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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, who is currently in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, met Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen at Peace Palace in Cambodia at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion together with Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint were Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Than Win and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister at Ministers Council Office Mr Sok An, Minister at Prime Minister’s Office Mr Sry Thamarong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Ung Sean and high-ranking officials.

At the meeting, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and the Cambodian Prime Minister discussed matters on further strengthening friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint elaborated on the emergence of Hluttaw in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, saying that Hluttaw is a body that exercises the legislative power, and that Cambodia and Myanmar established diplomatic ties in 1955 and have always been friendly nations since then.—MNA

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**Focus on victories in world sports**

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham met members of Myanmar National Sports Committee and responsible persons of Myanmar sports federations at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 September.

The Vice-President said that those in the field of sports including athletes, coaches, managers, sponsors, supporters as well as fans are to do their bit for Myanmar sports to gain a success. Meantime, each athlete is to be endowed with efforts, perseverance, educational qualification, reasoning power, fitness and high goal.

Promotion of sports standard of the State is aimed at nurturing the outstanding new generation youths, holding local sports tournaments and selecting the athletes for international sports competitions.

Athletes are to set an aim for securing achievement at first. They must know their achievements in sports to be compared with existing regional records and world records as the second point. Thus, the athletes may realize their excellent performance with records and they can understand their status how they should work on all cylinders in their sports events.

Only when there is progress in Myanmar sports will the athletes keep abreast of the world sports. In some sports events, the performance of each athlete is crucial while other sports events call for team work. Hence, all the athletes are to uplift their talent and skills in respective sports events.

Therefore, all the athletes are to make utmost efforts for achieving victories in international sports tournaments as a national duty so as to hoist the State flag in accord with the motto, “Myanmar Sports towards World Sports”.

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**Union BA&MID Minister receives responsible persons of JICA, INGO Cetana Group**

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**Market Workshop to be held at RUMFCCI**

**Yangon, 21 Sept— Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDCC) have arranged to hold Hong Kong Fast Track to expand into the International Market Workshop at Park Royal Hotel on Alanya Pagoda Road here at 9 am on 28 September.**

The workshop gives talks of HKTDCC Deputy Executive Director Mr Benjamin Chau on opportunities of Myanmar entrepreneurs to joint HKTDCC for job prospect and business need and on exchanging views on business.

Those interested may register RUMFCCI, Ph: 214344 to 214349, Ext: 122/213, not later than 26 September.—MNA

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**Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Repatriation**

**Mr Andrew Richard Heyn receives British Ambassador to Myanmar**

**British Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at his office here yesterday afternoon. The meeting concentrated on progress of developing in various sectors, practicing democracy system, and matters relating to the categories of international development tasks and natural disaster control tasks, which would be carried out by Myanmar.**

Also present at the call were Directors-General, and Deputy Director of Department for International Development (DFID) (Asia branch) Ms. Emma Donnelly and party.

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**Myanmar men’s basketball to take part in China-ASEAN Basketball Tourney**

**YANGON, 21 Sept—Myanmar men’s basketball team undergoing training at the camp to be able to take part in the XXVI SEA Games will participate in the China-ASEAN Men’s Basketball Tournament to be held in China from 25 to 31 October.**

**Joint Secretary of Myanmar Basketball Federation U Htin Lin Pyae and Assistant Director of Sports and Physical Education Department Joint Secretary of Myanmar Basketball Federation Daw Ohnma Aung will attend the 2012 China-ASEAN Ball Games Preparatory Conference.**

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**KNU insurgents’ mine claims live of one civilian**

**NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept— A mine planted by KNU insurgents blast in Hpapun Township in Kayin State on 18 September and left one civilian dead.**

U Aung Kyaw Moe aged 28, whose profession is photographing, got severe wounds at his back side, the back side of his head and right scapular region from the mine explosion, placed by KNU insurgents blast in Hpapun Township in Kayin State on 18 September and left one civilian dead.

He died on the way while officials concerned from the battalion were sending him to Hpa-an People’s Hospital.

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**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**
Typhoon nears Tokyo, Toyota to close plants

Tokyo, 21 Sept—At least four people died and two were missing in Japan as typhoon Roke bore down on Tokyo on Wednesday, bringing heavy rain and strong winds and disturbing transport systems, public broadcaster NHK said. Toyota Motor Corp plans to close 11 factories in central Japan on Wednesday, eliminating evening shifts, while utility Chubu Electric Power has lost about 1,870 megawatts of hydro power output due to the typhoon.

The centre of typhoon Roke was off Japan’s Pacific coast at 10 am (9 pm ET), moving northeast at 35 km (22 miles) per hour, and is forecast to make landfall later on the day in central Japan or a region around Tokyo, the Meteorological Agency said.

“We need to exercise the maximum caution against heavy rain, strong winds and high waves in wide areas from western to northern Japan, according to the Meteorological agency,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura told a regular news conference.

The typhoon caused 278 flights to be canceled, NHK said. Tokyo Electric Power Co said it was taking steps to prevent rainfall from entering reactor and turbine buildings in the tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The typhoon has so far caused no damage to the plant, where reactor cooling systems were knocked out by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami, triggering meltdowns a radiation crisis.

The site still has pools of radioactive water left from the huge amounts used to cool the reactors and bring them under control, raising concerns that heavy rain could cause overflows into the sea and groundwater. Leaks of radiation and contaminated water from the plant have already raised fears about food safety.—Reuters

A health worker is seen wringing the neck of a chicken during a culling operation in West Bengal, in 2009.—Internet

India orders cull to tackle bird flu outbreak

New Delhi, 21 Sept—India has ordered the immediate culling of chickens in an eastern part of the country in a bid to contain an outbreak of bird flu.

Outbreaks were confirmed in two villages in West Bengal, which has been severely hit by the virus in previous years, a government statement said late Tuesday.

Samples tested positive for the H5 strain of avian influenza, popularly known as bird flu. All chickens will be culled within a three kilometre (nearly two mile) radius of the focal point of the infection, the statement said, without giving numbers. Eggs and chicken feed will also be destroyed to control the further spread of the disease.

The Indian outbreak of flu follows a warning three weeks ago by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation that avian flu was on the rise globally after a five-year decline. The FAO said a mutant strain of the H5N1 virus was spreading in Asia and outside the continent.

It was not immediately known whether there was any link between the Indian outbreak and the mutant strain detected in China and Vietnam, for which no vaccine has yet been developed. If it spreads to humans, bird flu can cause fever, cough, sore throat, pneumonia, respiratory disease and sometimes death.—Internet

Residents are rescued from a flooded area in Nagoya, central Japan, in this photo taken by Kyodo on 20 September, 2011.—Internet

11 killed in Indonesia sea accident

Jakarta, 21 Sept—Eleven people were killed and 14 people were missing after a traditional boat sank off Indonesia’s Bali island, according to a search and rescue agency official.

“We are still searching for 14 missing people from the boat, which sank late Tuesday. Eleven people have been found alive,” Bali search and rescue agency head I Ketut Parwa said on Wednesday. He said the boat, which was carrying 36 passengers and crew members, left Nusa Lembongan island and was bound for Nusa Penida island, both southeast of Bali.

The Indonesian archipelago of more than 17,000 islands has a poor safety record, and fatal accidents are common. Up to 335 people were killed when a heavily overloaded ferry sank off Sulawesi island in January last year.—Internet

Gas leak near Mumbai kills four

Mumbai, 21 Sept—A poisonous gas leak at a pharmaceutical factory in the western Indian state of Maharashtra killed four workers and left 11 sick, according to the company and police.

Preliminary investigations suggested that hydrogen sulphide gas escaped from a pipeline late Tuesday at the Sequent Scientific factory in Boisar, 120 kilometres (75 miles) north of Mumbai.

“There was an accident at our Tarapur facility. The effects were contained last night but resulted in the sad demise of four workers and injuries to a few others,” the company said in a statement to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The factory has been closed since the accident. “At least eleven workers who complained of nausea are still in hospital. They are out of danger,” a Boisar police official told AFP.

Three managers at the plant have already been held for questioning, while the state government and the Department of Industrial Safety and Health have started investigating.—internet

This file illustration photo shows hydrogen sulphide gas bursting out from a natural gas well under repair.—Internet

Five soldiers, police officer killed in Iraq’s violence

Baghdad, 21 Sept—Five soldiers and a police officer were killed and five others injured Wednesday in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala and the Capital of Baghdad, the police said.

In Diyala, five soldiers were killed when a roadside bomb struck an Iraqi army patrol near a joint US and Iraqi military base, some 80 km north of the provincial capital City of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast destroyed a military vehicle, the source said, adding that Iraqi security forces rushed to the scene and carried out search operation in the area.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb ripped through the village of Hwira, some 30 km south west of Baquba, injuring three civilians, the source said.

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This file illustration photo shows sun setting over a reef near Denpasar, island of Bali.—Internet

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WASHINGTON, (Netherland) 21 Sept—Nutritionists advise eating fruit with bright colors but Dutch researchers say fruit and vegetables with white flesh may do more to reduce stroke risk. Lead author Linda M Ouede Grep, a postdoctoral fellow in human nutrition at Wageningen University in the Netherlands and colleagues tracked 20,069 adults with an average age of 41 and no cardiovascular disease at the outset of the study. During the 10-year study 233 strokes were documented. Participants were asked to complete a 178-item food frequency questionnaire.

The study, published in Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association, found the risk of stroke incidence was 52 percent lower for those who consumed white fruits and vegetables compared to people with a low intake. “It may be too early for physicians to advise patients to change their dietary habits based on these initial findings,” Ouede Grep said in a statement.

Race to save mothers, children set to fall short

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept—A global campaign to save new mothers and children under five in developing nations has made strong gains but is set to fall well shy of UN goals, according to a study released Tuesday. —Reuters

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BOZEMAN, 21 Sept— Canadian and US researchers say switching from sugar-sweetened beverages to water might reduce type 2 diabetes risk.

Dr Jean-Pierre Despres of the Universite Laval in Quebec, scientific director of the International Chair on Cardiometabolic Risk, hosted a symposium on the findings and applications on the importance of healthful hydration in Bozeman, Mont.

“Abdominal obesity is a powerful risk factor for the development of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular diseases,” Despres said in a statement. “The epidemic prevalence achieved by abdominal obesity can be explained by our sedentary lifestyle and poor nutritional habits, among which an overconsumption of sugar-sweetened beverages plays a significant role.”

Despres says over-consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is one important marker of a poor diet, which contributes to abdominal obesity, type 2 diabetes and associated cardiovascular complications.

To reduce risk of obesity and cardiometabolic diseases, it is important to reduce consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and replace them with healthful choices such as water and unsweetened tea or coffee,” Dr Frank B Hu of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Hu said there is strong epidemiological evidence based on tens of thousands of participants that switching from sugar-sweetened beverages to water could eliminate 1.5 pounds of weight gain during a four-year follow-up and contribute to a 7 percent risk reduction of type 2 diabetes.
South Korea tops in Internet download speed

A South Korean student surfs the Internet in Seoul. South Korea has the world’s top Internet download speeds followed by Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Latvia, according to a study released on Tuesday.—INTERNET

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Astronauts dive deep in practice for asteroid visit

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept.—When human space explorers reach an asteroid for the first time, NASA figures the experience will be more like swimming in space than walking on the Moon. So the US space agency is taking a deep-sea approach to practicing for the first deep-space mission, which President Barack Obama has said could become a reality by 2025.

A team of international astronauts from the US, Japan and Canada is set to launch the first 13-day undersea practice expedition in the Atlantic Ocean on 17 October, NASA said Monday.

"Gravity on an asteroid is negligible, so walking around really is an option," the US space agency said in a statement describing its aims with NASA’s Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO). The project will help astronauts practice their techniques in an environment mimicking that on an asteroid, using a submarine as a "spacecraft" and an underwater lab off the coast of Florida as the "asteroid." The notion of visiting an asteroid presents a heap of logistical challenges, which NASA said is the first to tackle. Due to the lack of gravity, astronauts would have to toss down a series of anchors to stay attached, NASA said.

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Models pose with "Sony cyber shot DSC-TX55" cameras in the launching ceremony of the camera in Seoul, South Korea, on 21 Sept, 2011. Sony cyber shot DSC-TX55 touchscreen card-style camera has an impressively slim body size of 12.2 mm deep and will be sold in South Korean market in October 2011.—Xinhua

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In this 30 May, 2011, file photo damage is seen in a devastated Joplin, Mo neighbourhood.

Light plane crashes in Philippines, two UAE pilots injured

MANILA, 21 Sept—Two nationals of the United Arab Emirates were injured when a light plane they were piloting crashed landed on a ricefield in northern Philippines shortly before noon Wednesday, police said. Philippine National Police spokesman Chief Superintendent Agrimero Cruz Jr said that the Cessna plane of AMA Air crashed landed in Penabatan Village, Pulitlan town in Bulacan Province around 11:50 am local time.

As a result, the two pilots were injured and were rushed to a hospital for medical treatment, he said. An investigation is ongoing, he added.—Xinhua

Fire at Vt nuclear plant office was arson

BRATTLEBORO, 21 Sept—Someone set an early morning fire at the corporate offices of a nuclear power plant that is fighting to stay open, police said Tuesday.

No one was injured, but the building that houses offices for the Vermont Yankee plant was unusable because of smoke, fire and water damage, a spokesman for the plant’s owner said.

Police said in a news release that a window at the corporate offices in Brattleboro was broken and investigators determined the fire was arson. They would not provide more details.

There was no damage to the plant’s lone reactor, which is about seven miles south of the office building, in the Town of Vernon.

New Orleans-based plant owner Entergy Corp and the state of Vermont have been tangled in a dispute over the plant, which is about seven miles south of the office building, in the Town of Vernon.

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In this 30 May, 2011, file photo damage is seen in a devastated Joplin, Mo neighbourhood.

Many in Joplin ignored 1st tornado warnings

KANSAS CITY, 21 Sept—Many Joplin residents either ignored or were slow to react to the first warning sirens about a massive and deadly tornado this spring, partially because of years of false alarms, the government said Tuesday.

In assessing the communications and warning systems used before and during the storm that killed 162 people, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said many people waited for additional information like seeing the tornado or a television or radio report about the urgency of the threat.

“The majority of surveyed Joplin residents did not immediately go to shelter upon hearing the initial warning,” the report said, adding that those people “did not take protective action until processing additional credible confirmation of the threat and its magnitude from a non-routine, extraordinary risk trigger.”

A “vast majority” of Joplin residents didn’t respond to the first siren because of an apparent widespread disregard for tornado sirens, according to the report.

Richard Wagenmaker, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Detroit and leader of the assessment team, said it was unclear if the slow public response cost lives.

“It’s really hard to tell how many people that perished in the tornado did not take shelter,” Wagenmaker said during a conference call. “It was a very large tornado, so there were certainly a number of people who did all the right things, took shelter in the best available place, but still found themselves in situations that weren’t survivable. So it’s really hard to make that assessment.”—Internet

British editors appeal to government not to crush Fleet Street

LONDON, 21 Sept—British newspaper editors, in crisis after revelations of illegal phone-hacking and other ethical lapses, recognized on Tuesday that Fleet Street had to mend its ways but appealed to the government not to crush Britain’s cherished free speech with draconian laws.

“We understand that we have to stand together, we have to clean our house,” Financial Times Editor Lionel Barber told a Thomson Reuters debate in London on the future of the press.

“No else we face statutory regulation which nobody wants.”

Britons’ patience with their misbehaving press, tested by a string of scandals where tabloid newspapers published wildly inaccurate stories or splashed sordid details of private lives on front pages, snapped this summer when the top-selling News of the World admitted that it had illegally hacked the voicemail of murdered schoolgirl Milly Dowler while hunting stories.

Rupert Murdoch, the billionaire owner of the News of the World, closed down the newspaper, apologized and his company offered a 3 million pound ($4.5 million) damages payout in that one case. But other victims of tabloid phone-hacking want tougher laws and Prime Minister David Cameron has ordered a public inquiry into press ethics.

Top lawyers, editors and politicians agreed during Tuesday’s debate on “The Press We Deserve” that Britain’s existing Press Complaints Commission, a voluntary self-regulatory body, had failed in its duty to keep the press honest but differed sharply over the solution.—Reuters

Himalayan quake toll nears 100

NEW DELHI, 21 Sept—The death toll from the weekend earthquake in the Himalayas neared 100 as officials warned it could rise significantly and helicopters airlifted the injured and stranded.

Sunday’s 6.9-magnitude quake struck the border of India’s northeastern state of Sikkim and Nepal, bringing destruction to towns and villages on both sides as well as in southern Tibet.

From a helipad in Mangan in northern Sikkim, military and private helicopters flew regular sorties, taking food and medical supplies to outlying villages and bringing back injured survivors and a number of foreign tourists.

In the state capital, Gangtok, around 70 kilometres (40 miles) southeast of the epicentre, a government official Sonam Lepcha said provisional figures put the number of dead in Sikkim at 65.

“We fear that more lives have been lost, but it’s very difficult to give an exact count because bodies are still being pulled from the debris,” Lepcha said.

Rescue efforts began in earnest Wednesday, after emergency teams and relief workers spent two days battling damaged roads and landslides to reach the quake’s main impact zone.

More than 5,000 troops, including army engineers using explosives, cleared a route to Mangan for trucks carrying medical teams and supplies.
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The Union Minister went on that preventive measures were to be taken against dissimy among villages, wards, and within the nation as a result of personality cult, ism, sectarianism; farmers were to be inculcated with concepts, attitudes, spirit and beliefs, which were based on interests of peasantry and the nation; in doing so, establishment of farmers organization would be essential for protection and promotion of their rights.

He added that in the retrospect, respective political parties founded their farmers organizations against each other in parliament democracy period; Communists led by Thakhin Than Tun and Thakhin Soe also set up farmers unions; after they went underground, they established farmers unions in the regions under their control and seized and distributed farmlands; governing AFPFL also founded All Burma Farmers Union (Ba-Ta-La-Sa) and the factional red socialists of Socialist Party which was part of AFPFL founded Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta who then set up Union Peasant Organization (ULO), leading to disunity among workers; affiliating farmers to drafting bills necessary, enactment of laws protecting the rights of farmers; in Sweden, there stood Federation of Swedish Farmers as NGO for formulation of policies and laws required for rural development and provision of technologies and capitals to farmers; neighbouring Thailand had two organizations—Tha Farmers Association (TFA) and Farmers Federation—Thailand while Malaysia was operating National Farmers Association (NAFAS) in accord with Farmers Association Act (1967) and Farmers Association Act (1973) and operative mechanism of such organizations should be widely analyzed before establishment of similar organizations in Myanmar.

So, in forming farmers organization, local and international experiences, lessons from past events should be studied first and followed by carefully planned actions with banking services and enabling Insein MEB branches to give better banking services to the people, arrangements are being made for opening the bank branch of MEB in Mingaladon Township.

However, in searching a suitable room for the bank branch, one vacant room from two-apartment building of Tatmadaw on Mingaladon Market Road was found. In searching one more suitable place, 100 square feet plot was received between Immigration and National Registration Department and Myanma Posts and Telecommunications on No. 3 Highway in Mingaladon Township. So, the building will be constructed on the plot for the bank branch. As such, the bank branch will be built in 2012-2013 fiscal year after coordinating the construction matter with officials.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied to four questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Thurein Zaw of Kawkareik Constituency said that on completion of 54 miles and two furlongs long Aukbote-Nabu-Htantabin-Tahaung-Hillon road section on Myawady-Kawkareik-Hpa-an Highway, a border trade route will emerge in parallel with Myawady-Kawkareik-Hpa-an Road. Therefore, he asked whether there is a plan to construct the road as soon as possible. The Union Minister replied that Htilon-Tahaung-Pata-Nabu-Aukbote Road in Kayin State is 54 miles and two furlongs long. It is a new alignment for Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady Road. The road will be upgraded to 16 feet wide hard road on 34 feet wide earthen layer.

It links Htilon Village on Hpa-an-Hlainghwe Road with Aukbote on Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady Road crossing Kawkaw Lake, Hlainghwe Creek, Pata Creek and Nabu Creek. Engineering works are being carried out for construction of the road.

Ministry of Construction takes responsibility for construction of 8-mile section of Htilon-Tahaung-Pata-Aukbote Road to meet the set standards. A total of 64 roads and bridges construction companies participate in construction of the 46 miles and two furlongs long section with the use of heavy machinery and manpower. After demanding capital expenditure and maintenance cost in 2012-2013 fiscal year, the road and bridges will be upgraded.

Regarding the question raised by U Than Oo of Myawady Constituency who said that Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon road is the shortest one among border entrances linking Yangon, asking which group, a company or the Public Works, is carrying out the repair of approximately 110-mile Myawady-Hpa-an road section as road condition has got worse during the rainy season or not, when the project started and whether the project and will be finished if it is in progress under BOT system, about an amount of work which is to be done yearly and quality control measures, and whether there is a plan to collect toll before completion of the project, the Union minister replied that AK company was allowed to carry out Myawady-Hpa-an road in Kayin State through BOT system commencing on 23 September 2009.

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The company is taking care of 11-mile and two furlongs at Aung Myo Tun Bridge as it was heavily damaged. Condition of road is sound and repair works were complete on Gyaing-Kyonkadoe road section. As roads linking between the Expressway and nearby villages are in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the roads are not included in the Expressway project. So there is no plan to build roads that will underpasses with villages which are a part of the project.

Regarding the question raised by U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency who asked about upgrading of Pyapon-Kyonkadoe-Amar road as a all-weather one, U Zong Ting said that the two-mile-long Pyapon-Kyonkadoe gravel road on mile 51 and five-furlongs Pyapon-Amar road in Pyapon Township can be used at any time and thirty-furlong Pyapon-Kyonkadoe road can be used by torrents in the rainy season yearly. Therefore, there will be a swift flow of commodity and smooth transport, thereby contributing to regional development, the Union minister replied that Pyapon-Amar road linking between Pyapon Township and Amar sub-township in Ayeayawady Region is 51 mile and five furlongs long. As the road was in need of repair in the aftermath of severe storm Nargis during 2008-09 fiscal year, the road is being upgraded by the ministry as No (7) road included in Ayeayawady Delta Region Road Network.

The 15-mile and three-furlong Pyapon-Kyonkadoe road section on Pyapon-Kyonkadoe-Daw Nyein-Amar road can be used at any time and the 36-mile and two-furlong Kyonkadoe road with earth road section can be only used in open season. Road works are being carried out by engineers of Pyapon Township and Amar sub-township with the use of capital funds for 2011-12 fiscal year. Under capital funds for 2011-12 fiscal year, one mile and two furlongs long road section was upgraded as tamped one and nine furlong long earth road as hard one on Pyapon-Kyonkadoe-Daw Nyein-Amar road. Depending on capital funds and maintenance funds for 2012-13 fiscal year, upgrading of Pyapon-Amar road will be carried out.

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committee member U Khin Maung Myint read out the report on the Bill. As the Hluttaw decided to discuss the bill on 26 September (Monday). Hluttaw representatives who want to participate in the discussion are to submit their name lists in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 155 and 157, expressing ‘paragraph, subparagraph, statement and text’ in precisely be amended, not later than 23 September (Friday).

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With regard to the question that there is a plan to upgrade gravel and earth roads of Mrauk-U-HsinoO section and Mrauk-U-Poppukyun section to asphalt facilities, raised by U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine Constituency, calling for change for suitable rate for asphalt facilities by those who actually want to do, the Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Zong Ting of Bassein Township, Union Minister for Border Affairs.
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State Constituency No. 2, MraukU Township DAC spent K 36.429 million of the State’s fund and K 154.037 million of the DAC on construction of 13/5 miles long rural road 16 bridges in 2010-2011 fiscal year. The committee maintained MraukU-HsinU section and MraukU-Khaikham section spending K 60.669 million in 2010-2011 fiscal year. The committee sets a plan to upgrade MraukU-HsinU road section and MraukU-Popyukyan section to the gravel roads by spending K 17.92 million in 2011-2012 fiscal year. Depending the allotted funds, the township development affairs committee continues its tasks in fiscal years.

Regarding a question asking whether Ministry of Construction will accept maintenance of Yenangyoung-Gwgon-Wetchok-Natmauk Road. Built in the past by former Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs raised by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No. 12, the Union Minister replied that Ministry of Construction will accept maintenance of the road by spending K 56 million from the State fund and K 40 million up to 2010-2011 fiscal year. A plan is under way to increase the quality of water. To supply more volume of water, the task is under way to lay water pipeline from Gyobyu Lake to Taikkyi Township. If the water supply task is carried out by step.

The Union government will set plans for upgrading them step by step. According to a question asking whether there is a plan to lay water pipeline from Gyobyu Lake to Taikkyi raised by U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 12, the Union Minister replied that Taikkyi Township is constituted with eight wards. The township has 10,022 houses and 36,437 people consuming 7.28 million gallons of water daily. Taikkyi Township DAC can supply about 100,000 gallons to hub of the town daily. The remaining people take water from 45 artesian wells. Therefore, the township has 90 percent of water availability. If a plan is implemented to lay water pipelines from Gyobyu Lake to Taikkyi, the pipeline would be connected with upstream main water pipeline that supplies water to Yangon. The water pipeline will disturb the supply of water to Yangon. If the water supply task is carried out from Gyobyu Lake to Taikkyi through 8-inch PVC pipeline, the seven mile long distance for the pipeline will cost K 880,970-2.

At present, tube-wells in Taikkyi can produce better quality of water. To supply more volume of water, sinking tube wells and building the water tanks for supply of more water will benefit the local people. The Township DAC can build water-supply facilities with the use of K 127 million up to 2010-2011 fiscal year. A plan is under way to supply 150,000 more gallons of water to the town daily by spending K 38 million from the State fund and K 40 million by the DAC in 2011-2012 fiscal year. Therefore, 250,000 gallons of water can be supplied to the town. In the long run, plans will be drawn for supply more volume of water to the people after conducting systematic survey.

Regarding a question asking whether there is a plan to upgrade 8-mile Htan-Nammiti road to an asphalt facility for regional development of ‘Wa’ Self-Administered Division raised by U Hsaing Paung Nap of Shan State Constituency No 12, the Union Minister replied that spending K 22.17 million from the funds of border area development from 1989-1990 to 2012-2013 fiscal year, 13/4 miles long asphalt road, 14/2 miles long gravel road and two bridges were built in Htan-Nammiti region of ‘Wa’ Self-Administered Division.

Of 9/2 miles long Htan-Nammiti road, the one mile and two furlongs long section has been tarmed. The remaining 8 miles long section will be maintained for all-season facility and then it will be upgraded to the asphalt facility. In 2012-2013 fiscal year, the plan will be submitted to the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races to demand the funds. When the peace and stability can be restored in ‘Wa’ Self-Administered Division, the plans will be implemented to better transport of the funds. With regard to the question submitted by U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency (II) asking whether there is a plan to build a bridge on Kyakkaththa-Khalum inter-village road in Kyakkyo Township of Mon State and another one on the route linking Khaywe, Mokkhamok and Theinzayat villages for better development of the region, the Union Minister replied that Mon State DAC set a plan to use K 569 million on construction and maintenance of rural roads and bridges in 2011-2012 fiscal year. Kyakkyo Township DAC allotted K 112.62 million on urban roads and bridges and water supply tasks and K 56.31 million for rural roads and bridges. Kyakkyo Township DAC built 7 miles long and 12 feet wide Khaywe-Kyakkytha laterite road and Kyakkytha-Khalum Road of the 87 miles long Kyakkyo-Kyakkytha-Khalum Road in 2008-2009 fiscal year with fund of K 8.006 million from Township DAC. To better transport the 2/3 miles long Kyakkytha-Khalum inter-village road as a 16 feet wide and three feet high earthen facility and one bridge on Khalan Creek and Tanaw Dam Creek Bridge and Akhuing Bridge on Theinzayat-Mokkhamok-Khaywe inter-village road will be built with the use of K 42.35 million by Kyakkyo Township DAC and K 30 million assistance of the State this year.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied to questions raised by three Hluttaw representatives. U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 5 asked “whether a tunnel can be constructed between Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea of Myanmar, its economic viability and if the government has studied whether to discuss with ASEAN and international partners.”

The Union Minister replied that Parchan River lies between Myanmar and Thailand and was shared by the two neighbours; the feasibility for sailing ocean-going liners by building tunnel between Parchan and Chumphon linking water way of Parchan River from Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea of Myanmar was highly unlikely and, Parchan River was not suitable for liners as it was short and shallow with various islands as natural barriers at the exit of the river mouth.

He went on the proposed site was situated in the territory of Thailand and thus only Thailand could improve of River Systems had permitted private companies for dredging of water ways and in water transportation of Myanmar; the annual rainfall of the whole Myanmar was 89.07 inches and the quantity of rainwater was 58 million cubic meters; out of the rainwater, 22 million cubic meters of water flew into Gulf of Motmatwa via river mouths of Thanlwin, Sittoung, Ayeyawady, Ngawun and Rakhine State, which was 38 per cent of the total rainfall amount of the nation and the remaining 62 per cent or 36 million cubic meters of water vaporized and seeped into the ground.

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He went on to say that in accord with the guidance of the President, the Environment Conservation Committee was reorganized and the committee was led by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry with deputy ministers of related ministries and personnel as members; in addition formulation of environmental conservation laws under way, said the Union Minister. He said, therefore, his ministry would coordinate with respective region or state government, government agencies, NGOs for preservation of major rivers of the nation, watershed areas of dams and natural environment; comprehensive master plan for conservation of river systems would be adopted as necessary for protection and sustainability of water resources of rivers and creeks; the project would be hugely beneficial to the nation, but as the same time it called for agreement of the government and short and long terms plans with coordination between local and foreign experts due to former works. He added that detailed planning was in process.

U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No. 10 asked whether there is plan to renovate and extend current Maung Aung Airport and run flights in consideration of convenient transportation to Maung Aung residents. The Union Minister replied that the runway of Maung Aung (Samonote) Airport was 3000 feet in length and 75 feet in width in 1969 and its surface was made of gravel and earth, two inches in thickness; from 1969 to 1979, Darkota airplanes landed twice a week and from 1979 to 1985, Twin-otter landed twice a week in open season. As the airport was extended to have the runway with the length of 4000 feet to enable F-27 to land, it has the runway with the length of 3700 feet, the width of 75 feet and the height of 12 feet in 1990-1991 fiscal year. Due to weather and lack of maintenance, the aircraft cannot take off and land the runway. It will continue to extend the runway to have the length of 7800 feet and the width of 600 feet.

As Kyaukpyu Airport with the current runway of 4620 feet and the width of 100 feet is being extending for Deep Sea Port Project, it will have the runway with the length of 7000 feet and the width of 100 feet in coming two years and will be able to land by F-27. It is not needed to construct the airport with 4000 feet runway as Maung Aung (Samonote) Airport is in 36-mile distance from Kyaukpyu airport. The ministry will ply three榨 more flights only if small aircrafts if there is market demand for border region development, depending on the numbers of passengers. Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye gave one answer to questions related to education raised by seven Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 3 that “to improve the understanding and to win more interest of the students in most in subjects in high schools of Basic Education Department and universities, degree colleges and colleges under Higher Education Department, there is plan to use Myanmar language in teaching and questioning definitions in English except in Master courses”, the Union Minister said English started to be used as Medium of Instruction in higher education courses in 1980 to ensure international standard education; as those matriculated are to be ready to take university courses, mathematics and sciences subjects were taught in English at high school level since 1986-1987 academic year; both at high school level and higher education post-graduate level, lecturers are teaching the lesson in both languages; students have to use English for taking notes and for examinations; language
deficiency does not interfere with academic skills; though, understanding of the questions may be a weakness; as instructors could be skilled in using one as international language as medium of instruction, it will not meet international university standard if the bilingual texts are prescribed; there is no plan to teach and question in bilingual at university level and needed subjects well in English at high school level will be scrutinized.

The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Education had taught the teachers from education colleges and universities physical training and arts during the training and appointed them as teachers at the schools. Teachers from the education colleges and education universities were appointed at the basic education schools and arrangement were made to teach arts to students. Since 1985, the ministry had been trained a total of 7450 teachers. However, some retired and some shifted to teaching lessons. Today, 994 teachers for physical education had been appointed at the BEHS and 1518 teachers for physical training at the BEMSSs. Besides, the ministry conducted the trainings for physical training teachers yearly.

U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No. 10 raised queries whether there is some plan to promote number of primary schools in Hinthada, Nanpaung, Yeypyuwin, Kyitkwe Villages in the forest area in Htiyagya Township as it was over ten years that those villages were put into service, and to increase number of primary schools in Ayechanwin and Thitsonoinn focal points in the forest area, where almost 500 households have lived there, though they had not been villages yet. The Union Minister responded that if a primary school (branch) was constructed, it needed at least three acres of land, and as those villages mentioned above were built on vacant lands and Inmaung forest reserve, there might have many difficulties to build a school there. Besides, he stressed that there are mobile schools to be able to pursue the children’s education.

U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No. 10 questioned how much percentage of GDP the government is spending on the education sector in this fiscal year to come out a modern developed nation, and whether there is some plan to spend cost rate as much as foreign countries’, and when that plan will be started if possible. The Union Minister answered that in the time of the present government, there has been universities, degree colleges and colleges totaling 162 in higher education sector, in middle education sector, basic education schools (high/middle/primary) totaling 41272 this fiscal year. The State government is costing K 352,584 million, 0.77 percentage of GDP, in education sector; that is 4.42 per cent of the government expenditure. The government has arranged to award scholarships costly K 1089.6 million to any outstanding students in 2012-2013 fiscal year as the more development the country, the more investments increased. Besides, the Union Minister said that the government is carrying out the tasks for promotion of education sector such as extension of universities, degree colleges, colleges, institutes and basic education schools, assigning of teachers more and more, supplying teaching aids, making research tasks existed than before, building additional rooms starting from this year. Therefore, there has been increased percentage of GDP spent on education sector year by year.

The first Aung Hlutaw ended the second regular session for its 22nd day at 2:40 pm, and will continue its 23rd day at 10 am tomorrow.

At today’s session, the respective Union Ministers answered 19 queries raised by representatives.
**Wild cattle species endangered in Cambodia**

**BANGKOK, 21 Sept—** The world’s largest population of banteng, a type of cattle native to Southeast Asia, is at risk from hunters and agricultural concessions granted inside protected areas of Cambodia, a conservation group said Monday.

Numbers of banteng, graceful wild cattle that once roamed in vast herds, in Cambodia have plummeted by 90 percent since the 1960s and the species is listed as globally endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which monitors wildlife populations.

A three-year study by the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Cambodian government showed that between 2,700 and 5,700 banteng have survived on the plains of northeastern Cambodia from a global population of 5,900 to 11,000. Areas of Thailand and Indonesia shelter only several hundred.

Along with poaching for meat and horn trophies, the wild cattle is losing its habitat to land concessions granted by the government to foreign and local investors and large-scale infrastructure projects, the WWF said.

“It essentially means Cambodia’s protected areas, including those that contain globally important species, are not as protected by law as people once thought,” the statement said.—INTERNET

**Australian scientists discover how liver kills “killer cells”**

**SYDNEY, 21 Sept—** Australian scientists at the Centenary Institute in Sydney have discovered that the liver destroys the “killer” T-cells, which target donor organs, reducing organ rejection. Their discovery, published on Tuesday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, opens the way to both new approaches to transplant rejection and to the fight against hepatitis and other chronic liver diseases which affect over 200,000 Australians and hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The scientists have seen for the first time (in mice) how the liver goes independent, engulfing and destroying the body’s defense troops - T-cells.

What the researchers have discovered is the liver goes around this process: liver cells signal to naive T-cells and digest them before they have a chance to become killer T-cells. “The liver is an amazing organ,” said Dr Patrick Bertolino, the leader of the research team at the Centenary Institute. “Most people think it just breaks down alcohol, but it’s the factory of the body breaking down substances we don’t want and making the ones that we do.”—Xinhua

**S Korea jobless rate falls in August**

**SEOUL, 21 Sept—** South Korea’s unemployment rate fell in August from the previous month, according to official figures. The rate was 3.0 percent compared with 3.3 percent in July.

Statistics Korea said. The number of people with jobs rose by 490,000 from a year earlier to 24.5 million, compared with a 335,000 rise in July.

Finance Minister Bahk Jae-Wan said the data indicates the country’s strong fundamentals, but stressed the need for global cooperation to ease market fears arising from US and eurozone woes. “Korea will show leadership in resolving global issues,” he said, referring to the Group of 20 finance ministers’ meeting in the US later this week.

“We will also hold bilateral talks with key countries like the US and China and meet with global credit rating agencies to strengthen our capacity to respond to crises and prevent unnecessary misconceptions about our economy.”—INTERNET

**Growing concern over drugs fed to animals**

**NEW YORK, 21 Sept—** Drugs fed to animals to promote growth and prevent diseases may play a key role in the emergence of antibiotic resistant bacteria, microbiologists said.

The practice of administering large quantities of antimicrobial drugs “favours the emergence of drug resistant bacteria that can spread to humans through the consumption of contaminated food, from direct contact with animals or by environmental spread,” said Awa Aidara-Kane of the World Health Organization.

“In addition, genes encoding for resistance can be transmitted from zoonotic bacteria to human pathogens,” added Aidara-Kane, who leads the WHO Advisory Group on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance. In order to reduce the risk of the emergence and spread of resistant bacteria via the consumption of animal food products, the WHO suggests restricting and even eliminating the use of antibiotics to boost animal growth.

Between 2008 and 2010 resistance increased from 8 percent to 24 percent. In retail chickens isolates, resistance in Salmonella Heidelberg increase from 17 percent in 2008 to 31 percent in 2009.

The strain is resistant to nearly all antibiotics.

**12 bushfires still burning across Australia’s Queensland**

**BRISBANE, 21 Sept—** About a dozen bushfires are still burning across Queensland in Australia but are not threatening any property, authorities said on Wednesday.

Firefighters are monitoring at least 12 blazes, including four that broke out at Eidsvold in southeast Queensland on Monday, according to Queensland Government’s Department of Community Safety (DCS).

The Department said the fires were all within containment lines but being closely watched.

“There’s no threat to property or residents,” a DCS spokeswoman said. A large grass fire at Dallarni, west of Gin Gin in the North Coast Region has been burning since Sunday. Another at Black Snake, near Gympie in the same region began on Tuesday.—Xinhua

**Workers unload reaped soybeans from the truck on a farm in the land reclamation area of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 18 Sept, 2011. The new planting method is expected to help the soybean output increase to over 200 kilograms per mu (about 0.067 hectare) this year. —XINHUA**
Pilot error, drunk navigator caused Russian crash

MOSCOW, 21 Sept—Pilot error, slight intoxication of the navigator, and a failure of the crew to interact properly caused a plane crash that killed 47 people in June of this year, Russia’s Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC) said on Monday.

The crew should have circled to make a fresh attempt at landing in poor weather conditions, the IAC probe found.

It “was the failure of the crew to decide on a go-around and descend below the minimal established safety altitude in the absence of visual contact with approach lights and landmarks which resulted in the collision of the aircraft with trees and ground,” the IAC said.

The report comes out nearly two weeks after another plane crash that killed dozens of Russian and international hockey players in Yaroslavl, Russia. An attempt at landing in poor weather conditions, the IAC said.

A rescue worker walks amid the debris of the Russian jet that went down on 20 June in Petrozavodsk, killing 47 people.—Internet

Airbus: Passenger planes to double over 20 years

LONDON, 21 Sept — The number of passenger planes worldwide will more than double over the next 20 years, planemaker Airbus has predicted.

The number of planes made by all manufacturers of more than 100 seats will grow from 15,000 this year to 31,000 by 2030, it forecast.

China, the US and Germany are predicted to generate the greatest demand.

“One of the next 20 years, Asia-Pacific will account for 34% of demand, Europe 22% and North America 22%,” it said. Airbus, speaking at its annual global forecast meeting, predicted that the number of low-cost airlines will make up around 19% of all air traffic by 2030, compared with around 5% currently.

It claims the number of middle-class people traditionally more likely to fly - will grow from 1.84 billion this year to almost 5 billion by 2030.

Airbus’ forecast also includes 900 newly built freighter aircraft for commercial use. Two thirds of the world’s cargo planes have been converted from conventional passenger planes.

The European firm, which makes the giant double-decker A380 superjumbo, believes long-haul air traffic will grow three-fold over the next 20 years.

It could even launch an extra-large version of the A380 by the end of this decade, it said.

“Love on Credit” film crew releases photos of Lin Zhiling in a wedding dress which was sold at one million yuan at a charity auction. —Xinhua

US couple provoked fatal bear attack

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept—A couple probably provoked a fatal attack by aizzly bear in Yellowstone National Park by yelling and running away from it despite advice to the contrary, an investigation has concluded.

The couple encountered the mother bear with her cubs on the Wapiti Lake Trailhead, a popular route in the sprawling park, which spans the US states of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, on the morning of 6 July. The bear was about 100 yards away when they noticed it and turned around to get away. Looking over their shoulders, they saw it was following them and began to run and yell, the report on the park’s website said.

“The bear’s chase response to the Matayoshis was most likely exacerbated by their running and yelling as they fled,” it said. “What possibly began as an attempt by the bear to assess the Matayoshis’ activities became a sustained pursuit of them as they fled running and yelling on the trail.” —Internet

Illegal rat poison in NY’s Chinatown

NEW YORK, 21 Sept—Twelve New Yorkers face multiple misdemeanor charges for selling rat poison nearly 61 times more concentrated than legally allowed, officials said.

Thousands of packets of the illegal pesticides were sold to undercover agents during the course of a five-month investigation in and around Chinatown, The New York Times reported on Monday.—Internet

Winner finally takes the plunge

LONDON, 21 Sept—Film director Michael Winner finally tied the knot in London on Monday. The 75-year-old married 70-year-old Geraldine Lynton-Edwards, whom he met in 1957 when she was a 16-year-old actress and ballet dancer.—Internet

Five bikers killed by fumes at event

NASHVILLE, 21 Sept—Five bikers were found dead in a recreational vehicle at a Tennessee speedway fund-raising event, apparently killed by fumes. The three men and two women were found in the vehicle at the Clarksville Speedway, about 40 miles north west of Nashville.—Internet

Wild West comes to New York

NEW YORK, 21 Sept—A horse sparked scenes normally seen in the Wild West rather than New York when it broke loose in the streets of Harlem. The horse was taking part in a cowboy event when it made its bid for freedom, running through six blocks before being corralled by police in a park.—Internet

120 donkeys living California dream

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Sept—Scores of donkeys have been flown to a sanctuary in California after being rescued in Hawaii. The Humane Society of the United States chartered the flight for 120 donkeys. They are descendants of donkeys brought to Hawaii’s Big Island to work on coffee plantations, but were cast aside when they became obsolete.—Internet

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Actor Tom Sizemore arrested, held briefly in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 21 Sept—Actor Tom Sizemore spent several hours behind bars in Los Angeles on Tuesday for apparently missing a court date last month, police and judicial officials said.

The “Saving Private Ryan” actor, is trying to make a comeback from drug addiction with a role in TV show “Hawaii Five-O,” was arrested by police during a drug-related investigation.

Although no drugs were found, police found them less than an hour to locate the beast and he hooked the gator with his bass rod after his father missed a cast with a far-sturdier rod. “I thought it was just a 9-footer,” Tim Stroh said.

“Then I saw how big it was. I was more afraid we would lose it than I was of the gator, because of the rod.”

Stroh said he managed to reel the gator in next to the boat and they used harpoons to hoist the large reptile onto the craft.

“It’s the largest gator I’ve seen since I started guiding hunts in 1989,” Stroh said.

“The processor we went to in Loxahatchee said it’s the biggest they’ve ever handled.”

He is set to appear in the new season of “Celebrity Rehab” in 2010 to try and beat his habit.

Because he lost his class ring during a snowball fight on Tilbury Street less than a week after obtaining it from Allderdice High School in 1972, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Monday.

Delaney said he had long since given up hope of finding the ring when Max Zeck, 15, and his father, Mike Yoffee, showed up on his doorstep two weeks ago.

“I couldn’t believe it.” said Delaney, who still lives in the same house.

“They put a lot of effort into this.” The father and son said Ruben Gonzales, 77, found the ring while weeding his Tilbury Street yard in the spring and he gave it to Zeck, an Allderdice High School student who mows Gonzales’ lawn, to try to find the owner.

Under their agreement, Disney — which typically sticks to its own franchises and properties in designing rides — won exclusive global theme park rights to the Avatar franchise. It will eventually take Avatar “lands” beyond Orlando’s Disney World.

“Such events are not typically seen under normal conditions. Under these circumstances, it’s been an unprecedented sense of reality,” Cameron said in a statement.

Canadian director James Cameron attends the launch of the movie “Avatar” in Blu-Ray Disc and DVD in San Paulo on 11 April, 2010. — Reuters

Connick to perform on ‘Dancing’

LOS ANGELES, 21 Sept—Harry Connick Jr and LMFAO are to perform on the premiere of “Dancing with the Stars: The Results Show” in Los Angeles, ABC announced.

Season 13 of the dance competition show began Monday. The first results show of the season, during which one couple will be eliminated, is to air Tuesday.

The episode will follow a one-hour special called “Dancing with the Stars: Meet the Cast,” featuring the “most exciting moments from the teams’ first week of training,” ABC said in a news release.

Baby born on Manila-San Francisco flight

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United, Arsenal advance to League Cup 4th round

LONDON, 21 Sept — Manchester United transferred its free-scoring form to the League Cup by cruising past Leeds 3-0 in the third round on Tuesday night, while Arsenal had to come from a goal down to overwhelm fourth-tier Shrewsbury 3-1 and avoid another defeat.

Former England striker Michael Owen scored twice and veteran winger Ryan Giggs added the third as a makeshift United team swept past second-tier Championship side Leeds at Elland Road.

Arsenal also played its reserves and had to work much harder to make the fourth round after slipping behind to James Collins' shock 16th-minute goal for visiting Shrewsbury.

Defeat to a team three divisions lower would have piled more pressure on Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger after his team's dreadful start.

However, left back Kieran Gibbs equalized with a far-post header before halftime and second-half goals by the impressive Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Israeli captain Yossi Benayoun eased the gloom around Emirates Stadium. — Internet

Shrewsbury Town's James Collins, center, celebrates after scoring against Arsenal during their English League Cup soccer match at the Emirates stadium, London.—INTERNET

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Gerrard set to boost Liverpool in Cup return

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AP source: Man United delays stock market offering

LONDON, 21 Sept — Manchester United put on hold its $1 billion Singapore stock market offering because of volatile global markets, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the club is not discussing its financial plans publicly, said United's American owners are waiting for market conditions to improve before going ahead with the listing. Approval for the initial public offering already had been approved by Singapore's stock exchange. The Glazer family, which also owns the

Manchester United's Nani, third right, is congratulated by team mate Wayne Rooney after scoring a goal against Chelsea during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford, Manchester, England.—INTERNET

Tampa Bay Buccaneers plans to remain in control of United by making only 25 percent to 30 percent of the club available. The family wants to raise $1 billion to help cut debts, which were $747 million on 30 June. If the Premier League champions do not list by the end of the year they will have to seek an extension. United's planned listing values the club at far more than the $1.9 billion valuation by Forbes magazine, which has ranked it as soccer's most valuable team the last seven years. The club was bought by the Glazers for $1.4 billion in 2005.

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Lille escape with draw after Diabate penalty miss

PARIS, 21 Sept — French champions Lille missed the chance to go level on points with Ligue 1 leaders Lyon on Tuesday as they drew 1-1 away with out of form Bordeaux.

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Valencia’s Rami for man-to-man job on Messi

BARCELONA, 21 Sept—Valencia’s French centre-back Adil Rami says the only way to stop Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi is to try a spot of man-to-man marking.

“I think you’d have to put a quick and gifted player on Messi who would follow him wherever he goes. We’d lose a player — but then so would they,” Rami told Wednesday’s El País daily.

Spanish league leaders Valencia host Barcelona on Wednesday evening.

Rami, who joined Valencia in the summer after winning the French title with Lille, meanwhile admitted he had his work cut out to survive in La Liga and said his technique required improvement. “I know I can put the team in difficulty owing to my technical level being only there or thereabouts. That can be dangerous sometimes,” Rami said when asked if he had any weaknesses.

“People say I am impressive physically but I am only doing my work — that is, defend well and do more if the opportunity presents itself.” —Internet
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It was attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 376 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Six questions were answered, one bill submitted, one proposal discussed and one new proposal submitted.

U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukkyi Constituency asked whether there is a plan to set up the farmers’ organization under the leadership of the government for serving the interest of the farmers and the State. Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan replied that he would reply as the leader of the Spokespersons and Information Team, saying that farmers constituted the 70 per cent of the population as major forces of the nation as well as primary productive factors of the economy; so, the Section 23 of the constitution of the Republic of Myanmar stated that “The State shall enact necessary laws to protect rights of the peasants; and assist peasants to obtain equitable value of their agricultural produce” and in accordance with the provisions, measures would be taken for promotion and protection of rights of farmers; in doing so, steps would be taken from various aspects for better socio-economic life of farmers, helping them enjoy satisfactory profits from agricultural produce; likewise, steps would be taken for broadening horizon of farmers, developing human resources.

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U Aung Chit Lwin of Sagaing Region Constituency No 11 asked whether there is a plan to regularly open University for Development of National Races where national races of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gather to pursue education by upholding the national unity. Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu replied that since its establishment, the Institute of Development for National Races was opened with the aim of training the national races from border areas and far-flung areas of the nation to get degrees for assigning them at far-flung and undeveloped regions so as to disseminate education among the local people and to participate in regional development.

At that time, Myanmar had two universities in Yangon and Mandalay. Colleges were located in Mawlamyine, Magway, Pathein, Myitkyina, Taunggyi and Kyaukpyu. Beginning 1994-1995 academic year, the University for Development of National Races admits the trainees from regions and states to be provided with M.Ed courses.

All 14 regions and states have been facilitated with universities, technological universities, universities for computer studies and degree colleges. The State has spent a large sum of money on

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