Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continues for 15th day

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NAV PYI TAW, 9 Sept — The second regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 15th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Today’s session was attended by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Thura U Shwe Mann and 382 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

During the session, nine questions were raised, one proposal was discussed and two new proposals were submitted.

Two representatives asked two questions related to the judiciary affairs and Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo replied to the questions.

U Khin Maung Nyo of Pauk constituency asked how the Supreme Court of the Union carried out the tasks for issuing writs as the Section 296, Chapter VI, of the Constitution prescribed that the Supreme Court of the Union had the power to issue them.

In his answer to the question, the Union Chief Justice said as of 22 April 2011, so far there had been 16 applications—15 civilian cases and one criminal case to issue writs. Fifteen applications of civil cases included 10 applications for issuing Writs of Certiorari, one application for issuing Writ of Mandamus, one application for issuing Writ of Prohibition and one application for the issuing Writ of Certiorari and Writ of Prohibition. The Supreme Court of the Union processed the applications which were lodged with the Supreme Court in accordance with rules and regulations.

Afterwards, U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya constituency asked whether authorities concerned had a plan to scrutinize more not to file a criminal case which was deserved as a civil case.

In his answer to the question, Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo said there were two kinds of the criminal charges: the charges made by institutions concerned and the direct complaint. He continued to say that if there was no evidence to support the charges during trials or if it was found that a case was filed though it should be the criminal case, a court had to decide to discharge the indictment before the charge was brought to the trial in accordance with Sections 253 (1) or 253 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure not to cause a defendant to make clarification at the court unnecessarily.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending 15th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

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**Enhance Literacy for All**

Nowadays, all the humans wish the world peace and tranquility. They all desire to build a modern and prosperous society.

Millions of people around the globe are still illiterate. Illiteracy somehow means inability to differentiate what is wrong and what is right, good or bad, leading to widespread of armed conflicts, famine, hunger and so on.

At present, over 700 millions of adults are illiterates, most of whom were girls and old women. Moreover, over 60 million of children between five and ten years do not have the opportunity for schooling, and over 70 million of teenagers are also deprived of the same opportunity.

The United Nations General Assembly designated the decade from 2003 to 2012 as the UN Literacy Decade. Therefore, the plan is being implemented effectively for all the people to be literates.

Myanmar on its part has been high in literacy in successive eras. The governments in their times launched literacy campaigns as a national duty. The activities of conducting 3-Rs course that means writing, reading and calculating achieved remarkable successes in all regions and states. As relentless efforts are being made for launching literacy campaign to be all literate citizens, Myanmar can hit over 95 per cent of literacy rate in 2011.

Myanmar with high literacy rate is now standing tall among the countries of the Asia-Pacific Region. The education sector is realizing the basic literacy and continuous learning programme through the Formal Education, Non-Formal Primary Education and Inclusive Education. Therefore, all the people are to actively take part in implementing the Literacy for All with momentum and raising the reading habit for all literates.

**Social Welfare Department, INGOs sign MoU**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Sept—** Social Welfare Department and Save the Children (Myanmar), World Vision (Myanmar) and Help Age International (Myanmar) signed an MoU at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe delivered an address. He explained that cooperation programme will be implemented for conducting proficiency course for staff and local people, giving talks on Convention on Rights of Child and CEDAW, opening multiplier courses and prevention against trafficking in persons.

Director-General U Soe Kyi of SWD and Country Director Mr Chris Paul Herink of World Vision (Myanmar), Country Director Mr Kell and Stevenson of Save the Children (Myanmar) and Country Programme Manager Mr Tapan Kuman Barman of Help Age International (Myanmar) signed the MoU.

**Union FM receives Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Sept—** Union FM received US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, here, at 9 am today.

In the evening, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Lwin hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting US delegation at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA

**Winners awarded in Kenbo Junior Golf Championship**

**Yangon, 9 Sept—** The prize presentation for winners in the Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2011 Kenbo Junior Golf Championship, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, was held at Myanmar Golf Club at 9th mile in Mingaladon Township yesterday.

Executive of MGF Dr Myint Oo, Captain of Myanmar Golf Club Col Soe Win (Rtd) and Vice-President of MGF U Tint Oo awarded the winners.

CEO of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd U Chan Han presented champion prizes to winners in the women’s event, boys’ 8-12 aged, 13-15 aged, men’s 16-18 aged and 19-21 aged events.

**All this needs to be known**

* Do not be softened whenever appeased
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
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Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Chairman of Bill Committee and Hluttaw Rights Committee U Mya Nyine, chairmen of committees of Amyotha Hluttaw and national race representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw.

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**Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Sept—** Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received the United States delegation led by Mr Derek Mitchell, Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar at the Minister’s Office, here, at 10 am today.

During the meeting, the two sides had an open and friendly discussion on matters relating to promotion of bilateral relations and mutual interests.

Also present at the meeting were responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr Derek Mitchell, Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar was accompanied by Charge d’ Affaires ai Mr Michael E Thurston of the US Embassy.

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Outage affects six million in US, Mexico

A San Diego police official directs traffic after a power outage on 8 Sept, 2011, in San Diego. A power outage is affecting millions of people across southern California, Arizona and Mexico.—INTERNET

San Diego, 9 Sept—A major outage knocked out power in a region of almost 6 million people in the Southwest and Mexico on Thursday, bringing San Diego to a near-standstill and leaving people in the surrounding desert to swelter in searing summer heat.

Two nuclear reactors were offline after losing electricity, but officials said there was no danger to the public or workers.

San Diego bore the brunt of the blackout that started shortly before 4 p.m. PDT (7 p.m. EDT, 2300 GMT), darkening much of the nation’s eighth-largest city was darkened. All outgoing flights from San Diego’s Lindbergh Field were grounded and police stations were using generators to accept emergency calls across the area.

The blackout extended east to Yuma, Arizona, where more than 56,000 people were left in the dark. Pockets in California and south of the border in Baja California. But most of the people in the darkened swath were expected to spend the night without power.—INTERNET

Israel ready to free 1,000 prisoners for Shalit

Jerusalem, 9 Sept—Israel remains ready to free 1,000 Palestinian prisoners for Gilad Shalit, according to the captive soldier’s father who demanded Thursday that any UN vote on Palestinian statehood be tied to his release.

Noam Shalit indicated that many Palestinian detainees were only being held by Israel because of the dispute with Hamas over his son, now 25, who was grabbed by gunmen from Hamas and two other militant groups on 25 June, 2006.

“Israel is ready to release 1,000 Palestinian prisoners in exchange of my son. So Israel is not asking for Gilad for free,” Noam Shalit told reporters at the end of a visit to the United Nations to lobby ambassadors.

The prisoner exchange proposal was made by the Palestinian side rejected this. “After a deal will be carried out, hopefully

US soldier killed BBC reporter in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Sept—The NATO-led foreign military force in Afghanistan admitted Thursday that a US soldier shot dead an Afghan journalist working for the BBC in July after mistaking him for a suicide bomber.

Ahmed Omed Khpulwak, 25, was killed in a case of “mishandled identification” shortly after 20 people died in a suicide bombing at the office where he was working in troubled southern Afghanistan.

The US soldier responsible for his death is not facing any disciplinary action in connection with the incident, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie Cummings said.

Cummings could not confirm whether the soldier was still on active duty in Afghanistan.—INTERNET

World needs to do more against desertification

ALGIERS, 9 Sept—The world needs to do more to combat desertification, which threatens close to a third of the planet’s population, Algeria said Thursday at the opening of a conference here.

“One of the leading causes of global food insecurity — namely the loss of natural resources, land degradation and desertification — is poorly tackled,” Algerian Agriculture Minister Rachid Benaisa said.

He was speaking at the opening of the conference in the Algerian capital bringing together around 100 experts from some 40 African countries.

According to the United Nations, at least 43 percent of arable land in Africa is threatened by desertification which implies that 70 percent of the continent’s economic activity is under threat.

Desertification and ensuing famine, food insecurity and migrations also threaten 40 percent of the African population, or 400 million people.

Thursday’s Algiers meeting comes before the 10th session of the decision-making body of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification which opens in South Korea next month. “Africa is the most affected and most vulnerable continent...
BofA discussing about 40,000 job cuts

BANGALORE, 9 Sept—Bank of America Corp officials have discussed slashing roughly 40,000 jobs during the first wave of a restructuring, the Wall Street Journal said, citing people familiar with the plans.

The number of job cuts are not final and could change. The restructuring aims to reduce the bank’s workforce of 280,000 over a period of years, the Journal said.

BofA could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters outside regular US business hours.

The Journal said BofA executives met Thursday at Charlotte, North Carolina, where the bank is headquartered, and will again gather Friday to make final decisions on the reductions, putting the finishing touches on five months of work.

Investors are pressing BofA to improve its performance after it lost money in four of the last six quarters and its stock has fallen by half this year. The Journal said the proposed job cuts may exceed BofA’s last big cutback in 2008 when it called for 30,000 to 35,000 job cuts over three years. That move was triggered by an economic slowdown and the planned takeover of securities firm Merrill Lynch & Co.

Earlier this month, the Charlotte Observer reported that BofA executives were discussing plans to potentially shed 25,000 to 30,000 jobs over the next several years.

BofA had earlier planned to cut 3,500 jobs.

BofA’s Chief Executive Brian Moynihan had said in a memo to staff on 18 August, as it tries to come to grips with $1 trillion of problem home mortgages.

Parents who lose a baby can die of a broken heart

LONDON, 9 Sept—Parents who lose a baby run a high risk themselves of dying prematurely, according to a British study published on Thursday.

Investigators delved into a random sample of national death registrations for the years 1971 to 2006. They compared deaths among parents who had been bereaved in the first year of a child’s life or whose child had been stillborn, against deaths among parents whose baby had survived beyond the first year.

Bereaved parents were between two and four times likelier to die or become widowed in the first 10 years of the child’s death compared with non-bereaved counterparts. Mothers in particular were at threat. Bereaved mothers in England and Wales were four times likelier to die prematurely, and bereaved mothers in Scotland six times likelier, than women whose child had survived beyond the first year of life. The risk for mothers lessened slightly over time, but was still significant — 50 percent higher — after 25 years. After 35 years, it was 20 percent higher. The reasons for the mortality are unclear because the data do not give the details.

The research, headed by Mairi Harper of the University of York in northern England, appears in the specialist journal BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care.

Weight Watchers works in tackling obesity

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, 9 Sept—Adults referred to the commercial weight loss programme Weight Watchers shed twice as much weight as people who received standard care over a 12-month period, according to a new study.

In clinical trials, researchers led by Susan Jebb of the UK Medical Research Council assessed 772 overweight and obese adults in Australia, Germany, and Britain. About half the patients received a year’s standard care, while the other half were given a 12-month free membership for a Weight Watchers group near their homes.

Sixty-one percent of the participants assigned to the commercial programme completed it, while 51 percent of the “standard care” group finished their programme.

Overall, individuals in Weight Watchers lost around twice as much weight as did those in the other group, a mean loss of 5.1 kilograms versus 2.2. Among those who stuck with either programme to the end, the figures were 6.7 against 3.3 kg respectively.

Participants randomised to Weight Watchers were also more than three times as likely to lose at least five percent of their bodyweight.

Weight Watchers offers weekly weighing and group support. It also promotes a balanced, reduced-energy diet along with increased physical activity.

Primary care providers — sometimes nurses, sometimes doctors — generally offer weight-loss treatment in line with national guidelines, but vary in the level of supervision.

“The similar weight losses achieved in Australia, Germany, and the UK implies that this commercial programme, in partnership with primary care providers, is a robust intervention that is generalisable to other economically developed countries,” the researchers concluded.

The researchers emphasised the important role of family doctors and primary health-care providers in providing advice, and in making referrals to commercial weight-loss programmes.
Blind fish still ‘know’ time rhythm

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept—Researchers say animals that have evolved for millions of years underground with no day-night cycle still have a sense of time, a US journal reported.

In a study published in the journal PLoS Biology, researchers looked at a species of cavefish, Pheatechthys andruzzii, which has lived isolated for 2 million years beneath the Somali desert and is completely blind.

While the cavefish don’t live in a 24-hour cycle, researchers said, they still have a circadian rhythm, one of as much as 47 hours in duration.

Since the normal circadian rhythm ticks along with a period that is not precisely 24 hours, it needs to be “re-set” by signals such as light.

“Cavefish give us a unique opportunity to understand how profoundly sunlight has influenced our evolution,” researcher Cristiano Bertolucci said.

While light could reset the rhythm in “normal” fish, it failed to do so in the blind cavefish.

Seeking a keyboard that enhances the iPad

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept — The great thing about using an iPad is that you can tote around a skinny device instead of lugging your laptop. The bad thing is that the iPad’s virtual keyboard isn’t great for extended typing sessions. It’s fine for dashing off emails, but I wouldn’t use it to type up this article.

These devices all had several things going for them. All were easy to connect with the iPad, either wirelessly via Bluetooth or, in the case of Apple’s physical keyboard, a dock connector. They all had a row of buttons to do such things as control music playback or switch to the home screen.

Keyboard Folio for iPad 2 ($100): The Keyboard Folio’s material felt cheap, though it did look as if it might be somewhat stain resistant. The process for propping up the iPad or putting it away was complicated. The case was bulky when folded up, too.

Of all the ones I tested, the Keyboard Folio had the most options for viewing angles, which I appreciated. But I could only use it in landscape mode, not turned like a skyscraper.

It also took up the most space of the four I tested — from about 9 inches to more than a foot, depending on how I had it angled. This made it difficult to use in a tight space. It also took up the most space of the four I tested — from about 9 inches to more than a foot, depending on how I had it angled. This made it difficult to use in a tight space.
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chairman of Energy Committee of Senate of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Chairman of Energy Committee of the Senate of Thailand Mr Suradet Juritcharoen and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call were chairmen, secretaries and members of the Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee, the Economic and Trade Development Committee, and the Investment and Industrial Development Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Chairman of Energy Committee of the Senate of Thailand and party were accompanied by officials of the Thai Embassy to Myanmar.

They discussed economic and trade promotion, investment and industrial development and environmental conservation.—MNA

Myanmar, EU cooperation focused in meeting with EU Commissioner

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Mr Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, at the Ministry of Border Affairs here today. The meeting focused on cooperation between Myanmar and the European Union.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and directors-general. MNA

Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay receives Mr Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.—MNA

Thai flood death toll rises to 78

BANGKOK, 9 Sept—A total of 78 people were confirmed killed by the flash floods and landslides in northern and central part of Thailand on Friday, while almost 30 businesses were seriously suffered by the floods. The department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said the province that has the most death reports is Phichit Province where 21 people died in floods caused by rains that have pummelled the upper portion of Thailand. The flash floods and mudslides in northern and central provinces of Thailand caused by heavy rainstorms that have hit about 14 provinces for more than three months.

The monsoon also prevails over the Andaman Sea, Thailand and the Gulf of Thailand, according to the department. The latest deaths are reported in Uttaratid, where six people were killed and another is missing after landslides occurred on Friday morning, making the death toll of the province rise to seven. The department estimates that about 2,300 square metres of farmland have been hit by floods. Meanwhile, about 6,700 employees of 27 businesses have had serious problems this week because of the flooding in the provinces, according to Labour Ministry Permanent Secretary Somkiat Chayasriwong. The official said the ministry’s assistance centres in those provinces along river basins in the central region have reported on the number of workers affected by the flooding from Monday to Wednesday this week.

Somkiat said the ministry had already approved house repair loans for 190 workers, worth a total of 9.5 million baht (about 316,000 U.S. dollars). He added that the ministry had coordinated the efforts of government agencies in providing them assistance, including the distribution of essential commodities and loans for house repairs. MNA

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by DPRK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol at the reception to mark 63rd Anniversary of the Founding of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 9 September.—MNA

Donate Blood

Xinhua
Reshuffle of Pyithu Hluttaw representative announced

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept — The Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification No (48/2011) today. The following is the translation of the notification.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. (48/2011)
12th Waxing of Tawthalin 1373 ME
(9 September 2011)

Announcement on resolution of Union Election Commission in accord with Section 75 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law

1. As U Tun Aung Khang who stood for same constituency submitted an electoral objection against Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Zan who was elected to Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency in Rakhine State, the Union Election Commission conducted investigation through election tribunal in accord with Section 69 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law and heard Amendment to Note of Election Objection in accord with Section 75 and made a resolution.

2. Under the resolution on Amendment to Note of Election Objection No (8/2011) dated 9.9.2011, election of U Aung Kyaw Zan as Hluttaw representative for Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency was null and void in accord with the law and U Tun Aung Khang was decided in accord with Section 75 of (a) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law as Hluttaw representative elected to the said constituency in accord with the law.

3. Thus, U Aung Kyaw Zan shall not continue to stand as a Pyithu Hluttaw representative from the day the notification was issued and it was announced in accord with Section 75 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law that Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency in Rakhine State is U Tun Aung Khang (11/Pa Ta Na (Naing) 003474).

Sd/ Tin Aye
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Myanmar, Thailand to cooperate in hydropower projects

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min received Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee of Thailand Mr Sradet Jiratitcharoen and party at the ministry here today. They discussed cooperation in hydropower project based on mutual benefits.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw, directors-general, managing directors and officials concerned of the ministry, and Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprates of the Thai embassy.—MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Mr Derek Mitchell, US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar.—MNA

2 Ill siblings killed by gunshot laid to rest

WASHINGTON PARK 9 Sept—As their imprisoned father listened by telephone, a boy and his sister who police say were gunned down by their mother were laid to rest in a single white casket Thursday after pastors urged those grieving to turn to scriptures in the absence of answers about the killings.

Some four dozen mourners, including the children’s 8-year-old brother, gathered for the funeral for 3-year-old Levada Brown III and 4-year-old Yokela Smith. But their mother, Yokela Smith, 25, remained jailed on murder charges, accused of carrying out the killings with close-range shotgun blasts to the children’s heads eight days earlier in the family’s East St Louis apartment.

The children’s father, serving time in a Wisconsin federal prison for helping rob a southwestern Illinois credit union in 2006, monitored the funeral from behind bars through a telephone handset perched on the House of Prayer to All Nations’ pulpit. He voiced his anguish in a letter about losing “two angels” that was read at the funeral.

Internet

CBM Governor receives Ambassador of EU Thailand delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received Mr David Lipman and party at the CBM Governor’s office, here, this afternoon. They discussed development of banking services and co-operation in monetary affairs.—MNA

Women spy on partners’ online profiles twice as much as men

LONDON, 9 Sept—A new survey has suggested that Britain has become a ‘nation of snoops’ where one in five women spy on their partner’s online accounts.

During the survey by security software firm Norton, women admitted that they have accessed their partner’s emails or messages on social networking services such as Facebook without their knowledge, whereas only one in 10 men admitted doing the same.

While almost 15 percent of British women revealed that some information that they had found in their partners’ online profiles provoked arguments, only seven percent of men encountered the same situation.

The findings were one of several indications that people’s ethical standards may slip online.

“Our research raises some serious questions around privacy and the boundaries people are willing to cross in their own online dealings,” the Telegraph quoted Simon Ellison from Norton as saying.—Internet
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acquiescence with the Section 202 of Code of Criminal Procedure. After listening to the facts found out during the questioning by a court and investigation by the police in accordance with the Section 202 of Code of Criminal Procedure, the court had to decide to discharge the defendant if it found the complaint was groundless, he said.

In the cases of direct complaint, it could found that if a plaintiff, hiding the truth of case, could lodge complaints that could support to charge a defendant, he said. The direct complaint could not be accepted as the criminal case if the defendant applied the court to discharge the complaint when important facts that were hidden by the plaintiff were found out at the court, he said. If it was found that the condition was not enough to charge a criminal case, a court had to use the power vested in the Section 561- A of the Code of Criminal Procedure to discharge the complaint to prevent the abuse of the judiciary machinery and to protect the judiciary pillar. The power vested in the Section 561 of Code of Criminal Procedure which had been exercised by the High Court in the past, but today region or state courts exercised it, he said.

He continued to say that filing criminal cases before they were brought to a court was within the rights of the institutions which lodged the cases, and when the cases were taken to the court, the handling the cases were within the rights of the court. Officials permissions had been given to investigate the cases during the filing period and during trial whether cases should be accepted as the criminal cases or not, he added. In his conclusion, Union Chief Justice U Tin Tun Oo said the courts had been taking measures in accordance with the rules and regulations not to file a criminal case which was deserved as a civil case and not to cause a defendant to make clarification at the court unnecessarily.

Afterwards, six representatives asked six questions and Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint answered them.

U Aung Kyaw Soe of Natmauk constituency asked the Minister whether the ministry had a plan to construct concrete culverts across the Thathekyin Creek and the Tagantung Creek on the Natmauk-Magway Road Section and the Wahkhot Creek and the Kywemakya Creek on the Natmauk-Magway Road Section and the Wahkhot Creek which had sandbanks even in the summer causing hindrance to vehicles. Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said the ministry had already upgraded the Pyawbwe-Twamon-Natmauk-Magway Road linking Magway and Mandalay regions in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. While the road was being upgraded, two conduits and six concrete culverts had already been constructed on the road. Over 53 per cent of the construction of the iron-reinforced concrete bridge across Kyantarhi Creek had been completed and 60 per cent of the 553 ft long culvert across the Wahkhot Creek on the Natmauk-Pyawbwe Section in the 2011-12 fiscal year. The Ministry had a plan to construct concrete culverts on the Thakhek Creek, the Tagantung Creek and Kyawemakya Creek in the 2012-13 fiscal year.

U Kyaw Naing Huu of Indaw constituency asked the Union Minister where the ministry had a plan to construct bridges across the Sawmaw Creek, the Narahkhaung Creek, the Natmahot Creek, the Khuntan Creek, the Natthe Creek, the Kunchaung Creek and the Aikma Creek on the Shwewo-Myiikyina Union Highway. The Union Minister replied that the ministry had a plan to construct bridges over the 200 ft long Khuntan Creek, the 500 ft long Natmahotky Creek and the 120 ft long Hlwesec Creek and to construct culverts over the 150 ft long Aikma Creek, the 300 ft long Kiwin Creek, the 200 ft long Natthe Creek, the 350 ft long Narahkhaung Creek and the 300 ft long Sawmaw Creek on priorities depending on the budget.

There are 815 conduits and bridges on the 168 mile long Shwebo-Myiikyina Union Highway and 65 roads need to be repaired and 12 bridges need to be upgraded, the minister said in his answer.

U Tin Myint of Taung constituency asked the Union Minister whether the ministry had a plan to upgrade the damaged 105 miles and 4 furlongs long Ye-U-Taiz-Kalewa Road to an all-weathered road.

The Union Minister replied that the ministry had to repair the road section between the Taiz and Thakekmy in every opening season as the road section was totally damaged due to the trucks loaded with logs. During the meeting of the Sagaing Region Government and Myanma Timber Enterprise on 8, July, 2011, the ministry suggested not to use the roads of the Ministry of Construction for transportation of logs and to use the Chindwin River and the rail transportation. Only then, could the ministry carry out roadwork, the minister said. The Ministry had a plan to seek budget in the 2012-13 fiscal year for the roadwork on the Ye-U-Taiz-Kalewa Road and would carry out the roadwork.

Afterwards, U Aung Kyaw Oo of Ye constituency asked the minister where it had a plan to practice the clear system for collecting tax at toll gates as the businessmen who collected tax for road and bridge use permitted the trucks which were loaded with extra tons of loads after collecting more tax than fixed fee, damaging roads and bridges.

The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Construction had permitted businessmen to run 261 toll gates under the tender system for the 2011-12 fiscal year under the supervision of the regional and state governments concerned. They were permitted to collect tax only after they paid the tender fee to and signed contracts with the Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

The Union Minister continued that fixed rates of toll and actions against overcharging are envisoned in road/bridge auction agreements and that on 12-5-2011, the Ministry of Construction met bidders for 2011-2012 fiscal year and explained that they will be warned for overcharging for the first time, for the second time, the ministry will close auctioned toll gates for one month period during which the ministry will collect the tolls and hands over the toll gates to bidders after that period and that bidders will be cancelled for the particular fiscal year if they commit such act for the third time.

However, he said that some toll gates charge more than fixed amount and that 12 toll gates were closed for one month; that to ensure less damages to roads and bridges, actions are taken against overloaded vehicles under the arrangements of Region/State chief ministers and roads and bridges security and discipline enforcement teams of the Ministry of Construction who also give educational talks to drivers to load vehicles in accordance with ASEAN standard and fixed amount of loads (vehicle axleloads) based on axles of vehicles.

The Union Minister said that tolls for using roads were fixed since July, 1997 and were not changed for 14 years till 2010; that bridges were divided two kinds, one normal and the other project bridges, and two kinds of tolls collected for two kinds of bridges were fixed since May 2004 and was not changed till 2011 for seven years; that current tolls for private vehicles is fixed at K 2 per mile basically and K 50 per bridge and K 100 per project bridge according to kinds of vehicles; that new charging system is based on number of axles and allowance of loads; the new toll-collecting system at auctioned toll bridges and roads have been confirmed at the meeting of the Union Government; the new system is simpler than the previous one and toll-collection for using roads and bridges will come into effect soon.

In doing so, the Union Minister added that overloaded vehicles will be fined and vehicles which are temporarily overcharged will be fined and vehicles which are temporarily allowed by the Ministry of Construction to carry additional loads for public interests will be charged three times more than normal charges for a mile depending on number of axles and kinds of vehicles; and that vehicles that carry more than permitted additional loads will be charged ten time more than normal charges.

He continued that tarred roads which are constructed to have a lifespan of 10 years are damaged within 10 months due to overloaded vehicles, causing heavy losses to the nation; that people should abide by traffic rules so that roads constructed by the State can be used for a long time, said the Union Minister promised that his ministry would strive for provision of smooth public transportation.

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In response to the question raised by Daw Mi Myint Thaung of Ye Constituency about “whether there is a plan to repair the road from Thanbyuzayat to Ye and where tolls are used in instead of repair- ing the damaged roads as there are about five toll gates in Ye Township alone which are always charging vehicles for passing through them”, the Union Minister said that Thanbyuzayat-Ye road section in Mon State is of asphalt facility with 56 miles and two furlongs in length; that the ministry has hired Aye Ko Family Construction Co Ltd to maintain and upgrade 112 miles and six furlongs long Mawlamyine-Mahlwetaung road section under BOT system since 16-3-2010; that currently the section between Thanbyuzayat and Ye is in more critical condition and the ministry has instructed the state superintending engineer to closely supervise the company in reconstructing and upgrading of the section.

The Union Minister added that Thanbyuzayat-Ye section is 12 feet wide and only 20 feet wide including the shoulders; that the road will be widened further 12 feet to a 24-ft tarred facility which can withstand 60 tons load; that the width of the road section including the borders will be widened to 40 ft on the plain and to 34 ft on the hilly areas; that measures will be taken for smooth transportation on the old road while the new one is under construction; that the road section was severely damaged because the Construction Ministry had complete loads of construction works within 1 year and six months in addition to heavy rainfall and weakness of the founda- tion; the ministry has done minor repairs on the section on 2-9-2011 and now vehicles can run smoothly on it.

The Union Minister continued that major repairs will be carried out in open season and the asphalt has been stockpiled and gravels are being produced at Mahlwetaung quarry; that there are only two toll gates auctioned by the Ministry of Construc- tion, one for the road and the other for the bridge on Thanbyuzayat-Ye road section; that the ministry has handed over the cash received from auction and that the ministry is not concerned with charges of other parties, that he himself and the State chief minister have informed the company in reconstructing and upgrading the section.

In response to question of U Myint Soe from Pyaywbe Constituency about “whether there is a plan to connect Yangon-Mandalay Highway in the west of Pyaywbe in Mandalay Region and Pyaywbe-Natmauk-Magway at the junction of the two roads like in other towns for public convenience as Pyaywbe-Natmauk-Magway road is blocked at the junction.”, the Union Minister said that the junction lies where mile post No. 262/2 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway and mile post No. 17/5 on Pyaywbe-Ywamon-Natmauk road meet; that plans have been drawn to construct the roads linking the highway and Pyaywbe-Ywamon-Natmauk road on addition to a junction in 2011-2012 fiscal year; that road linking Yangon-Mandalay Highway with Pyaywbe will be constructed as 50-ft wide and 935-ft long concrete facility and road to Natmauk will be constructed as 50-ft wide and 900-ft long facility.

Those road will have to be constructed step by step starting open season to be set standard ones that works can be started beginning of November, 2011 and will be finished at the end of 2012 fiscal year.

U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohynnin Constituency asked Union Minister for Rail Transportation Aung Min “whether there is plan to upgrade Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section and coaches as rail tracks are in bad condition and coaches are poor in quality, making the coaches jumping and swaying roughly from side to side, left out from forwarding coaches and derail while running in spite of increased number of trains on Mandalay- Myitkyina railroad road section.” The Union Minister answered that Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad is up- graded yearly depending upon the funds; that for 2011-2012 fiscal year, the ministry has received a fund of K 350 million and is repairing and upgrading railroads according to list of priorities; that Meza-"

Bonchaung railroad section of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section has been repaired as priority and is being reinforced with concrete sleepers and gravel; that as deep slopes, and number of S-turns feature the section, the ministry has planned to search out a new alignment to construct a new one in coming open season to keep the railroad in service for all season; that according to train drivers, Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section has become better than previous years; that major weak point of the section is wood which are easy to decay and thus plans are under way to use concrete sleepers in place of wooden ones. The Union Minister continued that of the current passenger coaches running on Mandalay- Myitkyina railroad section, 45 percent are over 30 years old and thus the ministry will run 60 new passenger coaches on the railroad as it is preparing to purchase 217 new coaches; that before the arrival of new ones, Myanmar Railways will repair and up- grade the ones in use.

Then, eight Hluttaw representatives discussed proposal of Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constitu- ency about “distribution of fertilizers at a reasonable price within the reach of farmers.” U Htay Myint from Myeik Constituency seconded the proposal saying that it is high time to utilize water, human and natural resources on our own. U Khin Maung Htet of Htilun Constituency said that access to quality strains is crucial in agriculture and either is fertilizer as an input.

U Saw Ba Thein of Thaton Constituency said that he deeply agreed with the proposal as it contrib- utes to poverty alleviation campaigns in rural regions conducted by the State. U Paik Htwe of Kamu Constituency also seconded the proposal pointing out the need to boost production of rice, major crop for domestic consumption and beans and pulses, exported crops for foreign currency.

U Win Tha of Thaubah Constituency said that the first term of Hluttaw which has emerged through democratic system for the first time in 50 years coincides with the farms needing fertilizers and thus he seconded the proposal. U Saw Thiin Aung from Hlaingbwrr Constituency said that access to fertilizer is a life-and-death matter for farmers.

U Thein of Kyauktaw constituency asked for more supply of fertilizers in Rakhine State when fertilizers are distributed at low-price and also seconded the proposal. U Kyaw Myint of Nawngkho Constituency said that he supported the proposal as industrial production of fertilizer at home and distribution at reasonable price may contribute much to the State and farmers.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that amount of fertilizer used for agricultural sector is very low in comparison with total sown acreage; that in 2010-2011, only 0.28 bag of fertilizer is used for an acre in comparison with...
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should be included in the exam questions are same, exam questions cannot be leaked out as they are different. If a single exam question is issued, time will be needed to change the exam question in the entire nation.

Regarding the question raised by Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 5 who asked how measures are being taken for promotion of morality and code of ethics of new generation youths, the Union minister replied that morality and public ethics subject is being taught twice a week in the general subject of Grade I, Grade II and Grade III and in the social subject of Grade IV and Grade V as a compulsory one for turning out good and able citizens.

Similarly, arrangements have been made to stipulate etiquette subject, and lectures on Union spirit and human rights in middle and high school level as affiliated courses, setting one lecturing time a week.

The said subjects and courses have been handed out to teachers as handbooks. In order to inculcate youth generations with lofty aims and high morality, arrangements will be made to modify current syllabuses in conformity with genuine and disciplined multiparty democracy system practiced by the State, and to help teachers show enthusiastic efforts in giving lecture to students.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min replied the questions of three Hlutaw representatives.

Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye of Kayin State Constituency No. 6 in her question said that “whether there is a plant to implement Hatkyi hydropower project in Thanlwin Basin in Kayin State. If there is, when the construction will start and end, asking if the electricity has been earmarked for Papon of Papon District and Kamamaung Sub-township.” In response, the Union Minister said that the previous Electric Power Ministry and Ministry of Energy of Thailand signed MoU on 30-5-2005 so as to conduct observation survey on Hatkyi hydropower project. To implement the project, Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, EGAT International Co Ltd of Thailand and Sinohydro Corporation on 24-4-2010 inked the MoU through foreign direct investment (FDI) and Joint Venture Build, Operate, Transfer (JV/BOT).

The project-implementing companies have submitted feasibility study report-18 January 2011 to implement the Laymyo 600-megawatt Project and Laymyo (2) 90-megawatt Project. At present, the companies are conducting feasibility study for Laymyo and Laymyo (2) hydropower projects. At a time when the companies submit the reports on their studies, the ministry will perform the environmental impact assessment-EIA and social impact assessment-SIA and whether projects can achieve success really and then calculate the cause effectiveness of the projects in detail together with internal and international organizations. If they are acceptable, the joint venture agreements will be signed for hours a day. The power supply duration extension committee was formed with participation of local people and the committee buys diesel for operating the generator three hours a day from 7 pm to 10 pm daily. The committee collects K 300 per electricity unit and pays K 35 per unit to the department and keeps the remaining cash amount to the fund.

The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 provides diesel for supply of electricity to townships of Rakhine State two hours a day. The regional power supply duration extension committees and the electricity supply committees manage extension of power supply duration. On completion, the project will generate $115 million kilowatt hours yearly. As a result, the Union including Rakhine State can enjoy fruits of the hydropower projects that will supply electricity to towns and villages near the projects.

U Nyo Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No. 11 asked how will manage supply of electricity to An and its villages on completion of Kokanttan Village Hydropower Project being implemented upstream of An in Rakhine State and extend duration of power supply to wards of An. In response to the question, the An Creek Hydropower Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 on An Creek, 3.5 miles northeast to An of Kyaukpyu District in Rakhine State. The project can generate 44 million kilowatt hours yearly.

The project was launched the project in 2006-2007 fiscal year and so far, the project has completed by 15.28 per cent by July 2011. Depending on the allotted funds, the project will be implemented on schedule. A 250 kva generator provided by Western Command Headquarters for regional development supplies electricity to 638 consumers in An.

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Dolphins speak like humans

BEIJING, 9 Sept—Dolphins do not whistle as previously thought. Instead, they “talk” like humans, according to a new study. Dolphins use their noses to produce a different kind of tonal sound, just like humans do when speaking, said Peter Madsen, the lead author of the study published in Royal Society Biology Letters. Madsen studied how dolphins communicate by digitizing recordings made in 1977 of a 12-year-old male dolphin, which was made to breathe a mixture of helium and oxygen called heliox.

Scientists said humans breathing in a heliox sound like Donald Duck. According to Livescience.com, the heliox was meant to mimic conditions during a deep dive since it causes a shift up in frequency. When breathing in heliox, the dolphin, however, continued to make the same sounds with the same frequency. “That means that dolphins do not actually whistle, but make sound by making connective tissue in the nose vibrate at the frequency they wish to produce by adjusting the muscular tension and air flow over the tissue,” Madsen said. “This is the same way that we humans make sound with our vocal cords to speak.”

Ministry says 8.68 mln subsidised housing units under construction

BEIJING, 9 Sept—Local governments across China started building or renovating 8.68 million government-subsidised housing units in the January-August period, roughly 1.3 million units short of what the central government ordered for the year.

About 14 percent of the central government’s designated number of subsidised housing construction tasks will have to be built, according to a statement by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD).”

Brain stent cannot prevent stroke

BEIJING, 9 Sept — A device inserted into the brain to prevent fatal strokes likely does more harm for high-risk patients, according to a new study. Stroke is the fourth-leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. Researchers involved in the study carried in the New England Journal of Medicine tracked 451 patients in 50 medical centers who had recently suffered a stroke or stroke-like symptoms caused by narrowing of a major brain artery.

As a result, 14.7 percent of patients in the stenting group had a stroke or died within the first 30 days, whereas 5.8 percent of patients in the group that received only drugs and underwent lifestyle changes. The Wingspan device, which expands a major artery in the brain to help improve blood flow, is the only system approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for certain high-risk stroke patients.

“Although technological advances have brought intracranial stenting into practice, we have now learned that, when tested in a large group, this particular device did not lead to a better health outcome,” said Dr Walter Koroshetz, deputy director of NINDS, part of the government’s National Institutes of Health.

Dogs eat owner after starving for two weeks

BEIJING, 9 Sept—An Indonesian man was suspected of being eaten by his seven starving dogs after he returned home from a two-week holiday, according to a Reuters report on Wednesday.

The dismembered parts of the man’s body was discovered by a guard in the neighbourhood Monday, days after the man, Andre Lumboga, got home. Then he reported to the police.

Local police said, “His skull was found in the kitchen, and his body was found in the front of his house.” Police suspected that Lumboga’s dogs ate him after starving for two weeks. “We suspect that the dogs were hungry, so they attacked Andre, because they had not been fed for 14 days,” said the police.

“Lumboga’s dogs were very hungry,” Djo, a neighbour of Lumboga, said. “They were not left out,” Djo, a neighbour of Lumboga, said. “Because they were confined to the house, they couldn’t find food.”
Mary Tyler Moore to receive SAG achievement award

New York, 9 Sept—Mary Tyler Moore will be honoured with the Screen Actors Guild life achievement award. SAG announced Moore as this year’s recipient Thursday. The guild says Moore “created a new paradigm for female leads in television.”

The actress rose to stardom in “The Dick Van Dyke Show” and later starred in the landmark “The Mary Tyler Moore Show.” Her film credits include “Ordinary People” and her Broadway productions included “Whose Life Is It, Anyway?”

Moore has won landmark “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” which was nominated for an Academy Award. The 18th annual SAG Awards will be held 29 Jan in Los Angeles.

700 memorabilia from John Wayne’s estate set for auction next month

London, 9 Sept—More than 700 items belonging to legendary actor “The Duke” John Wayne’s estate are all set to be put up for auction. Items, including cowboy hats, saddles and other film props, will be put up for sale in Los Angeles next month. One of the most wanted pieces of memorabilia will include a Golden Globe award he won for “True Grit,” which is valued at least 50,000 dollars. Among other items, an eye patch he wore during the 1969 film will also go on sale along with hundreds of other costumes, scripts, and personal documents.

Wayne’s son Ethan said that he wanted to share some of his father’s memorabilia with fans. “People have been calling for 32 years. His films affected people and they have a personal relationship with the guy and they want that connection. I remember how important the fans were to my father,” the Telegraph quoted Ethan as telling the Los Angeles Times.

Cannon ball’ found at Salvation Army

Several streets in the Mission District of San Francisco were closed when what looked like a cannon ball was found at the Salvation Army. The streets were reopened Wednesday after police got the object and detonated it, Bay City News reported. One building was evacuated as a precautionary measure, Albie Esparza, a police spokesman, said. The San Francisco Examiner described the object as an old piece of military ordnance that was donated to the Salvation Army. Esperanza said old artillery shells and similar souvenirs turn up frequently.

Woman drives carjacker to police HQ

Police in Missouri said a motorist who was ordered to drive by an armed man who jumped on the hood of her car drove the vehicle to police headquarters. Kansas City Police said the woman was driven 24 Oct on Bruce R Watkins Drive near 29th Street when a man jumped on her hood, pointed a gun at her and ordered her to drive, the Kansas City Star reported Wednesday. Investigators said the woman drove to Kansas City Police Headquarters on Locust Street and rammed through a garage door.

Dozens of potential Jackson case jurors dismissed

Los Angeles, 9 Sept—More than half of the first panel of prospective jurors for the manslaughter trial of Michael Jackson’s doctor were dismissed because of hardship claims Thursday, signaling a long search ahead for those who will serve in the five-week trial.

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Depp’s ‘Rango’ to receive Hollywood Animation Award

London, 9 Sept—Actor Johnny Depp’s movie “Rango” will receive Hollywood Animation Award at an event 24 Oct. “Rango” will receive the honour at the 15th edition of Hollywood Film Festival and Hollywood Film Awards in Beverly Hills. Depp voiced the titular lizard character in the film, which was directed by Gore Verbinski. “It is a great pleasure to recognise ‘Rango’ as the recipient of our animation award.

This piece of cinematic treasure borders on surrealism and ‘Rango’ will be a classic for generations to come,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted Carlos de Abreu, the founder and executive director of the Hollywood Film Festival, as saying.—Internet

Bear breaks into car, crashes it

A California man said a bear broke into his parked car and damaged the gear box, sending the vehicle and its occupant on a short joyride.

Brian McCarthy, 61, of Pleasanton, was vacationing with his family at their west Lake Tahoe cabin when they were awakened at about 3:30 am 28 Aug by sounds coming from the driveway, the Contra Costa Times, Walnut Creek, reported Thursday. “Our son was the first one who woke up, and he was watching the bear through the window,” McCarthy said.

“We were looking out of our bedroom window and from our view, you could look down and see the bear in the car, and its arms were just flailing all over the place, through the windows and everything.”

Actor ‘The Duke’ John Wayne

In this 11 July, 2009 file photo, actress Mary Tyler Moore attends Broadway Barks 11 in New York.—INTERNET

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Evans fears United exit

LONDON, 9 Sept — Jonny Evans knows he needs to carry on his current form to continue his impressive run in the first team at the club. He has been a consistent performer for the team and his contribution has been key to the team's success.

The Northern Ireland international has certainly started well enough, retaining his place for the record win over Arsenal after stepping in for the injured Rio Ferdinand in the previous week's win against Tottenham Hotspur.

Together with Phil Jones, Evans has forged a youthful partnership that has also done Chris Smalling a favour given it was Sir Alex Ferguson's faith in the pair that allowed him to move the former Fulham man to right-back, from where he has jumped into the England team.

But Evans knows he must maintain his current form in order to avoid a repeat of last season's disappointments.

No easing up for O'Shea

LONDON, 9 Sept — Sunderland defender John O'Shea has no intentions of winding down his career after a trophy-laden spell at Manchester United.

The 30-year-old Republic of Ireland international ended a 13-year stay at Old Trafford when he agreed to become part of Steve Bruce's mission to bring success to Wearside. However, like former United team-mate Wes Brown, who made the same journey this summer, he remains hugely ambitious despite the five Barclays Premier League titles, FA Cup and League Cup successes and the Champions League triumph he brought with him.

O'Shea said: "That's definitely not going to be the case from my point of view, going on Easy Street after being so successful through my career. "Something like that wouldn't even enter my mind."The club wants to build with slow, steady progress, and if we can do that improving on the finish in the league last season and hopefully getting further in the cups, that will be the case and we will keep on improving."—Internet

Avenger Fed sets up Djokovic semi

NEW YORK, 9 Sept — Roger Federer avenged his surprise loss to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at this year's Wimbledon by beating the Frenchman 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-0, 6-0 to reach the semi-finals of the US Open.

Playing his first grand slam tournament as a 30-year-old, the five-times US Open champion was lethal with his serve, whipped anything with swashbuckling aplomb and was razor-sharp at the net. The third-seeded Federer advanced to a scintillating showdown in the last four against top seed Novak Djokovic for his eighth straight US Open semi-finals appearance.

World number one Djokovic, the Australian and Wimbledon champion, reached the semis when his Serbian Davis Cup team mate Janko Tipsarevic retired with a leg injury while trailing 7-6, 6-7, 6-0, 3-0. Five-time winner Federer has lost just one set in Flushing Meadows on his way to the semis.

Lewis eyes hometown success at LPGA event

ROGERS, 9 Sept — Stacey Lewis still feels like she has plenty to prove, even now. Even during a season in which she's won her first major championship and has posted eight top-10 finishes, the former Arkansas golfer isn't content.

Lewis will have the chance to add to her growing resume when the LPGA's P&G NW Arkansas Championship tees off Friday. In order to do so, however, she'll have to beat out a talented field that includes 13 of the top 15 players in the Rolex rankings.

The event at Pinnacle Country Club is a hometown for Lewis, who was a four-time All-American 20 minutes away at Arkansas. She knows the course well, having unofficially won the rain-shortened event in 2007 as an amateur. Since then, Lewis has quickly risen through the LPGA ranks and is currently third on the money list with more than $1.1 million in earnings in her third full season on tour.

S P O R T S
New Zealand beats Tonga 41-10 to open World Cup

AUCKLAND, 9 Sept—The New Zealand All Blacks took care of business with a 41-10 win over Tonga to open the World Cup on Friday night, beginning yet another quest to end the long drought since their first and only title at rugby’s showpiece event.

After a rousing opening ceremony and passionate pre-match challenges, the All Blacks drained all the tension and anticipation by scoring four tries in the first 33 minutes, and finding the Tongan defense wanting out wide.—Internet

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Captain Thein Oo Myint Axed (60) M V Bright Laker (Lizstar Enterprise Co Ltd) Husband of Daw Thet Sandar Father of Ko Zaw Paing Myint, Ma Zar Phyu Myint and Ko Thet Paing Myint had suddenly passed away on 8-9-2011, while serving as Captain of M V Bright Laker berthed at Colombia, South America.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

New Zealand All Blacks’ Isaac Toaeva breaks the tackle of Tonga’s Aleki Lutui during their Rugby World Cup game at Eden Park in Auckland, New Zealand, 9 Sept, 2011. Internet

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First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session goes on Seven questions raised and answered, one proposal approved, one other amended and approved, another one recorded as suggestion

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Sept — The 15th-day of second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continued at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives. Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye answered the four questions about education raised by four Hluttaw representatives at the session.

Regarding the questions raised by U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State constituency No-5 who asked that Mohynin Degree College in Mohynin township of Kachin State was opened in 2003 academic year and eight major subjects and four coordinated subjects are being taught by 89 teachers; the degree college can hold 5000 day and distance students and now there are 4291 students at the college; and whether there is a plan to upgrade the degree college as a university, the Union Education minister replied that the ministry is taking measures to upgrade degree colleges and colleges by laying down 36 tasks under 30-year long-term plan (higher education sector) for promotion of national education. Mohynin Degree College that can hold 5000 day students was opened in 2003 for development of Kachin State. A total of 1923 day students and 2368 distance students are pursuing education at the degree college. So, the college is still able to take next over 3000 students to be equal to the initial number.

With the equal ration of teachers to students and teaching aids like other universities, students fully enjoy the right in pursuing their education. It will come to open as a degree college in accord with current number of students, but arrangements are being made to upgrade the degree college as a university depending on development of socio-economic status of the State and increase in number of students. Regarding the question raised by Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region constituency No-4 who asked whether there is a plan to be included Political Study in the curriculum of Universities under the Ministry of Education as it is necessary to turn out new generation youths to be equipped with sound political foundations so as to exercise Hluttaw politics in accord with genuine discipline-flourishing multi-party democracy system, the Union minister replied that the Ministry of Education is nurturing the students to be equipped with good ideas, behaviours and habits as well as spiritual development for turning out new generation youths who possess correct thinking power and good morality. Aspects of Myanmar with the two-hour periods each of lecture and tutorial is being taught in first year undergraduate course of universities and degree colleges as a compulsory elective. International Relations major is being taught in universities and degree colleges. Under International Relations major, Political Thought, International Relations, Geography of Southeast Asian Counrty, Understanding Human Interaction, Political Organization, Government of Southeast Asia, Macro Economics, Communicative Skills, International Law, Government of Myanmar, Current Problems in International Relations, Economics Development and International Trade, Political Geography, European Community, Myanmar Foreign Relations, Myanmar and Neighbouring Countries, Diplomacy and United Nations Peace Activities which are related to Political Science are being taught and the government will provide Political Science subject in undergraduate and postgraduate courses if necessary.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region constituency No-3 who asked that exam questions for matriculation examinations are different in States and Regions in Myanmar and whether there is a plan to issue a single exam question for matriculation examination, the Union minister replied that matriculation examinations were held by respective universities in international. The number of students has increased in Myanmar yearly and there were 514962 students who sat for 2011 matriculation examination. It is difficult to issue exam questions from a single place due to large number of examinees. It takes two and a half months to distribute exam questions by 10 universities to townships in states and regions and there is plenty of work to be done. While 10 universities issue exam questions, lessons to be included in the questions are set to be same. Although easy, fair and difficult lessons that

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