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint said that the ministry is aimed at establishing the cooperatives with the persons of same goals to be able to undertake rural development and poverty alleviation tasks. Efforts are being made for enabling all national races in Kachin State to enjoy equal rights in carrying out rural development and poverty alleviation tasks. The local people are to systematically set up cooperative societies on livestock breeding tasks so as to increase meat and fish production after understanding benevolent attitude of the Union government.

He stressed the need to organize new generation youths to have health, fitness and high-qualification in the regional development tasks and form the associations to become youth cooperators for serving the interests of the state and the nation.

Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai expressed thanks to rural development and poverty alleviation subcommittee and cooperative development committee for sharing knowledge about cooperatives to the local people and providing technology and capital to them.

In the morning, the Union minister inspected tea plantations in Letwayang region of Waingmaw Township and reclamation of farmlands.

At the Basic Education Middle School in Gwethu Village, he viewed peaceful learning of students and met local people. He also met local people at Post-Primary School in Naungchein Village.

The Ministry of Cooperatives formed 32 ward/village cooperative societies in Myitkyina and Waingmaw townships from 29 August to 2 September and provided K 166.8 million for social-economic development of the local national races.

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected repairing of Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road section which was damaged by heavy rains yesterday.

The Union Minister called for construction of stone filling retaining walls where necessary and ditches for proper flow of water and making the foundation strong before upgrading it into a tarred facility.

The road is being repaired by five special construction groups, two groups of District Public Works, altogether by seven groups with the use of labour and machinery.

The Union Minister then oversaw repair works along the road and met staff at Paukkaung Township Engineer’s Office and special construction groups, staff of District and Township Public Works at District Superintending Engineer’s office of Public Works in Pyay.—MNA

Work coord meeting of Shan State 18th Myanma Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—The work coordination meeting of 18th Myanma Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition was held at state Hluttaw Hall in Taunggyi yesterday.

Patron of Observance Committee for Shan State 18th Myanma Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition Chief Minister U Soo Aung Myat made a speech. Chairman of the committee State Minister for Development Affairs U Too Maung explained work procedures.

The officials also reported on tasks to be carried out by related sub-committees.—MNA

Chicherova wins women’s high jump at worlds

DAGGU, 3 Sept—Becoming a mother was worth gold to Anna Chicherova. The 29-year-old Russian credited the birth of her daughter last year for a change in attitude that allowed her to win a world championship title Saturday after clearing 2.03 meters.

“I had big motivation after my baby was born. It changed my thinking,” said Chicherova, who edged two-time defending champ-Vlasic of Croatia. “I feel free. I’m free deep inside. I don’t have any bad things in my head. I’m really happy for everything. I understand that she is my big win in my life.”

Vlasic cleared the same height but took silver on the countback. Antonietta Di Martino of Italy earned bronze by jumping 2.00 meters.

Vlasic had been the favorite in the event until an injury — a partial muscle tear in her left leg — nearly forced her to withdraw. But she said she could not bear watching the worlds on television.

Even before Vlasic decided to compete, Chicherova emerged as her greatest threat when she jumped 2.07 in July—equaling the third highest jump of all time. Vlasic has the second best with a jump of 2.08. “There is nothing to say,” Di Martino said. “She was perfect. She demonstrated she was the absolute No. 1.”—Internet