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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Japanese delegation led by Member of Japan’s House of Representatives
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Saturday, 24 September, 2011**

**Establish tea plantations on commercial scale**

Various kinds of crops thrive in Myanmar blessed with water and land resources and fine weather. Monsoon paddy and summer paddy are grown in delta regions and plains. Pulses and beans, oil crops and industrial crops are grown as well. Tea and coffee are planted extensively in hilly farmlands.

Intaking measures for rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, agricultural produce development is one of the processes.

To realize the process is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Tea production will have to be developed in order to enable tea farmers in hilly regions and rural folks generate more incomes.

Generally, tea thrives in regions over 3000 feet above the sea level. Tea species suited with the weather has been increasingly sown in Chin State, Shan State and Sagaing Region. Namhsan Township is tea-growing region, growing 80 percent of the tea cultivated in the country.

Namhsan Township put over 40000 acres of farmland under tea plantations while Mantung Township grown tea on over 6000 acres of land. As the townships use conventional methods, the yield is low as numbers of tea plant per acre is little, fertilizer is hardly applied and it relies solely on rainwater.

The respective ministry combines educative demonstrations and practical applications for increased tea production. Applying outcomes of the research on reproduction of tea saplings, it joins local farmers on the practical field. Technologies and investments must come together to establish commercial tea plantations.

The ministry disbursed agricultural loans for tea plantation. Costs for growing new plantation are also provided. Local nationals are to grow marketable tea with improved plantation are also provided. Local nationals for tea plantation. Costs for growing new plantation are also provided. Local nationals are to grow marketable tea with improved plantation are also provided. Local nationals for tea plantation. Costs for growing new plantation are also provided. Local nationals are to grow marketable tea with improved plantation are also provided. Local nationals for tea plantation.

Third Region/State Men’s Hockey Tournament on 30 Sept

YANGON, 23 Sept—Myanmar Hockey Federation and Yangon City Development Committee met yesterday for holding third Region/State Men’s Hockey Tournament to be jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and the federation and hockey tournament to be jointly-organized by five South-East Asia nations.

Kayah State, Chin State, Bago Region, Mandalay Region, Rakhine State, Yangon Region, Shan State and Ayeyawady Region will take part in the third Region/State Men’s Hockey Tournament to be held from 30 September to 14 October.

It will be followed by round robin matches between Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation in December at Theinbya artificial lounge.

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**Public Announcement for remonstration**

1. Democratic Alliance Party headquartered at Block 310 in Letwyagyi of West Daewun Ward in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region, on 23-9-2011 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag, and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Union Election Commission

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**Oversea Employment Supervisory Committee meets**

**Oversea employment supervisory committee Chairman Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi addresses second work coordination meeting of oversea employment supervisory committee.—MNA**

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**To prevent extinction of fish species, fingerlings were released into lakes and streams in Pyapon Township, Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Region, on 11 September.—District IPRD**

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**Flag of Democratic Alliance Party Seal of Democratic Alliance Party**
Police make eighth counter-terrorism arrest

LONDON, 23 Sept—Police on Thursday said they had made an eighth arrest in connection with a major counter-terrorism operation in Birmingham.

West Midlands police said a 20-year-old man was detained on suspicion of an act of terrorism on September 21, 2011. The latest floods, triggered by monsoon rains, have killed more than 230 people, destroyed or damaged 1.2 million houses and flooded 4.5 million acres (1.8 million hectares) since late last month, officials and Western aid groups say. —INTERNET

Bomb at Iraqi pilgrim restaurant kills four, wounds 17

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept—A suicide bomber blew up a minibus in front of a restaurant used by Shi’ite pilgrims in the Iraqi Town of Haswa on Thursday, killing four people and wounding 17 others, security sources said.

The explosion took place about 50 km (30 miles) south of Baghdad and targeted pilgrims who were on their way to the southern holy City of Kerbala.

"A suicide bomber in a minibus drove into a restaurant, which is usually used by Shi’ite pilgrims. But concrete blast walls helped to lessen the number of casualties,” said a police source, who declined to be named.

The Babil Province security operations centre said four people were killed in the explosion and 17 others were wounded. Violence has dropped sharply in Iraq since the peak of sectarian fighting in 2006-07 but bombings and other attacks still occur daily as the army and police battle Sunni militant and Shi’ite Muslim militias.

Shi’ite pilgrims have been frequent targets of the still lethal Sunni insurgency trying to destabilize Iraq’s nascent democracy as US troops prepare to withdraw by December.

PKistan warns US “You will lose an ally”

ISLAMABAD, 23 Sept—Pakistan’s foreign minister said on Thursday the United States risks losing an ally if it continues to publicly criticize Islamabad’s performance in the war against militancy.

“You will lose an ally,” Hina Rabbani Khar told Geo TV in New York. “You cannot afford to alienate Pakistan, you cannot afford to alienate the Pakistani people. If you are choosing to do so and if you are choosing to do so it will be at their (the United States’) own cost.” Khar was responding to Senate testimony by the outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, who said Pakistan’s top spy agency was closely tied to the Haqqani Network, the most violent and effective faction in the Afghan Taliban militancy.

Mullen said on Thursday that Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence agency (ISI) played a role in the 13 September attack on the US embassy in Kabul, supporting militants known as the Haqqani network.

That network, he said, is a “veritable arm” of the ISI. The embassy attack was the latest in a series of violent episodes that have set back US efforts to bring the Afghan war to a peaceful close.

Mullen’s comments and Khar’s retort mark an unusual escalation of rhetoric between the allies in the struggle against militants and, at least in public, marks a low point in their relationship.

US-Pakistani relations had barely begun to recover from the hostility triggered by an unannounced US Special Forces raid that killed Osama bin Laden in the Pakistani City of Abbottabad in May.—Reuters

Russian nuclear submarine hit by fishing trawler

MOSCOW, 23 Sept—The Russian navy says that one of its nuclear submarines has been hit by a fishing trawler and suffered minor damage. The Interfax news agency quoted Pacific Fleet spokesman Roman Martov as saying that the collision occurred Wednesday in the Avachino Bay on the far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula.

Martov said Thursday that the incident caused no injuries and inflicted only “insignificant” damage to the anchored submarine. Interfax quoted the navy as saying that there was no radiation leak. Martov said the submarine’s crew had seen the approaching trawler and tried to warn it of the imminent collision, but the vessel ignored the signals. Interfax reported that a navy inspection team checked the trawler and found all of its crew drunk. The Russian Defence Ministry had no immediate comment.—Internet

Fire in southwest Baltimore kills woman, two kids

People remove belongings from a fire-damaged brick row house in Baltimore, on 22 Sept, 2011. An early morning blaze killed a woman and two children and damaged nearly a dozen homes in a southwest Baltimore neighbourhood, fire officials said. —INTERNET

Baltimore, 23 Sept—Officials say a fire in southwest Baltimore killed a woman and two children and damaged nearly a dozen homes. Fire Chief Kevin Cartwright says the three bodies were found in the home where the fire began about 1:30 am Thursday. He didn’t immediately identify them.

Dozens of relatives and friends of the woman gathered around the corner from the home crying and holding each other, but they declined to talk.

By the time residents were allowed to return to the block of two-story brick rowhouses, they found red condemnation notices posted outside seven homes. Windows were ripped out and a jumble of debris including burnt out air conditioners, mattresses, bedposts and couches was piled on the sidewalks outside.

Cartwright says there are no immediate signs of suspicious activity. —Internet

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Nike’s 1Q net income rises 15 percent

PORTLAND, (Ore) 23 Sept—Nike Inc released quarterly financial results, 22 Sept, 2011, after the market close.—INTERNET

Nike, the world’s largest athletic shoe and apparel maker, said that’s why sales improved in nearly all markets, including strong gains in the US and emerging markets like India and China. Revenue from North America, which is its largest market, rose 16 percent to $2.2 billion. In emerging markets, revenue soared 35 percent to $799 million.

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As a result, Nike earned $645 million, or $1.36 per share, for the quarter that ended 31 Aug, up from $559 million, or $1.17 per share, in the same quarter last year. The results far exceed the $1.21 per share Wall Street was expecting. Nike said it benefited from lower tax rates and the repurchase of 7.7 million shares.—INTERNET

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Understanding the genetic basis of mental illness only very poorly,” Dr. Shaun Purcell, an associate professor of psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and co-author on the schizophrenia study, said in a news release.

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Japan sends new spy satellite into space

TOKYO, 23 Sept—Japan’s H-2A rocket carrying a new information gathering satellite was launched at the Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture on Friday, local media reported.

Japan has already introduced three information-gathering satellites in the wake of a missile launch by Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, and the latest one will replace the No 2 satellite which has passed its use-by date, Kyodo News said.

The development cost of the fourth satellite has reached 35.9 billion yen and its launch expenses have come to 10.4 billion yen, according to the government. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd were forced to put off the launch three times during the past four weeks due to the approach of a powerful typhoon and discovery of a system glitch. The rocket was initially scheduled to be sent into orbit on 28 Aug.—Xinhua

Scientists reconstruct brain’s ‘movies’

BERKELEY, 23 Sept—US researchers say with brain scans and computation models they can decode and reconstruct people’s dynamic visual experiences, their internal brain “movies.” Scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, say functional magnetic resonance imaging combined with powerful computational power is unlocking the visuals within people’s heads, a university release reported Thursday.

While the technology now can only reconstruct movie clips people have already viewed — in the case of the Berkeley study, Hollywood movie trailers — and the reconstructed moving images are round and blurry, researchers say the breakthrough could one day lead to reproducing the moving images inside our heads that no one else sees, such as dreams and memories.

“This is a major leap toward reconstructing internal imagery,” study co-author Jack Gallant, a UC Berkeley neuroscientist, said. “We are opening a window into the movies in our minds.”—Internet

Aboriginal Australian is world’s first explorers

CANBERRA, 23 Sept—A genetic study on Friday found Aboriginal Australians are descended from the first people to leave Africa up to 75,000 years ago.

Researchers from the University of Western Australia, Murdoch University and an international team analyzed genetic material of a 100-year-old West Australian Aboriginal man’s hair, and found he was directly descended from a migration out of Africa into Asia.

The study revealed that Australian Aboriginal ancestors split from the first modern human populations to leave Africa, between 64,000 and 75,000 years ago, at least 24,000 years before other human migrations.

According to Dr Joe Dorch, an archaeologist at the University of Western Australia, the discovery rewrites the history of the human species by confirming humans moved out of Africa in waves of migrations rather than in one single out-of-Africa diaspora.

It also rewrites the story about how Aboriginals arrived in Australia some 50,000 years ago.

Associate Professor Darren Curnoe, leader of the Human Evolutionary Biology Lab in the School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences at the University of New South Wales, said the study powerfully confirms that Aboriginal Australians are one of the oldest living populations in the world, certainly the oldest outside of Africa.

“Australians are truly one of the world’s great human populations and a very ancient one at that, with deep connections to the Australian continent and broader Asian Region. About this now there can be no dispute,” he told Xinhua in an email note.

Meanwhile, Professor Alan Cooper, Director of the Australian Centre for Ancient DNA (ACAD) at the University of Adelaide, said while this is a major step forward, the key unresolved question remains the unique story of Aboriginal history within Australia, such as what has happened in those 50,000 years of life in the harsh Australian environment. Xinhua
Murdock paper hacked minister’s voice mail

MacShane remains a Member of Parliament, representing the City of Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

Some of MacShane’s messages hacked by Glenn Mulcaire, a private detective who worked on retainer for the News of the World, included voice mails from Joan Smith, a newspaper columnist and crime novelist with whom MacShane had a personal relationship at the time, the evidence shows.

The people familiar with the evidence said that the News of the World’s objective in hacking MacShane’s and Smith’s messages appeared to be to discover more information about their private relationship. However, the paper never published a story on the subject.

Port Authority not liable in 1993 WTC attack, court

In Wednesday’s 4-3 ruling, which reversed lower court decisions, the majority argued that security for the World Trade Centre was akin to a public police force.

“Police protection is a quintessential example of a governmental function,” Judge Theodore Jones wrote in the ruling.

Lower courts had ruled that the Port Authority acted as a private landlord because the World Trade Centre was largely a commercial complex. In her dissent, Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick agreed with that position.—Reuters

Man charged in Sony hacking case

Kretsinger, known by the moniker “recursion,” grabbed confidential information from Sony, passed it along to other members of LulzSec who posted the stolen material on its website, according to the indictment.

Additional charges may be forthcoming because the indictment notes Kretsinger was aided by other known and unknown co-conspirators. The investigation is ongoing, said FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller.—Internet

Russia builds high-speed combat helicopter

According to Alexandr Tatushin, the new helicopter, which was being designed by Russian Helicopters, would be capable of speeds up to 450-500 kilometres per hour. Speaking at an international youth innovations forum in the central Russian City of Novosibirsk, Tatushin said the new machine’s speed would be well above most modern helicopters which have maximum speeds of 320 km per hour. He said several dozen billion rubles have been allocated to the project so far.

The official said that, in 2011-2020, Rostekhnologii would allocate one trillion rubles to the project, in which 33 billion US dollars “or even more” for innovation, technical modernization and designing works in the aviation industry. —Xinhua
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(from page 1) The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Mr Li Junhua.

They exchanged views on bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The guests viewed convening of the Hluttaw.

Yesterday evening, the Chinese delegation met Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw.

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(from page 1) During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters on promotion of relations between the two parliaments and promotion of bilateral friendship between the two countries.

Relief aids donated to flood victims in Toungoo, Ottwin

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept— Bago Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe and Region Minister for Border Affairs and Security Col Thet Tun on 18 September provided flood victims at the relief camps in Toungoo and Ottwin Townships.

They donated 166 bags of rice, 150 viss of edible oil, seven bags of detergent powder and 1,200 pieces of clothes to 902 flood victims in eight villages of Toungoo Township and 33 bags of rice, 31 viss of edible oil, 16 boxes of instant noodle and 25 bags of detergent powder to flood victims in Wati, Chaungna and Ohbin villages of Ottwin Township.

Those wishing to donate relief aids to flood victims of Toungoo, Ottwin, Yedashe and Htantalbin townships of Toungoo District may contact respective township administration office.—MNA

Thailand’s economic growth revised downward

BANGKOK, 23 Sept— Thailand’s National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) reported Monday that the country’s economy had been expected to expand by 3.5-4 percent in 2011, lower than the 3.5-4.5 percent projected earlier in May. According to NESDB Secretary General Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Thailand’s economy in the second quarter grew by only 2.6 percent, decreasing from 3.2 percent in the first quarter.

Contractions in the manufacturing sector affected by Japan’s devastating earthquake and tsunami, and the subsequent contraction of the Japanese economy as well as reduction in total investment are among the leading causes.

Xinhua

Over 200,000-year-old coins unearthed in Inner Mongolia

HORHOT, 23 Sept— More than 200 coins that were used 1,000 years ago were excavated in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, said local archaeologists on Tuesday. The green verdigris-covered coins, most from the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127) and some from the Tang Dynasty (618-907), were unearthed at a construction site in Araxan League, said Zhang Zhenzhou, curator of Weiwu municipal museum in Gansu Province. "Despite the many battles between the two kingdoms, bilateral trade was booming, which lead to the transfer of the Northern Song coins to Western Xia," Li said. Probably people tried to hide their money during warfare by burying the coins, Zhang said. The archaeologists are classifying and studying the coins in order to ascertain in which year the coins were buried and hopefully shed some light on ancient bilateral trade, Zhang said.

Historical records show that the Song silk, porcelain, iron and various textiles were traded to places as far as the Indus River and modern-day Iraq.—Xinhua

People Democracy Party granted as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept— The Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Announcement No. 49/2011 today.

The registration number of People Democracy Party is 43.

By order,

Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

The educative talks on anti-rabies will be held

YANGON, 23 Sept— The educative talks on anti-rabies sponsored by Myanmar Veterinarians Association will be held at Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Insein Township, here to mark the World Anti-Rabies Day.

As a token of honouring the World Anti-Rabies Day, the Region and State LBVDs will give anti-rabies vaccines to dogs free of charge.—MNA

A Russian woman presents her pottery handicrafts made of bark during a China-Russia cultural festival in Heihe City, northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 22 Aug, 2011.

Xinhua

Li Jianguo (L), a local villager, and his son repair their house damaged by the floods in a village of Hexigten Qi, Chifeng City, north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 22 Aug, 2011.

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So, he went on that the staff of his ministry have to fill in the form as said by the applicant on condition that facts are logical; so the real case is that his staff have to fill the scrutiny card application form according to the officer applicant in line with procedures and not that the facts about the applicant are filled in by his staff first.

He went on that in making household registration, taking censuses, and carrying out civil works, if citizens concerned himself asks for description of his tribe, then it is filled according to his wish; filling in the race instead of filling in particular tribe of the same race would require wish and agreement of individual concerned, his staff cannot fill in the form as they wish according to information provided by the applicants and thus it is a process to be implemented only with the wishes and agreements of persons concerned.

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint replied to queries raised by two representatives.

U Aye Myint of Insein Constituency said he would like to know “progress in implementation of national projects and projects in planning for development from science and technology sector” and “rumors that Myanmar is trying to build nuclear power with the assistance of a nuclear power nation is right or wrong.”

He went on that his ministry has been focusing on R & D, as a result it could invent technologies for prevention against soil depletion and revitalization of decaying soil, and has been able to develop various kinds of bio fertilizers, tonics for organic plants and bio-pesticide useful for organic farming to farmers at reasonable price; his ministry has been making researches on production of computerized numerical control (CNC) machines and able to produce six major parts of 2-axis CNC lathe machine and five major parts of 3-axis CNC milling machine; in addition, his ministry has succeeded in production of PC-based control system useable in 2-axis CNC lathe machine and 3-axis milling machine, conducting researches on systems used for transformation of conventional lathe machines into CNC lathe machines.

He went on that his ministry has tested self-made major parts of five kinds of automobile engines ranging from 22 hp to 30 hp, used in auto-rickshaw and a kind of farming diesel engine on respective vehicles; moreover, 19-blade Francis turbine runner with 860 mm inlet diameter and 915 mm outlet diameter for 6-megawatt turbine essential in hydropower generation is on trial run; charge controller for solar panel and charge controller for wind turbine can now be manufactured locally, which instead were previously imported from abroad for power generation with use of renewable energy—solar and wind energy.

He went on that his ministry is conducting researches on production of Nd for strong magnets used in wind turbine, metallurgical grade silicon used in solar panels and sails with the use of fiber glass; self-made universal unmanned aerial vehicles are on test-run and the ministry is also conducting researches on essential control systems for pilotless flying; the Ministry of Industry-2 is currently producing engines with capacity ranging from 250 hp to 800 hp, heavy diesel engines with capacity ranging from 2200 hp to 2700 hp, trucks that can carry 10 tons up to 20 tons load, city buses for public transportation, heavy duty trucks, light trucks and pick-ups and major parts for those vehicles.

He went on that like his ministry, Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries are implementing short and long term plans on researches and human resources development for technological advancement and national development.

Regarding the rumors that Myanmar is building nuclear power with the assistance of a nation that possesses nuclear power, the Union minister replied that Myanmar has always supported that every nation has the right to use nuclear power for peaceful purposes; Myanmar supports non-proliferation of nuclear weapon, at the same time, it is one of the nations that oppose politically using of non-proliferation agreement and discriminating against developing countries in observing the agreement; Myanmar is having been contributing to peace and stability of the region hand in hand with ASEAN partners and has never done any acts posing threat to regional peace and tranquility.

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Vital importance to harmonious development in every corner of the nation, the Union minister replied that plans were laid down and implemented for development of ICT sector at an early date. National ICT Master Plan 2010, jointly-implemented by Myanmar and Korean governments, is an apparent one as an example. The Master Plan included establishment of ICT Network, ICT Industry, ICT Human Resources Development, e-Government, e-Commerce, e-Education, Legal Frame Work, ICT Standardization. Construction of ICT infrastructure was successfully implemented with the use of allotted finance and given time. Installation of fiber optic cable nearly the whole nation, setting up of microwave link and satellite communication for remote areas were carried out.

It is obvious that there has been successful in development of ICT Industry and ICT Human Resources Development to a certain extent. For example, trainings for human resources development were conducted thanks to emergence of ICT Industry such as Myanmar InfoTech and Teleport in Yangon. It is found that sectors of e-Government, e-Commerce and e-Education met a little success due to unwillingness of those who are worrying that ICT-driven e-Government may reduce their job opportunities as they are only proficient in old technology. Sustainable development of e-Government system is a must to be continued to do. So ICT Master Plan 2011-2015 was drawn and signed on 18 July 2011 with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Ministry of Science and Technology, professionals in private sector and Korean experts.

Bills were drawn and sent to Attorney-General Office so as to be able to amend obsolete telecom law. Due to the remarks to add necessary points to be in conformity with rapidly developing technology, measures are being taken to modify the bills.

In accord with the guidance given by the President, works are underway to use Online e-Banking system on a wider scale. Online Telephone Payment system is being implemented in cooperation with Myanmar Economic Bank and Asia Green Development Bank. Besides, arrangements are being made to pay electricity bills through online system by holding discussions with the Ministry of Electric Power No-2. Arrangements have been made for landline telephones to pay phone bills through not only online but also Prepaid Top Up Card in December like mobile phones.

Plans are underway for continued implementation of drawing of Wireless Broadband Master Plan with the technological assistance of ITU as Myanmar was chosen as a pilot country. In order to do so, the President Office formed Myanmar Computer Technology Development Council on 20 April 2011. With the aim of development of new generations in order to keep abreast with other countries in ICT sector, the Union minister suggested that Hluttaw representatives should submit proposals to each computer technology in basic education level and to allow

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they found the eligible voters in the lists. Not only the respective election commissions but also the eligible voters themselves were responsible for they were not included in the lists.

Regarding the establishment of polling booths at the battalions and regiments, the booths were established there in accordance with the Section 36 and Rule 39 (a) of the Election Law. The Union Election Commission had supervised the branches of the election commissions to strictly obey the Election Law and its rules when they counted the votes and advanced votes. The Section 43 and Rule 39 (g) of the Election Law says the double and above voting by eligible voters. However, according to the Sections 42 and 43, mother, father, wife, husband, son, daughter and blood brother or sister of an eligible voter could help the eligible voter if they could not read a vote, had no ability to cast a vote, were blind and had physical disabilities, and if there was no one to help him, a person who supervise a polling booth could help him, he said.

The Union Election Commission had instructed the election commissions to carry out their tasks strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations so that local authorities could not disturb the campaigns of the political parties and could not influence the election sub-commissions and polling booths.

Rules for counting votes were expressed in detail in the Chapter (10) and Rule (12) of the Election Law, he said. Regarding the reject votes, voters should learn how to cast votes as facts for reject votes said in the Section 66(c) and (d) were announced in dailies, he said.

The Union Election Commission had set up the township/ward/village election sub-commissions in accordance with the Section 8 (c), the township election sub-commissions has set up the committees for supervising the polling booths in accordance with the Rule 39 (c) and (d) of the Election Law.

The State had unveiled a set of laws governing national elections on 8 March, 2010 and the Election Commission had announced the date for the elections on August 13, 2010 and the elections was held on 7 November, 2010. The election was completed successfully,

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however, there might be a few weak points in the elections as the many tasks including setting up of commissions, teaching laws and rules related to the elections, permission for founding parties and holding elections across the country were carried out with the 8-month period. It was found that the laws and rules were enough to hold the elections, however, responsible personnel did not understand the laws and rules clearly and were weak in following the rules and regulations and instructions. Therefore, to be able to hold the free and fair elections in the future, measures would be taken in accordance with the rules and regulations and people-politics and Hluttaw representatives were to cooperate with the Union Election Commission, he said.

Afterward U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State constituency No (12) asked a question over the life security of people in Kachin State and elimination of poverty in the region. Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htay replied that it was necessary to end the tensions in the region as soon as possible for the peace and stable livelihood, good economy, education and health of the local national races in Kachin State and for paving the ways for refugees to be able to return home and live in peace in their native places. The Union Government unveiled the announcement 18th August 2011 No 120/1 and offered peace talks to the ethnic armed groups who had not yet accepted the transition in accordance with the constitution.

As soon as the peace and tranquility prevailed in Kachin State, the state would be developed with a short time.

Regarding the agricultural sector in Kachin State, every minister in Kachin State shall have rights to own field and the ministry concerned leased K 40,000 per acre to a farmer and distributed quality strains to farmers. Besides, private forest plantations were established in the state.

In the mining sector, the Ministry of Mines had encouraged the small scale mining businesses in the state in accordance with the rules and regulations. Meanwhile, 16150 blocks in Kachin State had been allowed to explore jades and gems and 332 blocks to explore gold in accordance with the rules and regulations for environmental conservation.

While the Union Government and ministries had made efforts for preventing illegal immigration, human trafficking, smuggling of jades and gems and rare species of animals to neighbouring countries, Kachin State administration and local people should cooperate with the ministries concerned in the drive.

U Khin Maung Latt of the Rakhine State constituency No (6) asked a question whether there was a right to trade rice freely in Rakhine State and asked the Union Government to stop the collecting money at check points.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint replied that the government had not bought rice from the farmers directly and had allowed the free trade of rice as from the 2003-2004 fiscal year. He continued to say that rice was surplus in Rakhine State and rice trading was trading freely in the state today. However, measures had been suspended as the system was not suitable to practice today due to social and economic conditions.

He added that in parliament democracy period, the student Quota System which could allow intellectual students as a special opportunity to learn at the universities of medicine and dental universities with the aim of development of the people across the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin replied that as from 1964, the new education system had limited the total marks which could those who passed the matriculation examination to learn at the universities of medicine and dental medicines. As from 1994, meetings and workshops had held with the participations of medical practitioners to draw a new system for entrance to the universities of medicines and dental universities to be able to provide health care services to the people effectively and draw the system which allowed sharing of students to the universities of medicines and dental universities in proportion with the regional population.

Ministry of Health held meetings with the universities of medicines and dental universities in July 2008, to introduce the new system. However, the plan steps would be taken for broadening horizon of farmers, developing human resources.

The Union Minister went on that preventive measures were to be taken against disunity among the parties founded their farmers organizations against each other in parliament democracy period; Communists led by Thakin Than Tun and Thakin 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 United Peasant Organization (Burma) (UPO-B).

He went on that when the governing AFPFL was split into (Stable) and (Clean), Ba-La-Ta-Sa founded by the AFPFL was fractured into two, not only the central but the district and township, resulting in bloody factional conflicts; as organizations were founded based on personal cult, ism, sectarianism, issues related to farmers could not be handled effectively, leaving hardly any benefits to the farmers and the nation, instead disunity and discords.

He went on that in the time of MSPP, united peasant organization was formed for the peasantry, and however, it could hardly promote interests of the nation and fulfill their needs due to over-centralization and other weak points.

He added that in parliament democracy period, factional disputes coursed among farmers as well as working class and students; communists led by Thakin Than Tun and Thakin Soe also set up labour unions and after they went underground, they instigated demonstrations and protests behind the scene through those labour unions; likewise, governance AFPFL and Truong Trung Student Union (TUCB) and Pa-Nya-Ma-Ta in response founded Burma Trade Union Congress (BTUC); when the AFPFL split into two as (Clean) and (Stable), TUCB chose to be part of (Stable) and thus (Clean) set up Union Labour Organization (ULO), leading to disunity among workers; as to students, Yangon University Students Union (Ta-Ka-Tha) was formed in Yangon University around 1930 during independence struggle with the aim of claiming for independence; when the independence struggle reached its peak after the World War II, All Burma Students Union (Ba-Ka-Tha) was formed in addition to Ta-Ka-Tha; furthermore, Yangon District Students Union (Ya-Ka-Tha) was also formed; later on students unions were formed in districts and townships nationwide.

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student unions of that time were good for nation and people as they were striving for independence, which was a national interest, shortly before and after regaining independence, mobilized students for freedom and advantages. Ba-Ka-Pa led by Thakin Than Tun formed Students Front, Thakin Soe of Red Flag New Students Front, APFP by U Kyaw Kyaw Nyein Democratic Student Organization (DSO) Student Yeqaung Organization, and Pa-Nya-Ma-Ta also formed Bu-Ka-Tha Federation, and thus formation of such organization representing particular strata would need learning from the past and preparing best for the future.

On that studying situation of the other parts of the world, it was found that US had regional farmers organizations and particular crop organizations, e.g. Texas had its own farmers organization, Texas Province Farmers Organization and there was National Corn Growers Association of corn growers of the whole United States; in addition, American Farmers Association was established for contributing and promoting interests of the farmers, and formulation of laws necessary; likewise, in Australia, National Farmers Federation (NFF) was set up for adopting policies for farmers and enacting 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—Thai Farmers Association (TFA) and Farmers Federation of Thailand while Malaysia was operating National Farmers Association (NAFSA) 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 for the best possible interests of the nation and the public in the future; systematic measures were to be taken to ensure there was no echo of factions within farmers organizations, workers organization, and students organizations and cases in which such organizations were used by politicians as their stepping-stone; the organization should be the one that could actually promote the interests of the farmers and the nation, socio-economic life, and intellectual development of peasantry.

He added that works for formation of a farmers organization were to be done in coordination after thorough analysis of the past events of Myanmar, objective conditions of current nation and the public, strength and weakness of the organizations in other countries; steps were to be taken starting from multifaceted assessment for long-term interests of the farmers to drafting bills necessary, enactment of laws through Hluttaws, and finally to formation of farmers representing organizations in line with procedures and the organization could be formed in conformity with the enacted law.

U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No (10) asked whether the Union government has a plan to hold a dialogue for regional accommodation of national races and leaders of pro-democracy groups led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the same time or not.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that the major desires of the people are:

(1) Community peace and stability of the State or peace or national recon solidation,
(2) Development of the nation and socio-economic development of individual family, and
(3) Earning a living freely under the law or democracy.

The new government is implementing "peace", "development" and "democratization" processes as the objective of the State or national goal in accord with the will of the people, the Union minister said.

He continued to say that there are many ways to realize an objective; as the famous quotation goes, "do not care if the cat is black or white, what matters is it catches mice"; what matters most is the accomplishment of the objective the way needs to be commensurate with current reality; if not, it would bring the reverse impact; simplification is also needed; thus, the objective will be achieved easily and hastily with less complexities; it need be the way with less possibility of conflicts; with conflicts, it will not reach the set goal; so, the government is seeking peace, development and democratization, which are the desires of the people and also included in U Ohn Tin’s question, with aforementioned mean.

He went on that there ways are adopted for peace (or) nation reconciliation, the first objective; the first way is to collaborate with political parties and politicians holding different views and attitudes on common ground, the government is creating the situation for cooperation through talks with Daw Aung San Sun Kyi; the cooperation with political parties, politicians on common ground will enable to realize the interests of the nation and its people together and build up mutual understanding and trust; it will ensure win-win situation by adjusting the different views.

The Union minister quoted the President as saying: "We will make reviews to make sure that Myanmar citizens living abroad for some reasons can return home if they have not committed any crimes. And if a Myanmar citizen in a foreign country who committed crimes applies for returning home to serve terms, we will show our benevolent attitude in dealing with his case," at meeting with responsible persons from economic and social sectors at MICC on 17 August, 2011. The Union minister said that, as the second way, national reconciliation is being realized by offering Myanmar citizens in foreign countries to return to the homeland, it is encouraging that some are preparing to return home.

As the third way, the government issued notification No (3/2011) with peace offer to make peace with national races armed groups; “Wa” and Mongla Special Region (2) National Races Armed Group; “Wa” and Mongla national races armed groups are negotiating with Peace Committee formed by the Union government and eternal peace or national reconciliation will be built; the government is striving to start negotiations with other national races armed groups, the Union minister said.

He went on that the second objective for national development and development of socio-economic development of the people is being implemented by amending, aborting and drafting the laws, boosting trade, making reforms for improving local and foreign investment, improving education and health, increasing investment, including the increase in retirement pensions, increasing the production and taking measures for rural development and poverty alleviation.

Regarding the third objective democratization, politics is shaped under the Constitution; press freedom is promoted in accord with rules and regulations and obligations regarding the fourth estate; National Human Rights Commission was formed and monitored human rights; reforms are made to realize good governance and clean government; democratic practices are adopted in the Hluttaws; International Day of Democracy 2011 was preserved jointly by two Hluttaws on 15 September, 2011 and efforts were being made for realizing discipline-flourishing democracy in Myanmar.

Those actions show that the government is seeking peace, development and democratization, which are the desires of the people and also included in U Ohn Tin’s question, with the ways which commensurate with the reality, with simplicity and less possibility of tensions; the measures of the government have reached somewhere with somewhat achievements; as Myanmar saying goes, “we cannot get the fresh water immediately after digging the well”; as a western saying goes, “Rome was not built in a day”, it will take time to achieve significant success.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No (6) asked he would like to know arrangements for thoroughly undertaking the water pumping works (Chaungmya) of the Ayeyawady River Water Pumping Project (Kyawzi) and Hsindewa (Thamakkura) realizing the irrigated canal system for water pumping project of Welaung Dam (Kanni) and plan on water supply. The deputy minister replied that Kyawzi River Water Pumping Project commenced on 6-2-2000 and it has completed by cent per cent. Due to sandy earthen drains and crossing areas of motor road and railroad, supply of water faced loss and wastage at the farms. Maintenance of the canals contributes to supply of water that reaches 3041 acres of farmlands. Duties have been assigned to Water Resources Utilization Department to supply water or removing the target.

With regard to Kyawzi River Water Pumping Project, water supply drains will be maintained with 13000 saddles of soil spending this year’s fund. On completion, the project will supply 35000 acres of farmlands.

Mechanical and electrical works and digging of drains for the water pumping project of Hsindewa (Thamakkura) Dam in Taungtha Township has completed in 2002-2004. The facility irrigates 500 acres of farmlands. Due to low level of inflow water, the project supplies water to 1152 acres of monsoon paddy and 190 acres of summer against the target of 3000 acres. If the dam has sufficient water, arrangement will be made for irrigating 500 acres of farmlands.

Welaung (Kanni) river water pumping project has completed in May 2011. However, the groove of the main canal was damaged in the Cyclone Giri in May 2011. The groove was reconstructed with steel frame and it will be completed in September 2011. The stored water will be supplied to surrounding villages for consumption purpose.

U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constituency No (9) said that the downstream water course of Mayangon and Seikkyun sluice gates in Thaung Township of Mon State is sitting by day by day. He asked how will manage the floods based on sitting of the sluice gates. The deputy minister replied that the two sluice gates are 2000 meters distance from the main=-groove. After subsiding tide, the area sided yearly. The sluice gate to the sea is to be opened for removal of silts before using fresh water. (See page 12)
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In the rainy season, the rainfall and field water are to be drained away in time to repair the work. As it is necessary to dredge the silted water course, the tasks will be carried out depending on the allotment of fund.

U Nyi Nye Tun of Mon State Constituency No. 11 said that Kawthiin, Boyagyi, Mokkhamu, Malawchaung and Kyakakkatha villages are facing damage of crops and declining of per acre yield due to inflow of seawater. He asked whether there is a plan to construct the eight miles long dyke to prevent the seawater from entering the Kawthiin village. The deputy minister replied that the dyke will have to pass 20 drains and creeks. Therefore, facility will need sluice gates. The area for the dyke is located on the sandy area and instable banks. Therefore, it is necessary to watch the stability of banks.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeawady Region No. 6 asked whether there is a plan to install small-scale hydropower turbine at drops of Kunchaung Dam in Kyauktaw Township with supply of electricity to surrounding villages. The deputy minister replied that the Irrigation Department has adopted a plan to install seven generators with three kilowatt generating capacities at seven drops of the cannal of the dam so as to supply electricity to seven village-tracts in October 2011.

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications U Thein Tun replied to questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Khin Maung Yi of Chin State Constituency No. 11 asked whether there is a plan to install Paletwa Township with communication device like GSM and CDMA. The Union Minister replied that Paletwa Township of Chin State is facilitated with one MPT Satellite Terminal installed with one magneto exchange, 30 extension telephone lines and four Yangon telephone lines for trunk calls and one PCO. Beginning September, the site for the exchange, construction of mechanical building and tower foundation and transport of radio machinery are being carried out for installation of 750 mobile lines at six sites of MPT satellite terminals. It is expected to operate the machinery in the fourth week of December. A plan is underway to installation of auto-telephone exchange.

U Nein Khin Pawng of Chin State Constituency No. 7 asked whether there is a plan to install GSM mobile phones for development of living standard of hilly region people. The Union Minister replied that the site for the exchange, construction of mechanical building and tower foundation and transport of radio machinery are being carried out in Tonzang Township for installation of 750 CDMA–450 lines. It can be used in the fourth week of November. Installation of 700 GSM lines in the township will be undertaken in the second year of the project.

U Thet Naing Ooo of Bago Region Constituency No. 6 said that the local people face out of connection in communication of land line phones of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications for many times. He asked how better communication will be provided as soon as possible. The Union Minister replied that the ministry has inserted the fund in the annual capital expenditure. Depending on the allotment of budget, the substitutions are carried for the communication equipment.

If the telephone connection is out, any person may complain the department concerned through complaint telephone for respective auto-exchanges or complaint phone 102 in respective regions and states and complaint phone 106 in Nay Pyi Taw. Duties have been assigned to the personnel to repair the works as quickly as possible.

Although there are 590,000 telephones across the nation at present compared with 75,000 telephones in the sixth five-year plan, the works have not been completed. As the eastern bank of Kaladan River is located in Kaladan Forest Reserve, the forest reserve formed for many years can be amended or cancelled for the sake of development of living standard of people. As the eastern bank of Paletwa, Meeletwa village and some trees bordering the river are located in the reserve area can be amended or cancelled for the sake of development of living standard of communities living in those areas.

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Although there are 590,000 telephones across the nation at present compared with 75,000 telephones in 1988, limited number of workers is at work for maintenance of the telephones. Therefore, some delays occurred.

This year, the telephone line of underground cables was damaged in heavy rains, overflow of rivers and strong winds in Bago region. Therefore, damages have been repaired.

U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No. 10 asked whether after paying telephone charges through early warning system of MPT, there is a plan to implement the system of re-switching on the telephone within one hour. The Union Minister replied that about 100 staff of the telephone billing section of Accounts Department of MPT gave services to the people for 75,000 phone lines in the past. At present, about 500 staff of the section are giving services to 590,000 phone lines and 1.5 million of mobile lines across the nation. As the work load is heavier, they cannot give service on switching on the telephone lines immediately.

As of 27-7-2011, telephone bills can be paid for phone lines in Yangon through online phone bill payment system of banks. Arrangements are being made to practise the above mentioned system in other townships. Necessary machinery has been ordered abroad to apply the PSTN Pre-paid System. The new system will come under operation at 45,000 telephone lines in Yangon and Mandalay in December. Three months later, new services will be given to 200,000 telephones for the second phase. The system will be covered for all telephones in next six months across the nation.

U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Constituency No. 5 asked whether there is a programme to submit the long-term and short-term development plans to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein replied that in accord with the constitution, the new government will draw the five-year five-year long-term Union level national plan on the 30 year long-term plan that started on 2011-2012 fiscal year and submitted it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and region and state governments, regional plans to the respective Hluttaws.

U Salai Khwe Yan of Chin State Constituency No. 12 asked whether there is a plan to add Yokwa on eastern bank of Palatwa, Meeletwa village and some part of forest reserve into the area of the town. Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied that population rate of Palatwa is very lesser in comparison with the country’s population rate. As the eastern bank of Kaladan River is located in Kaladan Forest Reserve, the forest reserve formed for many years to serve the interest of the State and the region should not be cancelled with the reasons to ensure the town with town characters. However, when an important plan is to be implemented for development of the State, the forest reserve area can be amended or cancelled for the sake of the State.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi replied to questions on social welfare, relief and resettlement raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency No. 10 asked whether the Union government has a plan to provide necessary assistance to the people who take shelter of the government. The Union Minister replied that the State provides one unit each of six relief supplies, cash for rice and construction materials to each victim families in line with the disciplines while undertaking rehabilitation tasks.

In some areas of Kachin State, Kachin State government accompanies 5580 people from 1397 households at 38 relief camps at monasteries, churches and other buildings in townships, wards and villages. Union ministries, State government, departments, social organizations, wellwishers, political parties, Hluttaw representatives and Myanmar Red Cross Society donated cash, foodstuff, clothes, personal goods, school uniforms, exercise books and medicines.

The Zeyawady Region Administrator takes responsibility for Ford Sun fire engine of Zeyawady Auxiliary Fire Brigade in Pyu Township of Bago Region and performs fire preventive measures. The State will provide one 1200-gallon-capacity fire engine before the end of fiscal year.

The 24th day session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw ended at 3.55 pm and the 25th day session continues at 10 am on 26 September.

Union Ministers replied to 20 questions raised by Hluttaw representatives at the session.—XINHUA

Mexico on red alert as Hilary becomes Category 4 hurricane

Mexico City, 23 Sep: As the Mexican states along the Pacific coast issued warnings Thursday as rapidly strengthening Hurricane Hilary brushed the country’s coastline. By 21:00 local time (02:00 GMT), Hilary became a powerful and dangerous category-four hurricane as it moved to 140 km southwest of the northwest coast of Acapulco in Guerrero State, with sustained winds of over 215 kph and gusts of up to 240 kph. Mexican civil protection authorities warned residents and tourists to be cautious and stay indoors until the storm passes, which was speculated to happen in 24 to 26 hours. The deputy minister for civil protection in Guerrero, Eutimio Rodriguez, also asked the local population to be prepared for possible evacuation, as the region would see more torrential rain in the next 48 hours, causing a high risk of floods or flash floods.

The US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said the big waves and strong currents caused by Hurricane Hilary have led to “life-threatening conditions” in coastal areas. The waves and currents are expected last 24 to 48 hours. “Hilary will continue to move parallel to the southwest coast of Mexico, but any deviation to the north of the track is possible,” said NHC. The forecast center of Zayawady-based NHC, adding that “some additional strengthening is possible on Friday.”—XINHUA
HAPPY VOY NO (133) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-4 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Abandoned factories in ancient Chinese city to be developed into art zones

PINGYAO, 23 Sept—An obsolescent factory in the ancient city of Pingyao in north China’s Shanxi Prov-ince will be renovated into an artistic community, said the art director of an ongoing international photo-1097

Satellite heading for Earth (but the odds of survival are in your favour)

The defunct NASA satellite is expected to fall back to Earth today.—Internet

CAPE CANAVERAL, 23 Sept—The chances may be extremely slim of anyone being struck by the remnants of a six-tonne US satellite expected to crash to Earth today, but the odds of survival are in your favour.

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PGA champ Bradley takes lead in Tour Championship

ATLANTA, 23 Sept — Keegan Bradley and Jason Dufner atop the leaderboard in Atlanta should sound familiar. Only this was the FedExCup finale, not the final major of the year.

And they were on East Lake, not 40 minutes up the road at Atlanta Athletic Club, Bradley, who won a playoff last month in a Championship.

Dufner was surprisedingly crooked off the tee, yet still managed a 66 and was tied for second along with Chez Reavie and Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world and one of five players in prime position to win the $10 million FedExCup bonus. Bradley and Dufner will be in the last group Friday, and it was impossible to ignore the coincidence.

Schalke coach Rangnick resigns owing to burnout

BERLIN, 23 Sept — Bundesliga team Schalke lost his coach as Ralf Rangnick laid down his office with immediate effect due to a burnout, the club and Rangnick said in an official statement on Thursday.

The 53-year-old coach is currently unable to muster the strength and energy of the defending German Cup champion due to an exhaustion syndrome. “After long and careful consideration I have come to the conclusion to make this decision,”

To make this decision was incredibly hard for me but my current energy level is not enough to succeed and in particular to advance the team and the club’s sporting development,” Rangnick said in the statement.

Former Hoffenheim coach Rangnick already announced at his signing that he would need a break but then he began much earlier than originally planned at Schalke to help the club. Rangnick came to obtain all the achievements such as Champions League semifinals and to win the German Cup.

In this season, Schalke qualified for the Champions League group stage after the “Knappen” had turned the playoff matches against the Finnish champions HJK Helsinki.

Cech injury fears allayed

LONDON, 23 Sept — Andre Villas-Boas says Chelsea have avoided a goaling crisis, despite Petr Cech needing hospital treatment. Cech was forced off at half-time of the third-round tie Carling Cup victory over Fulham at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday after suffering a head injury in a collision with Orlando Sa.

Chelsea were already without understudy Hilario, meaning losing Cech left them with Ross Turnbull as their only recognised first-team goalkeeper.

But after Turnbull helped his side to Wednesday night’s controversial 4-3 penalty shootout win, Blues manager Villas-Boas revealed Cech had been given the all clear.

Ferguson hopes for Ferdinand boost

Saturday. Ferdinand injured a hamstring during the opening fixture at West Bromwich Albion and although he returned for the win at Bolton Wanderers earlier this month, he has then been sidelined for three matches with a calf problem.

United have not missed the 32-year-old too much, establishing a two-point lead at the top of the Barclays Premier League table whilst also marching into the Carling Cup fourth round with a victory over Ferdinand’s former club Leeds United on Tuesday.

However, as well as the Red Devils have done in Ferdinand’s absence, Ferguson believes a visit to the Britannia Stadium is one of those occasions when experience is vital.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 24th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 369 representatives.

Seven questions were asked and answered, one proposal discussed and two new proposals submitted at today’s session.

U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency asked Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi if his ministry has issued accurate instructions concerning filling in the name of race in citizenship scrutiny cards and whether his ministry could allow filling in the race instead of filling in particular tribe of the same race.

The Union Minister replied that instructions on filling-in of citizenship security cards was issued in 1985 and is still in effect; his ministry has issued instructions on filling-in of race and some of the procedures are—one who applies for the card has to clearly describe his race; if applicant is of mixed blood, the nationality of his/her father must be described first followed by his/her mother; it is to be filled the same if both of applicant’s parents are of mixed blood; the nationality of applicant’s father is to be filled in if his nationality is difficult to accurately describe; only official statement of those apply for citizenship scrutiny cards are to be recorded.

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Answers given to questions of Hluttaw representatives

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It was attended by Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 196 Hluttaw representatives.

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency asked how actions would be carried out to become a clean judiciary sector. Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo replied that the Union Supreme Court had taken measures including educative, supervising, warning and taking actions in the judiciary sector so that service personnel in the sector could become good judges and service personnel who were reliable for the people.

He continued to say that to get rid off bribery and corruptions at courts, two steps: preventative and taking action measures: were being taken at courts and the Union Supreme Court had planned to supervise works the judiciary system from top to bottom in accordance with the rules and regulations so that responsible personnel of the sector could not commit bribery and corruptions. Actions would be taken against not only those who had lack of sense of responsibilities, committed bribery or corruptions but also their supervisors, he added.

Dr. Banya Aung Moe of Mon state constituency No. 7 asked if the lection laws were practiced strictly and Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye replied that the multi-party elections was held successfully on 7 November previous year, and to hold the elections, the State Peace and Development Council had unveiled the election laws for Hluttaw and the Union Election Commission rules for the elections including rules for voting lists.

In accordance with the laws, secretaries of the ward/village election commissions and township immigration and population departments worked together to compile voter lists systematically not to leave the eligible voters, he said.

Lists of the eligible voters were put on notice boards before the elections and the notice form-2 which asked the eligible voters who were not included in the lists to inform the election commissions and to inform the commissions when (See page 9)