President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of newly-accredited Sri Lankan Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Mr Handunnetti Rannulu Piyasiri, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at President Office, here, at 10 am today.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of newly-accredited Egyptian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Mr Hany Riad Mawad, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at President Office, here, at 10.30 am today.

Present on the occasion together with U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar were Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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.
**Ministry of Border Affairs, INGOs sign Memorandum of Understanding**

**NAT PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races under the Ministry of Border Affairs and World Vision Myanmar held a signing ceremony for MoU on community-based regional development project in conjunction with the ceremony to sign the MoU on three-year extended arid zone water supply project between Development Affairs Department and Bridge Asia Japan at the Ministry of Border Affairs, here, this morning.**

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay said that the government is striving for raising quality of life of the people and fulfilling their requirements. All-round development tasks are being undertaken with momentum for narrowing the development gap and improving rural and urban areas, he said.

Implementation of Millennium Development Goals is involved in the modernization of the nation, poverty alleviation and strategies, he added. Moreover, he said that eight rural development and poverty alleviation tasks are being implemented for uplifting socio-economic life of rural people.

The government is joining hands with UN agencies and internal and international NGOs, local people and private sector for fulfilling basic needs of the people, he said. The Union Minister promised that the ministry will make earnest efforts for implementation of the project as much as possible.

Japanese Ambassador Mr Takashi Saito explained assistance of Japan for supply of water to arid zone. Chairperson of Bridge Asia Japan Ms. Etsuko Arai II and Resident Representative Mr. Christopher Paul Herink of World Vision Myanmar explained joint cooperation in the plan.

The director-general of the DPBANR and the resident representative of World Vision Myanmar signed the MoU on community-based regional development project, and the director-general of DAD and the chairperson of Bridge Asia Japan signed the MoU on three-year extended arid zone water supply project.

MoU on community-based regional development project will be implemented to broaden the horizon of the people, raise capability of rural people, undertake education and child care, improvement of micro-economy and agriculture, health care, water availability, sanitation, natural disaster preventive measures and rescue works spending US$ 3.18 million. The MoU will cover 32 villages in Koko region of Shan State (North), 21 villages in Hpa-an Township and 14 villages in Hlangbwe Township of Kayin State, totaling 67 villages.

MoU on three-year extended arid zone water supply project will cover sinking tube-wells in arid regions, maintenance of old tube-wells, conducting of geophysical survey, and uplifting capability of rural people, spending US$ 1.56 million. The MoU will comprise tasks of water sufficiency in 100 villages of Magway, Natmauk, Yenangyaung and Montaunglawngwngs of Magway Regions.

Also present on the occasion were deputy ministers for Border Affairs, Myanmar Industrial Development, Finance and Revenue, National Planning and Economic Development, Education and Health, and officials.—MNA

**Perspectives**

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**Hygienic food and water**

Health is the basic requirement for the entire mankind. Healthy lifestyle calls for proper personal hygiene and environmental cleanliness. It is necessary to stay healthy in accord with health warning in order to prevent infectious diseases caused by unusual weather patterns.

In order to avoid the possible spread of infectious diseases triggered by flooding in towns and wards of some regions due to overflow of river, it is required to be careful to ensure hygienic food and water. As there may be outbreaks of pneumonia, diarrhea and other diseases, systematic measures should be taken for providing health care services.

Diarrhea is highly infectious. It can occur anytime and anywhere. Any one regardless of age can be suffered from the disease, especially, due to environmental pollution and contaminated water. It is necessary to do early prevention as it is caused by bacteria transmitted by flies and which are present in infected water and food and hands.

More outbreaks of diarrhea can be triggered by contaminated water. It is necessary to boil or to chlorinate the water before drinking. It is also required to take necessary measures as infection can spread easily due to inflow of infected water and waste materials into wells or lakes used for drinking water and wells close to the latrine in and low lying area.

It is required not to eat infected food and over-ripened fruits. It is necessary to use clean household utensils and to eat well-cooked food. Attention is to be given to wash our hands carefully with the use of soap before eating or touching household utensils and after using toilet and keeping the practice of using fly-proofed latrines in each and every town and village.

Personal hygiene plays an important role in early prevention measure. People are urged to drink safe water and to eat hygienic food, placing emphasis on environmental cleanliness in accord with health warning.

**Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association assists flood victims in Toungoo Township**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Vice President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members arrived at Piduakkon Village of Shwe layinn Village-tract, Toungoo Township in Bago Region on 24 September to supply the flood victims with clothes, cash assistance and their needs. Next, member doctors gave educative talks on natural disaster and knowledge on disease-after-flood to the victims. They gave medical treatment and referred to necessary patients to Toungoo People’s hospital and gave assistance in all cases.**

**By Construction Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw Circular Road construction**


He also visited staff quarters in Bawgakheik, Nyanyatheik and Pin-nathyakhe wards.—MNA

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.**

**The second best time is now.**
**38 killed in school bus accident in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 27 Sept—At least 38 people were killed and some 70 others injured when a school bus carrying 105 people overturned due to brake failure in Pakistan’s eastern Punjab Province on Monday night, reported local TV channel Express on Tuesday.

Most of the people killed in the accident were students aged between 12 and 13, said local media reports, adding that a principle of the school and some other teachers were also killed in the accident.

Hospital sources said that at least a dozen others injured in the accident were still critical condition and the death toll could further rise.

The accident took place at about 7:50 pm local time Monday when a school bus coming from Faisalabad, a city in central Punjab Province, overturned on its way back from a study trip on the motorway linking the country’s capital Islamabad and Lahore, capital city of Punjab Province.

A traffic police spokesman said that the driver lost control over the bus when he was taking a turn on the motorway near Kalar Kahar, a town located some 125 kilometres south of Islamabad.—Xinhua

**Seven dead after Typhoon Nesat pounds Philippines**

MANILA, 27 Sept—Typhoon Nesat crossed the Philippines’ main island late on Tuesday, leaving behind at least seven dead after it lashed crop-growing provinces and brought the capital to a near standstill as it flooded roads and villages and cut power supplies. Among the dead following the typhoon was a 22-month-old boy, and four others were missing, the disaster agency said.

As Nesat cleared Luzon island’s west coast and headed toward northern Vietnam, weather officials said a tropical depression was forming in the Pacific Ocean that could affect northern Luzon over the weekend. Nesat was a category 3 typhoon with winds of around 200 km per hour (125 mph) when it hit the northern provinces of Luzon island just before dawn on Tuesday, and then lost strength as it moved across Luzon, Tropical Storm Risk said.

Officials shut some rail networks as a precaution after high winds cut power lines and toppled electric posts. Government offices, the central bank and schools were also closed on Tuesday.

Strong winds uprooted trees and tore off some billboards along major roads. Debris blocked roads in the capital and provinces, and officials warned of the risk of landslides from heavy rains in mountainous regions. Residents were evacuated as the Marikina River in metro Manila rose to 18 metres, and water was being released from dams near the capital as they neared overflowing levels.

**Argentine blast kills woman, hurts nine; gas blamed**

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Sept—An explosion wrecked two homes, a business and several cars early Monday, killing a woman and injuring nine people on the outskirts of Argentina’s capital.

Early reports by some witnesses that they had seen a ball of fire fall from the sky around the time of the 2 am explosion caused a sensation, but authorities said later that evidence pointed to an explosion of leaking gas.

Officials said a search of the home by the more than 100 police and others turned up a canister of natural gas with a poor connection to a pizza oven.

After the reports of a fireball coming down, the government dispatched the large number of searchers to check for radioactivity and any material that might have come from outer space.

Provincial justice and security minister Ricardo Casal said experts were “evaluating all theories, from an explosion to something strange that came from the sky.”

But the experts found no evidence of a crater, and NASA said its satellite that fell to Earth sometime Saturday landed well clear of South America.

Late in the day, the government said it appeared the blast was probably caused by a gas explosion in Seattle.

**Two injured in natural gas explosion in Seattle**

SEATTLE, 27 Sept—A natural gas leak inside a home caused an explosion and fire that destroyed a north Seattle home and injured two residents, and has prompted the utility company to look for other leaks in a 5-square mile area, fire and utility spokesmen said Monday.

Seattle firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a home in Seattle following a large explosion, on 26 Sept, 2011. —INTERNET

A couple who lived in the house thought they smelled gas Sunday night but weren’t sure so they didn’t report it, Seattle Fire Department spokesman Kyle Moore said. “When they woke up this morning and smelled something, they were turning on things and ‘boom!’ — the explosion,” Moore said.

The gas fumes apparently were sparked by an appliance, he said.

The couple — in their 50s — both suffered second-degree burns. The woman was in serious condition in the intensive care unit and the man was in satisfactory condition at Seattle’s Harborview Medical Centre, hospital spokesman Susan Gregg said Monday afternoon.

The woman has life threatening injuries. The man in serious condition and was able to talk to investigators.—Internet
## Smoking can blind you

**Singapore, 27 Sept**—A new study has shown that nearly six in 10 or 57.5 per cent of smokers in Singapore are blind to the fact that smoking can cause blindness. The findings, conducted by local doctors and researchers, covered 200 smokers aged between 14 and 83. Blindness is a disability widely feared by most, yet only about four in 10 smokers here are aware of this risk of lighting up.

In fact, the study showed that the link between smoking and Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)—a form of eye disease—is the least recognised, among five other smoking-related diseases.

These include lung cancer and heart attack, which each has more than a 70 percent awareness rate. The study though showed that the fear of blindness is the second biggest motivating factor for smokers to quit the habit, after lung cancer.

More than half of the respondents also felt that graphic health warnings were effective in getting them to stub it out. Medical experts said this showed a need to raise public awareness on blindness as a smoking-related disease.

The Minister of State for Health, Dr Amy Khor, who was speaking at the AMD Awareness week said there are now more people worldwide suffering from some form of AMD. This figure is likely to triple over the next 25 years.

Dr Khor said this makes the disease a “significant public health concern” as the population ages.—**Internet**

## Hip break boosts death risk by five

**Pedestrians walk along the street of Orchard Road.**—**Internet**

**Washington, 27 Sept**—Women age 65 to 69 who break a hip face a five-times higher risk of dying within a year than their healthy counterparts, a bigger increase than in older women, said a US study on Monday.

Women 70 to 79 face double the risk of dying within a year if they break their hip compared to women who do not, and women 80 and older who break a hip face about the triple risk of dying, it said.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and appears in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

“This study is a wake-up call that the first year after a hip fracture is a critical time for all elderly women, but especially for younger women, ages 65 to 69, who face a much higher death rate compared to their peers,” said lead author Erin LeBlanc.

The International Osteoporosis Foundation has said there are about 1.6 million hip fractures per year, with 51 percent occurring in Europe and the Americas and most of the remainder in the Western Pacific region and Southeast Asia.

About half of all women over age 50 will break a bone because of osteoporosis, according to the US-based National Osteoporosis Foundation. —**Internet**

## New home sales hit 6-month low, prices drop

**Washington, 27 Sept**—Sales and prices of new single-family US homes fell in August despite historically low mortgage rates, under-scoring the difficulties policymakers face in efforts to boost the moribund housing sector.

A stagnant job market and a big overhang of unsold existing homes have combined to keep new home sales on the rocks even as mortgage rates returned to lows not seen since at least the early 1970s.

New home sales slipped 2.3 percent last month to a 295,000 annual rate, a six-month low, the Commerce Department said on Monday. That was in line with analysts’ forecasts and did little to allay fears the United States could slip back into recession.

The median sales price also moved lower from year-ago levels. A stagnant job market and a big overhang of unsold existing homes have combined to keep new home sales on the rocks even as mortgage rates returned to lows not seen since at least the early 1970s.

New residential homes are shown under construction in Carlsbad, California, on 19 Sept, 2011. —**Internet**

## Cheer up the jobless—with a card

**Washington, 27 Sept**—At a loss for words when someone you know is suddenly out of work? There’s now a greeting card to solve the problem!

With unemployment in the United States hovering around the nine percent mark, the biggest greeting card manufacturer — Hallmark — has rolled out eight cards to cheer up the jobless.

“It’s hard to know what to say at a sensitive time like this. How about, ‘I’m buying!’” says one card illustrated with a cartoon line-up outside an unemployment office.

Another says: “Don’t think of it as losing your job. Think of it as a time-out between stupid bosses.”

Hallmark markets its cards through retailers and online, with its loss-of-job products falling under the “encourage” category. “We know these job-loss captions are not going to be the strongest (sales) performers, but they are meant to meet a relevant and niche consumer need for many who are looking for it,” a Hallmark spokesman told AFP by email on Monday.

It’s not known just how much such card sales have registered in Hallmark’s books. —**Internet**

## Caregivers have negative health behaviors

**Los Angeles, 27 Sept**—The estimated 6 million informal caregivers in California show serious psychological distress and negative health behaviors such as smoking, researchers say.

In a policy brief by the University of California, Los Angeles, Centre for Health Policy Research, using data from the 2009 California Health Interview Survey, the authors find California caregivers provide an average of 20 hours of care per week — on such things as bathing, shopping, managing medications or paying bills — for friends or relatives who can no longer do such things for themselves.

The study finds:

— 25.5 percent of middle-aged caregivers are more likely than older or younger caregivers to binge drink; 16 percent are more likely to smoke and 30 percent are more likely to be obese.

— Caregivers of all ages who reported serious psychological distress were 208 percent more than non-caregivers with serious psychological distress to smoke.

— Nearly one-third of middle-aged caregivers are single, divorced or widowed, and more than two-thirds hold down full- or part-time jobs.

— Only 7.4 percent of informal caregivers reported being paid for the help they provide, but nearly 20 percent spent $250 or more of their own money on caregiving in the past month.

Recent cuts to California’s In-Home Supportive Services programme and the scheduled 1 Dec elimination of the Adult Day Health Care programme will likely place even greater burdens on informal caregivers, the authors say.—**Internet**
Google+ mobbed after doors opened, experts tell

San Francisco, 27 Sept—Google+ was mobbed with visitors after the social network opened its doors to the public last week, industry tracker Experian Hitwise reported.

Online traffic to Google’s nascent social network rocketed 1,269 percent on Wednesday, a day after the Internet titan removed the need to be invited in order to join, according to Hitwise research director Heather Dougherty.

The number of visits to Google+ tallied nearly 15 million for the week in a leap from the approximately 1.1 million logged in the prior week, Hitwise analysts concluded. The Hitwise data did not include traffic from mobile gadgets.

“Just one week, Google+ went from ranking as 54th most visited site in our Social Networking and Forums category to 8th place,” Dougherty said in a blog post.

Google on 20th Sept opened google.com/+ to the public as it ramped up its challenge to leading social network Facebook.

Acer sees HP changes chance to grab customers, report

Frankfurt, 27 Sept—World No 2 computer vendor Acer believes the recent top management change at rival Hewlett-Packard is a huge opportunity for the former to win over some customers, Acer Europe head Walter Deppeler told a German daily.

Hewlett-Packard Co last week named former eBay Inc Chief Executive Meg Whitman its president and CEO, replacing Leo Apotheker in a bid to restore investor confidence in the iconic Silicon Valley company.

“Acer is, as usual, quite interested in HP changes,” Deppeler told Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung quoted Walter Deppeler as saying in a prerelease of its Tuesday edition.

“We want to use this as an opportunity for us,” he added.—Reuters

Study seeks reasons for switch to farming

Southampton, 27 Sept—Archaeologists say research on islands around Britain could provide clues to why people gave up being hunter-gatherers and turned to farming 6,000 years ago.

The researchers say they hope to settle a longrunning debate about whether the change—around 4,000 BC—was due to colonists moving into Britain from mainland Europe or whether the indigenous population gradually adopted the new agricultural lifestyle themselves. The Independent reported.

“How people changed from hunter-gatherers to agricultural lifestyles is one of the big questions in archaeology,” Fraser Sturt at the University of Southampton said.

“We know that the first signs of domestication occurred in the Middle East around 10,000 BC and reached France by 5,000 BC” he said. “However, it appears to be another 1,000 years before Neolithic farming activities reached Britain.”

Recent archaeo- logical findings such as a French pottery in Scotland suggest colonization from the continent may be one possible explanation for this change in lifestyle.

“To understand how possible this could have been, however, we need to turn our attention away from the mainland and towards the seas that form an important travel link between the islands around Britain,” researcher Duncan Garrow from the University of Liverpool said. “We are excavating on the Channel Islands, Isles of Scilly and in the Outer Hebrides, which form part of an important maritime zone that surprisingly has been given little scholarly attention in the past.”

Poor use, not scarcity, is water problem

Recife (Brazil), 27 Sept—River basins globally have enough water to double food production sustainably if efficiently used, an international water resources meeting in Brazil was told.

Delegates at the World Water Congress in Recife heard that while water-related conflicts and shortages abound in Africa, Asia and Latin America, there is sufficient water to sustain food, energy, industrial and environmental needs during the 21st century.

The report by agricultural researchers published in the journal Water International said the “sleeping giant” of water challenges is not scarcity but the inefficient use and inequitable distribution of massive amounts of water that flow through key river basins such as the Nile, Ganges, Andes, Niger and Volta.

“Water scarcity is not affecting our ability to grow enough food today,” Alain Vidal, director of the Challenge Programme on Water and Food, said. “Yes, there is scarcity in certain areas but our findings show that the problem overall is a failure to make efficient and fair use of the water available in these river basins. This is ultimately a political challenge, not a resource concern.”

New method cleans up textile industry’s most dangerous chemicals

Scania (Sweden), 27 Sept—Textile dying is one of the most environmentally hazardous aspects of the textile industry. During dying, harmful chemicals that are difficult to break down are released, all too often into rivers and agricultural land. However, Maria Jonstrup, a doctoral student in Biotechnology at Lund University, Sweden, has developed a new, environmentally friendly purification process which leaves only clean water.

The findings are presented in Maria Jonstrup’s thesis. The research is so far only research, and has therefore only been tested in the laboratory, but Maria Jonstrup is optimistic about its future potential.

“In the long term it should be possible for textile factories in India, China and Bangladesh to use the technique. If it works on a laboratory scale it is quite likely that it will also work in a real-life situation,” she says.

While working on her thesis, she has conducted experiments with both fungal enzymes and bacteria from the drains at textile industry and municipal wastewater treatment plants.—Internet

Lenovo enters $300 million JV with Taipei’s Compal

Hong Kong, 27 Sept—Lenovo, the world’s No3 PC brand, has entered into a $300 million joint venture with contract laptop PC maker Compal to manufacture computers.

Lenovo will own 51 percent of the joint venture company with Compal holding the rest, the PC brand said in a filing to the Hong Kong stock exchange.

Internet

Maria Jonstrup, a doctoral student in Biotechnology at Lund University, Sweden.—Internet

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WHO: Iran, South Asia worst for city air pollution

Geneva, 27 Sept—Cities in Iran, India, Pakistan and the capital of Mongolia rank among the worst on the planet for air pollution, while those in the US and Canada are among the best, according to the first global survey by the World Health Organization.

Two Venezuelan planes make emergency landings, no injuries

Caracas, 27 Sept—Two Venezuelan airplanes were forced to make emergency landings just hours apart on Monday, but no passengers or crew were injured in either incident, transportation authorities said.

In the first incident, an airplane from the local Aéropostal company with 125 passengers aboard was forced to land at 0855 local time (1325 GMT) in the Manuel Carlos Piar International Airport near the City of Puerto Ordaz in the southeastern state of Bolivar after registering failure of the plane’s motors. Four hours later, at 1317 local time (1747 GMT), an aircraft from the Acera Airline with 90 passengers aboard was forced to make a second emergency landing at the Carlos Piar Airport, after smoke was detected in the cabin shortly after take-off. In both incidents the aircraft in use was a DC-9 model of the US aircraft manufacturer McDonnell Douglas, a twin-engine plane which is popular with airlines worldwide for domestic and short-haul routes less than two hours.

Both flights were travelling between Puerto Ordaz and Venezuela’s main international airport of Maiquetia near Caracas to the airport of Puerto Ordaz, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications said, Lorrlys Ramos, president of the MTC’s Civil Aviation Accidents Investigation Board (Jiaac), said experts from Jiaac were investigating the cause of the incidents.

Monday’s two separate incidents took to three times in a month that local Venezuelan airplanes have been forced to make an emergency landing, and in all three incidents the aircraft in use was a DC-9 model. On 23 Aug, a flight with 95 passengers of the local Laser airline was forced to return to Maiquetia airport north of Caracas due to electrical problems in the cabin.

Navy says 2 missiles detonated underwater near Calif

San Diego, 27 Sept—The Navy says two Sea Sparrow missiles have been safely detonated on the floor of the Pacific Ocean off the coast of San Diego County.

The Navy says the controlled detonation occurred Monday less than two miles from Camp Pendleton without any harm to marine life. The missiles were dropped into the ocean 30 Aug while being taken by helicopter to an amphibious assault ship. The Navy says the helicopter crew jettisoned the missiles when the load began to swing excessively and struck the aircraft’s fuselage, posing a danger.

Navy explosive ordinance disposal technicians detonated the missiles where they lay in about 60 feet of water.

After the detonation, the Navy says its divers inspected the site and found no visible pieces and no dead fish.

Two airliners in near miss over Hong Kong

Hong Kong, 27 Sept—Two Hong Kong-bound flights carrying more than 600 people narrowly missed each other over the Asian City, according to officials, after pilots scrambled to react to warning signals.

A Cathay Pacific Boeing 777 arriving from New York and a Dragonair Airbus A330 from Taipei were both told to hold off landing due to bad weather on 18 September but strayed into each other’s path.

Airline officials said they were one nautical mile (2,000 metres) apart at the same altitude southwest of Hong Kong airport when the traffic collision avoidance system warned sounded.

The Dragonair pilot put his aircraft, carrying 284 passengers and 12 crew, into an immediate climb while the Cathay flight, with 299 passengers and 18 crew on board, descended to resolve the conflict.

According to Hong Kong’s former civil aviation chief the two planes came within six seconds of impact, based on their distance and normal aircraft speed.

Malaysian health ministry, police launch probe into illegal kidney trade

Kuala Lumpur, 27 Sept—Malaysia’s health ministry said on Monday it will work with the federal police to investigate an illegal kidney trade that allegedly involved Malaysia as it viewed the crime “very seriously.”

“Malaysia, being a member of the World Health Organization and a signatory to the Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism is committed to ensure such illegal practices are not undertaken in the country,” health director-general Hasan Abdul Rahman said.

“It seems a little far-fetched for such an illegal activity, especially involving foreigners, have been carried out in the specific hospitals where kidney transplants are performed. However, if there are evidence that it happened, the ministry will certainly take action against those involved,” he added.

Hasan said transplants from unrelated donors generally needed to be vetoed by an independent body appointed by the health ministry for approval.

But to date, the ministry holds no records of such requests or applications. Malaysian state news agency last Thursday reported that Malaysia was among several countries in the radar of the Bangladeshi police who were tracing a cross border kidney trafficking syndicate.
Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 26th day

Seven questions replied, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted, one new proposal put on record, one bill approved

U Ba Shein of Kayakpyu Constituency said he has learnt that natural gas from Shwe project will be refined at the plant being built near Malakyun village, 6 miles southwest of the town, and then gas will be exported to China. He asked whether there is a plan to generate electricity for Kayakpyu with the use of some refined natural gas, and whether there is a plan to supply electricity to Kayakpyu through national power grid of the nation. Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay replied that natural gas from Shwe project will be refined at the station near Malakyun Village, 6.4 miles from Kaykauph, Rakhine State, and then will be sent to Myanmar-China natural gas pipeline. At present, gas should not be used for another project against the contract. However, there are many prospects for exploration of oil and gas. Although initial capital of the gas power plant is cheaper than that of hydropower plant, production cost for electricity using natural gas is larger than that of hydropower. Therefore, hydropower plants are built in the places with prospects of hydropower.

According to the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 plans for hydropower projects have been adopted at Thathaychaung, An, Laymyo and Saidin for electricity sufficiency for the people. The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 has adopted the plans for the 230 KV power grids and main power stations for implementation of one power grid network. Additionally, hydropower projects in Rakhine State will supply electricity not only to Rakhine State but also to power grid system of the nation. At present, it is now impossible to supply electricity to Kayakpyu through Shwe project. In the future, coordination will be made to build gas power plant for supply of electricity when natural gas can be produced from offshore Rakhine.

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

U Tin Win of Dedaye Constituency said that if a bridge will be built to link Phayalaykwin Village in Dedaye Township and Kyainkalat, it will be a shortest motor road from Dedaye to Kyaukpat within one hour. He asked whether there is a plan to construct a Dedaye-Kyainkalat bridge. The Union Minister replied that 11 miles and five furlongs long Dedaye-Kyainkalat motor road linking Dedaye and Kyainkalat of Pyapon District, Ayeayawady Region, is a gravel road to be used all the year round. It is only inter-township road. The Kyainkalat River is located at Phayalaykwin Village, 11 miles and five furlongs from Dedaye and Kyainkalat is located on the opposite bank. Kyainkalat River is about 1000 feet wide. Dedaye and Kyainkalat are motor road accessible, and the Ministry of Construction is undertaking maintenance work yearly.

People of Dedaye have access to Kyainkalat through Dedaye-Pyapon-Kyainkalat Road. People of Phayalaykwin Village, 11 miles and five furlongs from Dedaye may go to Kyainkalat by boat in a short time. If a plan is under implementation for construction of Kyainkalat Bridge, water clearance must be 40 feet high for triple-decker vessels although the river is 1000 feet wide. The bridge will be above 3000 feet long. At present, the people are enjoying better transport, and there is no plan to build Kyainkalat Bridge.

U Mya Thein of Bogale Constituency said that 19 miles and two furlongs long Pyapon-Bogale road in Ayeayawady Region is single route from Bogale to various areas of the region. In the future, it will be included in the road network linking seaside towns such as Ahmar Sub-Township, Sesan and Kadonkani. The road has been placed with asphalt from the start to 4 miles and two furlongs and mile post No. 13 to Bogale. He asked whether there is a plan to tarmac 9 miles and three furlongs long section of the road. The Union Minister replied that up to 31-5-2011, Bogale-Pyapon Road has nine miles and seven furlongs long section, nine miles and three furlongs long gravel section totaling 19 miles and two furlongs. In the rehabilitation period after the Cyclonic storm Nargis, running of vehicles caused damage to the road. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Ministry of Construction has upgraded four furlongs long section to asphalt section, five miles long and 40 feet wide earthen section, build 180 feet long Kyonku Bridge and 120 feet long Kalagyi Creek Bridge. Depending the ordinary maintenance expenditure in 2011-2012 fiscal year, 2 miles and five furlongs long gravel section was upgraded to the asphalt section, one mile gravel repaired, 50 feet long Koeineidan Bridge, 10 feet long Bridge No. 17 and 300 feet long Nathauge Bridge maintained. By 2011-2012 fiscal year, the road will be upgraded to 13 miles long asphalt section. Therefore, there will remain six miles and two furlongs long gravel section. In 2012-2013 fiscal year, the capital expenditure will be demanded for upgrading the roads and bridges.

U Saw James of Einme Constituency said that Myowin wooden Bridge (125x13x21 feet) on Einme-Kyaunggon Creek in Ayeayawady Region was built in 1975. At present, the bridge is old and not strong. He asked whether there is a plan to build one RC bridge. The Union Minister replied that in the past, Einme of Myawinnyu District in Ayeayawady Region relied on only water way, however the local people are now enjoying fruits of better transport thanks to Myawinnyu-Einme-Kyaunggon Road, Einme-Dahka Road and Einme-Pantawaw Road. Einme-Pantawaw Road is facilitated Myawinnyu-Einme-Kyaunggon Road with 270 feet long Thongwa Creek Bridge, with 200 feet long Kan Gyi Bridge and 200 feet long Myawinnyu Bridge. The tasks will be completed by 2011, Pathein-Ngapudaw Road will be gravel road. In upgrading Pathein-Ngapudaw Road, 700 feet long Pyaung Bridge and 1820 feet long Thetkkel Creek Bridge, 45 feet long Salu Creek Bridge, 40 feet long Wegyi Creek Bridge and 75 feet long Pyayayyaw Creek Bridge are under construction.

The 27 miles and three furlongs long Pathein-Myaungmya Road is stretching along Pathein-Kangon-Myinkaseik-Myawinnyu. Pathein District Public Works, Bridge Construction Special Groups 7 and 12 of the ministry participate in construction of Pathein-Ngapudaw Road. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, capital expenditure was used for upgrading six miles long hard section to gravel section, the ordinary maintenance expenditure on one mile and seven furlongs long hard section to gravel section. The tasks will be completed by 2011, Pathein-Ngapudaw Road will be gravel road. In upgrading Pathein-Ngapudaw Road, 700 feet long Pyaung Bridge and 1820 feet long Thekkel Creek Bridge, 45 feet long Salu Creek Bridge, 40 feet long Wegyi Creek Bridge and 75 feet long Pyayayyaw Creek Bridge are under construction.

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The charges through BOT system, there was no complaint from vehicle owners and drivers during 10 years period to date. Therefore, there is no reason to annul one of two toll gates.

Due to no problem at levying charges at toll gates, systematic maintenance of road and average charge fixed by Asia World Co. Ltd. It is not burden for the people, and there is no need to annul one of two toll gates.

With regard to the proposal to fix Minimum Purchase Guarantee Price in framework of market economy under the supervision of the Union government after setting limitations for the crops in period, type and time submitted by U Tin Htun of Zalun Constituency on 23 September, U Maung Maung Tun of Yekyi Constituency, U Khin Maung Oo of Monywa Constituency, U Hlay Win of Lewe Constituency, U Sai Saw Tin of Mongyayawng Constituency, Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunsingh Constituency, U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Tok of Monkem Constituency, U Ko Gyo of Aungmyethan Constituency and U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency said that farmers are delighted at endavours of the new government for discouragement of agricultural loans, sharing of technologies, distribution of quality strains and seeking reasonable price for crops, and stability of foreign exchange. However, they all seem that it is necessary to provide continuous assistance to farmers for economic recovery. It is important that any crop must be sold at fair price. Availability of guarantee price may contribute not only to boosting cultivation and production but also to raising productivity. Therefore, they supported the proposal of U Tin Htun because it benefits the farmers.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan replied that it can be witnessed that the government is encouraging in freely selling and buying crops in the markets of producers and merchants. It is required to try hard for enhancement of quality as well as quantity in production and fetching good prices, having access to the market and market share in trading. Under the long-term development strategic plan, the government placed emphasis on infrastructural development during the period of 20 years by implementing dams, reservoirs and water pumping projects essential for agricultural production of farmers and building roads and bridges so as to transport produce to the market. As a result, export of agricultural produce increased to US$ 1756.39 million in 2010-11 fiscal year.

Since 2009, the government, joining hands with farmers, local merchants, brokers, mill owners and entrepreneurs, made necessary arrangements with less government’s intervention for setting up of rice and paddy companies and beans and pulses companies which are in conformity with the market economy under the government set strategies and tactics. With the aim of increased producing quality and marketable crops and improving in living standard of farmers and in agricultural production.

These companies are rendering quality strains, fertilizers and farm equipment to farmers, using modern machines for production of valued-added products and making necessary arrangements for enabling farmers to have access to domestic and foreign markets. This is a fundamental support of the government for the farmers in order to fetch good price for their produce in global markets.

Measures being taken by the government for development of agriculture sector and improvement in socioeconomic status of farmers are not different from arrangements to be given by the government for fetching good price proposed by U Tin Htun. So the government set strategies and tactics to ensure in order to the framework of the agricultural sector and to generate their incomes. The government is making supervising on minimum purchase guarantee price within the framework of the market economy after setting time frame in accord with time, region and kinds of crops.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Tin Htun.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Hlay Naing submitted the proposal to enact a law to use the word Myanmar in works of writing, compiling and publishing with the aim of promoting the national prestige and integrity and in noble place or usage which are concerned with the country and all national races only and to prohibit use of the word in unsuitable place and usage including use of the word as a brand.

The proposal will be discussed on 28 September and those wishing to take part in discussions may enlist their names this evening.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency reported to the Hluttaw that she would like to withdraw her proposal, Pyithu Hluttaw is urged to form a commission with experts so as to formulate a new administrative mechanism which is in conformity with changing political and economic system in accord with the Constitution, assisting national interest, as Hluttaw committees are put into action, and to put it in record. The Hluttaw put the proposal on record and allowed to withdraw.

As paragraph and subparagraph without proposal of amendment of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill submitted on 21 September and was under discussion on 23 September was approved and paragraphs with proposal of amendment were discussed one by one.

As there is no amendment for paragraph 1 and 2 of Chapter 1 title, paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 of Chapter 2 title and paragraph 5, 6 and 7 of Chapter 1 title and Chapter 4 title, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be part of the Bill.

U Khin Maung Shwe of Tamu Constituency submitted a proposal to substitute the clause "First Pyithu Hluttaw regular session" stated in paragraph 8, subparagraph (a) of original provision with first regular. While the Hluttaw asked the attitude of the Hluttaw Rights Committee. Secretary of the committee...
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Thus, the Hluttaw approved that the sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 9 shall be part of the bill. U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency submitted a proposal of amendment to add the phrase Hluttaw before the phrase experience included in the original provision of sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 9. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary Dr Soe Yin that as it is proper, the committee agreed it.

Thus, the Hluttaw approved that sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 9 shall be part of the bill. As there was no objection from sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph 9 to sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 12, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be parts of the bill. U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency submitted a proposal of new paragraph right of taking cash assistance prescribed in line with law and rules for holding ceremonies on recounting Hluttaw experiences. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is proper to insert the new sub-paragraph. U Aung Thein accepted the reply of the Hluttaw Rights Committee.

Thus, they approved that the sub-paragraphs of paragraph 12 shall be part of the bill in line with the original provisions. As there was no objection from paragraph 13 in Chapter V to paragraph 34 in Chapter IX, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be part of the bill.

U Khin Maung Shwe of Tamu Constituency submitted a proposal to cancel the phrase at least in the provision of paragraph 35. Dr Mya Oo of Nganyuang Constituency submitted that it shall convene at necessary time instead of three years. U Khin Maung Shwe agreed it.

In asking attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that it should be.

Thus, the proposal that “it should present amendment without any digit that the Speaker shall convene the Hluttaw regular session at necessary time” was approved. As there was any objection from paragraph 36 to 48, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be part of the bill. U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency submitted a proposal to add the phrase slandering other party after the phrase slandering other religion in line No. 4 of original provision in paragraph 49. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is proper, the committee agreed it.

Thus, the paragraph 49 was approved as part of the bill in line with the amendment of U Aung Mya Than. There was no objection from paragraph 50 to paragraph (b) of paragraph 52. Therefore, the Hluttaw approved that they shall be part of the bill.

Union Mines Minister meets Belarusian Ambassador

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htike received Belarusian Ambassador Dr Valery Sadokho to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at his office here at 11 am today. They discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation in using machinery and vehicles in mining.

Colombia seizes another

BOGOTA, 27 Sept—Colombian police have seized a submarine used by drug cartels to ship cocaine in international waters, authorities said Monday. It’s a sophisticated vessel equipped with modern navigation systems, and was caught in a village in the remote western Province of Choco on the Pacific coast, south of Panama, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is proper to insert the new paragraph into the bill at present. U Pe Than submitted to seek decision of the Hluttaw. In the decision, there were many objections to the proposal of U Pe Than, so his proposal was not approved and the original provision was approved. U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency submitted a proposal to add one new sub-paragraph right of suing the person who dishonoured the Hluttaw representative and intentionally disregarded his admiration of the people as sub-paragraph (g) after sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 12. As the attitude of Hluttaw Rights Committee was asked, Secretary of the Committee Dr Soe Yin said that as it is not proper to insert the new sub-paragraph. U Aung Thein accepted the reply of the Hluttaw Rights Committee.

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Media, public relations training course opened in Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Magway Region Information and Public Relations Department launched a media and public relations training course opened in line No. 1/2011 at the meeting hall of the administration department of Magway Region this morning, with an opening speech of Magway Region Minister for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min among the Regional Minister for Transportation and regional level departmental heads, the districts and townships’ administrators, and the course instructors.

To promote media sector is the purpose of the one-week course being taken by a total of 28 trainees. —MNA

Wife of Mexican drug lord gives birth in Calif

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—The young wife of Mexico’s most wanted drug lord has given birth to twin girls at a hospital in northern Los Angeles County, according to a news-paper report. Emma Coronel, the 22-year-old wife of Joaquin Guzman, crossed the border in mid-July and delivered her daughters at Antelope Valley Hos-pital in Lancaster on 15 Aug, the Los Angeles Times reported on its website Monday (http://lat.ms/nyfqmn).

Coronel, a former beauty queen who holds US citizenship, returned to Mexico after they were born. Birth certificates listed Coronel as the mother of the girls, but the spaces for the father’s name and address were left blank.

U.S. law enforcement officials, who tracked her movements even before she traveled to Lancaster, told the Times that Coronel was not arrested because there are no charges against her.

Coronel is believed to be the third or fourth wife of Guzman, the 54-year-old multibillionaire head of Mexico’s most powerful drug-trafficking gang, the Sinaloa cartel.

The couple married the day she turned 18 at a lavish wedding in the highlands of central Mexico in 2007.

Internet

Toyota adds first tiny ‘micinar’ to Japan lineup

Tokyo, 27 Sept—Toyota is selling its first “micinar” in Japan as demand increases for the tiny vehicles which are popular for short commutes. Toyota Motor Corp, Japan’s top automaker, launched the tiny Pixis Space Mini vehicle manufactured by group company Daihatsu Motor Co, on Monday.

“Minivehicles, or “kei,” are defined according to Carlos Enrique Rodriguez, deputy director of the anti-narcotics police.

It was the second such submarine seized over last weekend, he told a news Conference. On Saturday, authorities found a bigger submarine which could carry up to 10 tons of cocaine in the southern Province of Valle del Cauca.—Xinhua
Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 26th day
Eight questions raised and answered; one question transferred to Public Complaints and Petitions Committee, one proposal discussed and approved

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The first Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session continued for the 26th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Hluttaw representatives.

During the meeting, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No. 1 asked whether there was a plan to upgrade the Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung earth road linking Yathedaung and Thandaunggyi towns to an all-weather gravel road, and to a tarred road as the road would play a part for development of eastern region of the May Yu Mountain.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replied that as part of the Union Government’s efforts for better transportation, Rakhine State Development Affairs Department earmarked K 922.921 million for roads and bridges in urban areas and K 422.821 million for roads and bridges in rural areas.

Similarly, Buthidaung Township Development Affairs Committee earmarked K 28.82 million and Yathedaung Township DAC K 8.775 million for roads and bridges in rural areas. The Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung road passed through 22.4 miles in Yathedaung Township and 18/6 miles Buthidaung Township, he said.

He continued to say that on the Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung road there were 70 bridges; over-100 ft long seven bridges and under-100 ft long 63 bridges; jointly constructed by departments, the people and UNHCR.

Buthidaung Township and Yathedaung Township development affairs departments had a plan to spend K 40.1 million in the 2011-2012 fiscal year: K 25 million funded by the Development Affairs Department (Head Office), K 15.1 million funded by the development township affairs committee: on maintenance of the Agnumaw-Zedipyin-Buthidaung road, and had a plan to ask the central committee for implementation of development of border areas and national races to fund the roadwork.

 Afterwards, U Saw Taw Pale of Kayin State Constituency No. 7 asked if there was a plan to move Thandaunggyi Township offices to the previous administrative town Thandaung for the convenience of the people and government service personnel.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said Thandaunggyi Township was established in 1900 during the colonial period and it became the seat of the local administrative body. The office was moved to Leiktho (now sub-township) in 1910 and to Thandaunggyi, a summer resort, in 1935. In 1959, the office was moved to Thandaung Myothit, about 15 miles from Thandaunggyi, (now sub-township) in 1910 and to Thandaunggyi, a mountain.

Union Minister said. Buildings for departmental offices were being constructed in the township and the seat of the township administrative body was moved to Thandaunggyi for the development of the region, the Union Minister said.

 Afterwards, U Nyi Nyi Tun of Mon State Constituency No. 11 asked if there was a plan to allocate alluvial land left by rivers and creeks to the right hands when the plains were allocated to farmers.

The Union Minister replied that the Rule 16 (1) of the 1963 Tenancy Law had allowed to allocate the alluvial land caused by change of watercourse of rivers and creeks to farmers in accordance with the rules and regulations 16 (4) of the law.

Regarding the allocation of alluvial land, region and state governments concerned made decisions in accordance with the Rule 16 (4) (b) of the 1963 Tenancy Law and allowed the district administrative bodies to allocate the land to farmers. According to the question, the alluvial land located between Shankaing Village-tract Waw Township, Bago Region, and Moppalin Village in Kyaihtikho Township, Mon State, was gained from the Sittoung River as from the 1989-1990 fiscal year. When the land had became fertile, farmers from both townships grew plants, causing disputes. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the total area of the alluvial land had reach 514 acres and farmers from Waw and Kyaihtikho townships had grown crops.

Except from the land for farmers in Waw Township, the remaining 134 acres had been allocated to Min Min Tun Company with the agreement of Bago Region Government for one season. Regarding the allocation of the alluvial land, measures, which were based on the cooperative system, were taken to allocate the land to right farmers who had no farmland and anyone could apply for the land to region/state governments concerned in accordance with the rules and regulations.

U Maung Saw Phye of Rakhine State constitutionality. No. 4 asked how the Union Government would solve complaints about farmland confiscation in Ngan Tat Village-tract and Hpontha Village-tract in Minbya Township, Rakhine State.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that the Section 37 (a) of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar says “The Union is the ultimate owner of all lands and all natural resources above and below the ground, above and beneath the water and in the atmosphere in the Union.” Therefore, to protect the sovereignty and territories and to take the national security duties, security forces were posted in the interests of the State, he said.

To carry out such tasks, designating areas for local regiments and battalions to protect the State and the people was the far-sighted management of the government. Regarding the tenancy of the farmland by the local regiments and battalions, local authorities would re-scrutinize the tenancy and would coordinate with officials of local regiments and battalions and the Rakhine State Government to make assessment of the farmland in the interests of the local people.

The Hluttaw decided to let Public Complaints and Petitions Committee handle the proposal.

Next, Union Minister for Industry (1) and for Industry (2) U Soe Thein answered queries raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4 asked “whether Ministry of Industry (2) can manufacture industrial quantities of Myanmar mini saloon automobile so that the public can easily purchase it; whether the ministry could permit importation of Cherry wagon like Myanmar mini saloon from the People’s Republic of China; whether the ministry could permit importation of other mini automobiles with less fuel consumption.”

The Union Minister replied that the nature of industrial production is to be considered; to increase the daily rate of production, primary factory is to be established first; moreover, purchase of necessary parts for production of automobiles is to be included in the budget; the Ministry of Industry (2) has to practice division of budget as it has to manufacture other industrial products in addition to automobiles.

The Union Minister went on that the ministry is implemented projected production of home-made automobiles; in addition, it is focusing on use of skilled workers, equipment, jigs & robot welding; importation of automobiles may affect the local job market, deterring the development of automobile production techniques; in addition if automobiles are imported, levied taxes will be paid to the government according to the procedures, which means an inevitable rise in current price of automobiles, so that the ministry has increasingly focused on localization and sale at lower price.

The Union Minister went on that the Ministry of Industry (2) will manufacture about 1500 units of Myanmar mini saloon automobile in 2011-2012 fiscal year and will manufacture more in the future, equipping (See page 11)
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more machines; the Ministry of Rail Transportation has issued notification of importation of automobiles on 11-9-2011; in addition, foreign, joint-venture and enterprise automobile makers will be permitted in Myanmar foreign automobile makers; the ministry is taking measures for people to be able to purchase automobiles either at showrooms or import from abroad freely in the future.

U Kyi Tun of Mandalay Region Constituency No 1 asked “whether the ministry would permit private sector to engage in western pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.”

The Union Minister replied that Myanmar Investment Law is in the process of amendment and local and foreign entrepreneurs can make investment in medicine production industry in line with existing laws, rules and regulations; currently, Myanmar Economic Holdings is running medicine factory in PinyOoOoO.lwin; western pharmaceutical products are to be produced at separate rooms dividing sterile product, non-sterile product and biological product room and production processes has to be in line with internationally-recognized WHO good manufacturing practice at least; factory equipment should be purchased from ISO certificate holder companies and the storage of raw materials and finished goods must be in line with good storage practices described in internationally-recognized GMP of WHO; in addition, raw materials to be used in medicine production are to be B.P, U.S.P, and I.P standard pharmaceutical ingredients and the suppliers should be certificate holders recognized by the WHO; each step of water pre-treatment system and water for injection (WFI) water processing system, and related power stations are in the process of implementation; upon completion of those projects, electricity can be supplied to Haka, Falam and Thaingngin through national grid; power lines can be connected to Tiddm, Tonanzg and Kyikah from Thaingngin and on completion of Myittha, Manipura hydropower projects, 230/66/1 K.V. 100 MVA main power station is projected to be constructed in Gangaw so as to link with national grid.

The Union Minister went on that upon completion of Saing hydropower projects, electric power can be supplied to Palewa of Chin State through Kyaytaw of Rakhine State and upon completion of Paung-Mindat-Matupi power line, electric power can be supplied to Kanpetlet of Chin State through Saw of Magway Region.

U Zone Hl Hn of Chin State Constituency No 2 asked “whether there is progress in detailed coordination between Myanmar and India to sign national agreement on tourism in Chin State” and Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replied that although a particular MoU on entrance and exit between Myanmar and India has not been signed, Zokwalo exit in Mizoram State of India and Reethorda border check point in Reethorda sub-township of Falam District of Chin State of Myanmar have been legally opened since 11-2-1989 under the agreement of border area authorities of the two nations; the entrance fee is 10 Rupiah per head for Indians with one-day visit allowance to Reethorda and around Reed Lake and the exit fee is K 500 per head with one-day period.

The Myanmar-India border gate in Tamu of Sagaing Region was opened on 1-2-1989; it was closed on 11-10-1997 following the insurgent attacks under the agreement of security authorities of both sides; for legal entrance, State level agreement which requires to report to each levels is needed; negotiations between Myanmar and India over entrance started as of 2003; under the resolution of State-level Myanmar-India Border Authorities Meeting held in Yangon in October, 2003, Indian side submitted Myanmar-India Border Agreement (Draft) drafted by India via the embassy in July, 2004; in the draft, India demanded to establish border gates in Zokhoda, Pansha and Nampaung in Myanmar; the border gate, namely Zokhoda in India and Reethorda in Myanmar, has been established; Myanmar side discussed that the opening of border gates in other two places was not currently possible in 12th State level Meeting of Myanmar-India Border Authorities Meeting held in New Delhi of India; 17th State level Meeting of Myanmar-India Border Authorities will be hosted in Myanmar in opportune time and attitudes and discussions of Indian side will be considered, the Union Minister said.

Hluttaw representatives Dr Khin Swe, Dr Myint Kyi, U Zaw Naing Oo, U J Raw Wu, Dr Banyar Aung Moe, U Sai Thain Zin, U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than, U Phone Myint Aung and U Hmatt Gy i discussed the proposal submitted by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No 2 on 26 September that “the union government is urged to hasten the resolution of unsettled cases regarding farmland/land losses”.

They discussed that peasant means the individual who operate the farm with his own hands as a main vocation or constantly, or who supervise the farm in the whole growing season as a main vocation; peasants representing 75% of ration’s population deserve thanks of the people as they are doing agricultural works for food security and livings of over 60 million people; honest peasants are experiencing losses as the private companies did not pay full compensations for centralization of farmland, property, plots, plantations.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw said the centralization of farmlands is carried out if it is a bona fide need for regional development and construction works; in so doing, existing laws, rules and regulations, and directives are to be applied to settle the case all in order to avoid loss of peasants; as the new government prioritizes rural development and poverty alleviation as the main task, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is realizing short-term and long-term plans for agricultural development as well; the President in his address to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on the first day of second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said that the Region/State governments are to handle the cases correctly as they understand the reality of their own region, laws, rules and regulations, directives and coordination are needed to define functions among regions, authorities, and departments according the powers to be shared; law experts are drafting Farmland Law, rules and regulations (drafts) to prevent losses of peasants, to settle farmland disputes properly and hastily; nine matters related to the management of farmland and cropland disputes will be dealt in 2011.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

The 26th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 3.15 pm and the session continues for 27th day at 10 am on 29 September. At today’s session, eight questions were raised and answered; one question was transferred to People’s Complaints and Petitions Committee; and one proposal was discussed and approved.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (315)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (315) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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“DURGA PUJA INVITATION”

THE SARADIYA DURGA PUJA (Sandhi Mai Daw Puzaw Pwe) will be celebrated from Sunday, the 2nd October to Thursday the 6th October 2011 at Hindu temple Sri Sri Durga Bari No. 307, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.
All are cordially invited to attend the Durga Puja Celebration with family and friends.

Durga Puja Celebration Committee 2011.

$230m in silver found in WWII shipwreck off Ireland

NEW YORK, 27 Sept 2011
US treasure hunters have found a World War II shipwreck containing an estimated $230 million in silver, the largest cache of precious-metal booty ever, the BBC reports. A German submarine torpeded the British cargo ship SS Gairsoppa about 300 miles off the coast of Ireland on 17 Feb, 1941. The 1919 steamship was hauling 219 tons of silver — 7 million ounces — of privately held bullion and government-owned coins and ingots, some of which may also contain 2.5% gold, according to documents. The ship was headed to Galway from India. Only one of the 85 crewmembers survived.

Using deep sonar and robotics submarines, Odyssey Marine Exploration found the treasure this summer in more than 14,000 feet of water. Under a contract with the UK government, the Tampa, Florida-based company will keep 80% of the cargo’s value. Recovery work is to begin next spring.

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Scientists say coffee may prevent depression

And they say it is certainly too soon to start recommending that women should drink more coffee to boost mood. The Harvard Medical School team tracked the health of the women over a decade from 1996 to 2006 and relied on questionnaire data to record their coffee consumption. Just over 2,600 of the women developed depression over this time period. More of these women tended to be non- or low-coffee drinkers rather than frequent coffee consumers. Compared with women who drank one cup of caffeinated coffee or less per week, those who consumed two to three cups per day had a 15% decreased risk of developing depression. Those who drank four or more cups a day cut their risk by 20%.

“Scientists say coffee may prevent depression.”

Low vitamin B12 levels may lead to brain shrinkage, cognitive problems: study

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept 2011
Older people with low blood levels of vitamin B12 markers may be more likely to have lower brain volumes and have problems with their thinking skills, according to research at Rush University Medical Centre in Chicago. The results of the study will be published in the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

Foods that come from animals, including fish, meat, especially liver, milk, eggs and poultry are usual sources of vitamin B12. The study involved 121 elderly residents of the south side of Chicago over the age of 65. They had blood drawn to measure levels of vitamin B12 and B12-related markers that can indicate a B12 deficiency. The same subjects took tests measuring their memory and other cognitive skills.

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**‘Bad wine’ maker gets professional tips**

A New York state man who admits he has made a lot of bad wine says he is hoping to change that as the winner of a week with winemaking professionals.

Donald Schlafer of Mecklenburg, winner of the “Winemaker for a Week” contest organized by the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail, the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance and Greek Peak Resort, said he hopes the pros can help him create a better product than the “gallons of bad wine” he has created in the past.

The Rochester (NY) Democrat and Chronicle reported Monday, “I think I know what I’m supposed to do, I just can’t figure out how to do it,” Schlafer said.

Schlafer’s taped entry in the contest was chosen by all three sponsors. “He seemed so sincere,” said Cathy Millsppaugh, executive director of the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail. “He’s very personable and you could tell he’s someone who wants to learn.”

**Pig flies over London in Pink Floyd album tribute**

It’s a bird, it’s a plane — no, it’s a pig, floating above London.

The 30 foot by 15 foot (9 meter by 4.5 metre) inflatable porker soared Monday over the derelict Battersea Power Station — an image famous from the cover of Pink Floyd’s 1977 album “Animals.”

The scene was reenacted to mark the release of remastered versions of Pink Floyd’s 14 studio albums.

Organizers had hoped to use the original vinyl pig, which has been in storage for 35 years. But it was found to be leaky, and a replica was created instead. There was no replay of the moment during the 1976 photo shoot when the original pig broke free of its moorings and floated into the flight path for Heathrow Airport. It was later found in a farmer’s field.

**Woman with 2 uteruses gives birth to twins**

Authorities say a Florida woman with a rare medical condition has delivered twins — one from each of her two uteruses.

The St Petersburg Times reports Andrea Barbosa and her husband, Miguel, conceived the twins without reproductive medicine. Nathan and Natalie Barbosa were born 15 Sept at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. They join 2-year-old sister, Izabella.

**Riot-hit London district slams Britney’s gun video**

LONDON, 27 Sept—

Britney Spears has raised some hackles in Hackney.

Officials in the east London borough, which was scarred by last month’s riots, are miffed that the singer filmed a video in the area that shows her robbing a store and brandishing a gun.

Spears shot the clip for her upcoming single “Criminal” while she was on tour in Britain this month.

The singer’s public relations firm says the video depicts Spears and boyfriend Jason Trawick “in a Bonnie and Clyde-style setup, holding shop up while on the run as armed robbers.”

For Hackney Council, that was in poor taste.

It said Monday officials had approved the video shoot but “did not agree that a replica gun could be used or location.”

The council is “taking this up with the production company.”

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Mancini wants Balotelli to kick on

Manchester, 27 Sept — Roberto Mancini believes Mario Balotelli has the attributes to become one of the world’s top strikers. The Manchester City striker has only been in England for just over a year, yet he has already managed to get himself involved in more scraps than most players endured in an entire career. It has led to a perception of Balotelli, a scorer against Everton at the weekend, being hard to handle as well as talented, an assessment James Milner thinks is “pretty accurate”.

“With Mario it is never easy,” laughed Mancini. “But we keep in our mind that Mario is young, and young guys can have different behaviour. I know him very well. I know he is a fantastic guy. I want him to work well all the time, in every training session and every match because this year he could be an important player for us.

“He has everything. He has the technical ability. He is strong. He shoots very well. He can score with his head. He needs time but he can become one of the top players.”

Balotelli’s pivotal contribution to the 2-0 victory over Everton on Saturday, that was sealed by fellow substitute Milner in the final minute, justified Mancini’s decision to introduce the Italian ahead of Carlos Tevez, who remained on the bench throughout.— Internet

Lucas: Win vital for confidence

Liverpool, 27 Sept — Liverpool midfielder Lucas Leiva knows the victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers was important. Having lost to Stoke City and Tottenham Hotspur, the Reds laid the foundation for their 2-1 win over Mick McCarthy’s side with a morale-boosting midweek Carling Cup win over Brighton & Hove Albion. However, that would have counted for nothing had they not picked up three points at Anfield, especially with tough matches at Everton and home to Manchester United to follow.

“It was an important win, especially after the defeat against Spurs,” said the Brazil international. “It was a heavy defeat at Spurs (4-0) in which they had two men sent off and it was important to win in the Carling Cup and get three points in the Premier League which gives us chance to be close to the top four. Of course against Spurs everyone could see the situation of the game when we lost two men and it is always difficult to come back.” — Internet

Wozniacki claims three-set win in Tokyo

Tokyo, 27 Sept — World No 1 Caroline Wozniacki needed three sets to finish a second-round match Tuesday at the Toray Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo.

Wozniacki defeated Jarmila Gajdosova 6-1, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3 in beginning her Pan Pacific title defence. She had received a first-round bye. Wozniacki sailed through the first set and was on the verge of a straight-set victory when serving at 5-4 in the second. But Gajdosova posted her lone break of the match and forced the tiebreaker. Wozniacki took the lead in the third set by breaking Gajdosova at love for a 5-3 lead. No 3-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat Irina-Camelia Begu 6-1, 6-3; fourth-seeded Vera Zvonareva defeated Tsvetana Pironkova 7-5, 6-0 and fifth-seeded Petra Kvitova swept past Mandy Minella 6-2, 6-3 among seeded players winning second-round matches.

However, four seeds were ousted. Maria Kirilenko eliminated No. 6-seeded Samantha Stosur 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 and Vania King was a 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) winner over 11th-seeded Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova while Klara Zakopalova took a 6-3, 6-1 decision over No. 16 Shahar Peer. Also, Iveta Benesova eliminated 14th-seeded Dominika Cibulkova 6-4, 6-2. No 10-seeded Peng Shuai won twice Tuesday, beating Jill Craybas 6-2, 6-0 in a first-round match and then topping Christina McHale 6-0, 6-3 in the second round.

UEA star who scored backheeled penalty killed

Dubai, 27 Sept — The United Arab Emirates soccer player who became an Internet sensation this year when he scored a backheeled penalty kick was killed in a car accident. The 16-year-old was colliding with a truck late Sunday while on the way back to Abu Dhabi after national team training in Al Ain. He was 21.

“I feel the loss of one of my family,” UAE soccer president Mohammed Khalafan al-Rumaihi said Monday on the national federation’s website. “I felt bitter tragedy. May the almighty bless him and may he rest in eternal peace.” Al-Rumaihi praised Awana’s commitment to the UAE. The winger was a rising star on the country’s national team, becoming even more prominent after his penalty kick during a 2-7 drubbing of Lebanon in July.

Awana jumped up to the ball before spinning and flicking the ball past the goalkeeper with his right heel. The YouTube video has been viewed more than 1.2 million times. Awana, who also played for UAE club Al Wasl, had been injured and was due to fly to Germany for treatment.— Internet

Wilshere set for long layoffs

London, 27 Sept — Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere will be sidelined for four to five months following ankle surgery. Wilshere has not featured for the Gunners in a competitive match this season after suffering the injury in a pre-season friendly against the New York Red Bulls at the Emirates Stadium. A statement on the club’s official website this evening read: “Jack Wilshere has this morning undergone ankle surgery at a central London hospital.

‘Under the care of two world-renowned sur-
Tens of thousands stranded by floodwaters in India

BHUBANESHWAR, 27 Sept—Indian air force helicopters dropped food parcels and boats shuttled stranded people to safer ground as surging floodwaters hit eastern India. The floods caused by heavy rains have inundated more than 3,000 villages in Orissa state that are home to more than 2 million people. Orissa relief commissioner PK Mohapatra says five people were missing Tuesday in addition to the 27 killed in the eastern state since Friday.

More than 120,000 people have evacuated but tens of thousands are still marooned. Air force helicopters are delivering food, and more than 370 boats were relocating stranded residents.

More than 77 people have died in Orissa since the monsoons began in August. Flooding also killed at least 44 since Friday in northern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar states.

In Bihar, 13 people have died over the past three days when mud houses collapsed due to incessant rain, or trees fell on them, crushing residents. At least 500,000 people have been affected by floods as torrential rains and overflowing rivers inundated northern and central Bihar, said Vyasa Ji, a government official in Patna.—Internet

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We the bereaved family of the late Dr. Daw Khin Hway (87 years) (M.B.B.S) (Ygn) express our deepest gratitude to all friends and relatives who attended the funeral, offered prayers, sent messages of sympathy, floral tributes and shared in our moment of grief. Please accept this acknowledgement as tokens of our appreciation and a sincere appology for not being able to thank individually.

Bereaved family

Indian villagers sit in a rescue boat in the flooded Rassipur village in Orissa’s Jagarajpur, India, on 26 Sept, 2011. Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 28th September, 2011

Daily Transmission Times

07:00 am

1. Praritta By Hilly Region Missionary Song
2. Dhamma Puja
3. To be Healthy Exercise
4. Morning News
5. Nice & Sweet Song
6. Health Programme

07:45 am

7. Cultural Dances
8. Teleplay (Health)
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Higher Education Level) (Men)

08:00 am

11. International News
12. Musical Programme

08:45 am

13. Musical Programme

09:30 am

15. Shwe Yin Khone

09:45 am

16. Teleplay
17. News
18. Festive Events of Twantay festival (Oldies & Mono classical) (Higher Level) (Women)

10:00 am

19. International News
20. Myanmar Handicrafts

10:45 am

21. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical)

11:30 am

22. TV Drama Series
23. Dramatic Arts Competition (Traditional Drama)

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (28-9-2011) (Wednesday)

Local Transmission
News
Musical Programme
“The Life of a Movie Director”

News
Music Gallery
“Creative Expert in Myanmar”

Manorama’s Annual Cultural Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Higher Level) (Women)

Overseas Transmission

Opening News
Beikhano the Ancient Glory of Myanmar News “The Life of a Movie Director”

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Cultural Performing Arts Competition
4:35 pm
5. Dance of National Races

5:00 pm
6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Chem.)

5:15 pm
7. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:20 pm
8. ‘ASEAN’ Programmes
9:30 pm
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Higher Level) (Women)

10:45 pm
11. Documentary
12. Evening News

6:00 pm
13. Weather Report

6:15 pm
14. Traditional Boxing

6:35 pm
15. Shwe Yin Khone Than

7:00 pm
16. Teleplay
8:00 pm
17. News

18. International News

20. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview
21. Korea NG Award
22. TV Drama Series
23. Dramatic Arts Competition (Traditional Drama)

9:00 am
News
Cultural Performing Arts Competition

9:00 am
Music Gallery

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Myanmar Handicrafts

9:00 am
Youth & Music (Part-4)

9:00 am
Festive Events of Twantay

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Live Concert

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Products of the Loom

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Press Conference for the Fantastic Dream Wedding World 2011

9:00 am
Grand Charity Event

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Myanmar Movie “Do contact Kyaye Hmone, if you meet exigency”

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President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of newly-accredited Malaysian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhamad, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at President Office, here, at 11 am today.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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Southwest monsoon withdraws

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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 26th day

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Ministry of Border Affairs, INGOs sign Memorandum of Understanding

Davydenko among early winners in Malaysia

Nikolay Davydenko, shown in a 2010 file photo, was among the first-round winners Tuesday at the Malaysian Open.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Sept—Seeded players Nikolay Davydenko and Kei Nishikori collected first-round wins Tuesday at the Malaysian Open tennis tournament.

Davydenko, seeded fifth, defeated Ryan Harrison 6-3, 6-2 by getting seven service breaks. Davydenko won 59 percent of the points when receiving serve but won just more than half (33-30) when serving. He saved nine of 12 break points he faced. The eighth-seeded Nishikori rallied for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Teymuraz Gabashvili. He lost his serve four times but only once after the first set.

Qualifier Rik de Voest earned a second-round slot with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over Ryan Sweeting. De Voest lost all three of the break points he saw in the first set but didn’t drop his serve for after that.

In other first-round play Tuesday, Philipp Petzschner defeated Mischa Zverev 7-5, 6-3; Lukasz Kubot topped Lukas Rosol 6-3, 6-3; and Somdev Devvarman edged past Mikhail Ledovskikh 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Also, Albert Ramos advanced when Mikhail Kukushkin retired with Ramos ahead 4-6, 6-3, 4-2.—INTERNET

Team Melo’s LeBron James scores against Team Philly in the first half of the “Battle of I-95” basketball game on 25 Sept, 2011, in Philadelphia.—INTERNET