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It has the responsibility to address public concerns in all seriousness

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein has sent a message to second regular sessions of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and the first Amyotha Hluttaw being convened today with addresses to speakers of respective Hluttaws. The translation of the message is as follows:

To
Speaker
Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Subject: Sending message

1. I wish the Speakers of Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw and all representatives who are putting all their energies into serving the people’s interests at the second regular sessions of the first Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw physical and mental well-being.

2. The Union government, and region and state governments also are harmoniously placing emphasis on emergence of good governance, clean government, burgeoning of democratic practices, prevalence of law and order, economic reforms and environmental conservation.

3. The common goal of all the national people is to ensure peace and stability of the State and modernization of the nation. As the Union government offered an olive branch to national race armed groups staying outside the legal fold in accord with the wish of the national people for ensuring eternal peace, state level agreements have been reached with Special Region (2) “Wa” Group and

Special Region (4) Group. At present, the Union level dialogues are in progress. Moreover, some groups have made contact with state governments concerned for peace negotiations.

4. At the same time, as Myanmar citizens who were abroad due to various reasons are scrutinized with offer of return to their mother country and native places, some have arrived back. The release of prisoners will be conducted within the framework of powers entrusted in accord with the constitution. While the Union government is accelerating its service for the national interest, it is so regrettable to witness attempts of some parties and elements forcing the government into the tight corner and undermining peace and stability.

5. Utmost efforts are being made with the aim of industrializing the nation while raising momentum in improvement of agriculture sector in building a modern and developed nation. Electricity is a sine qua non for becoming industrialized nation. Among the ways and means to generate electricity, nuclear energy, according to global incidents, is very risky; and moreover, such process is impossible for the nation due to financial constraints and political censure. In addition, all the representatives know that coal is not sufficient for electric power generation for the whole nation.

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The meeting concentrated on promotion of bilateral cooperation between the Republic of Myanmar and UNICEF.—MNA

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Asia reeles from floods: Vietnam braces for storm

HANOI, 30 Sept—A tropical storm barreled toward Vietnam Friday, forcing 20,000 people to be evacuated, as Philippines braced for a new typhoon and swathes of India, Thailand, Pakistan and China reeled under floods after some of the wildest weather to hit Asia this summer.

Prolonged monsoon flooding, typhoons and storms have wreaked untold havoc in the region, leaving more than 450 people dead or missing in several countries since late July. In the Indian State of Orissa alone the damage is estimated to be worth $726 million.

After pummeling the Philippines and China this week, Typhoon Nesat was downgraded to tropical storm as it headed toward Vietnam where it was expected to make landfall later Friday with sustained wind speeds of up to 73 mph (118 kph), according to the national weather forecasting centre. Heavy rains were reported in northern and central areas, and warnings were issued for flash floods in low-lying areas and for landslides in mountainous regions. High winds whipped through the Capital Hanoi’s streets. The storm had flooded streets across the southern Chinese island of Hainan on Thursday, forcing some 300,000 people to flee their homes, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

On Tuesday, Nesat bashed the Philippines, where it killed at least 43 people and left 30 people missing after causing the worst flooding in the capital in decades.—Internet

Five Australian soldiers injured in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 30 Sept—Five Australian soldiers have been wounded by improvised explosive device (IED) in two separate incidents in Afghanistan’s Uruzgan Province, Defence Force confirmed on Friday.

In the first incident on 23 September, three soldiers from the Mentoring Task Force were wounded when their vehicle hit an IED during a supply mission in the Karmisan Valley. Group Captain Karen Leshinskas said they received first aid at the scene and were then taken by helicopter to a medical facility in Tarin Kot. “They were assessed as being in a satisfactory condition and have since returned to restricted duties,” Group Captain Leshinskas said in a statement released on Friday.

In a separate incident on 25 September, two soldiers were wounded by an IED blast while on foot patrol in the Mirabad Valley. Group Captain Leshinskas said both soldiers have been medically assessed as being in a satisfactory condition.

So far, 34 Australian soldiers have been wounded this year in Afghanistan. The latest casualties take the total wounded in Afghanistan to 199 since 2001.

One dead, about 30 hurt in Venezuela train crash

CHARALLAVE, 30 Sept—Two commuter trains collided in a tunnel outside Caracas on Thursday, killing one person, injuring about 30 and leaving frightened passengers gaping for air in the dark, officials said.

One train suddenly braked due to an apparent malfunction and another crashed into it from the rear, causing the first to derail. Transportation Minister Francisco Garces said on state television. Officials said a packed train coming in the opposite direction was able to stop before colliding with the others, averting a possible disaster.

The crash apparently cut power in the tunnel between Caracas and the suburbs of Los Valles del Tuy. Passengers “remained inside the wagons without air conditioning and within the tunnel,” causing some to feel a sense of suffocation, said Victor Lira, civil defence director for Miranda State.

He said five people suffered scrapes or trauma while the other injured were treated for respiratory problems or high blood pressure.

Lira said the engineer of the rear train died.

People brave strong winds and rain on a street in a typhoon hit Haikou in south China’s Hainan Province, on 29 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

Islamabad blast injures Pakistan airline passengers

ISLAMABAD, 30 Sept—A gas cylinder exploded on the top floor of a Pakistani hotel in Islamabad late Thursday, injuring three women and a child in a city always on guard against feared terror attacks, police said.

The blast struck the Citi Hotel in the Blue Area, the Pakistani capital’s ordinarily bustling district of shops and restaurants around 11 pm (1800 GMT) at a time when people still linger over dinner in the cool breeze of evening.

“It appears to be a gas cylinder blast,” city police chief Bani Amin told reporters. “It does not appear to be explosives,” he added.

He said four passengers whose Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight was delayed and who were staying in the hotel, were injured.

“They were staying in a room,” Amin added.

Another police official said three women and a child were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

An AFP correspondent saw shattered windows at the scene of the hotel, where water was flowing from the top floor.

Three people killed, 73 wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—A series of gunfire and bomb attacks, including suicide truck bombing, in northern and central Iraq on Thursday killed three people and wounded some 73 others, the police said.

In northern Iraq, a woman was killed and 67 people wounded in a suicide truck bomb explosion near a bank in the City of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad.

The attack occurred before midday when a suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden truck near a crowd of policemen gathered outside the government-owned bank in central Kirkuk to collect the salaries on behalf of their units.

The powerful blast left at least eight vehicles ablaze and caused severe damages to the bank building and several nearby houses, the source said.

“The security measures were tight in the area, but the attacker drove his booby-trapped truck to the scene rapidly and managed to blow it up,” the source said.

Xinhua
UNSG’s Message on The International Day of Older Persons
1 October 2011

Next year marks 10 years since the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. The theme of this year’s International Day of Older Persons, “Launch of Madrid Plus 10: The growing opportunities and challenges of global ageing,” reflects this upcoming milestone. This year we also commemorate 20 years since the adoption of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons. These basic principles independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment and dignity – both enshrine the human rights of older persons and give us the objectives for which we strive.

“Nearly two-thirds of older persons live in developing countries, yet older persons are still largely excluded from the wider global, regional and national development agendas. At a time when the international community is preparing to take stock of sustainable development and is looking to forge a development agenda for the future, it is important that the needs and contributions of older persons become a bigger part of the picture. Older persons are vibrant and essential contributors to the development and stability of society, and more can and should be done to utilize their potential.

“Over the last decade, there has been progress in the formulation of national plans of action related to ageing, including the emergence of non-contributory pensions in some developing countries. However, discrimination and social exclusion persist. These issues are a priority for the recently established General Assembly opened-ended working group on ageing.

“As we commemorate milestones in global development for older persons, let us recommit to the full implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action. In the current fiscal environment, we must be vigilant in ensuring that the provision of social protection, long-term care and access to public health for the elderly is not undermined. On this International Day of Older Persons, I call on governments and communities everywhere to provide more opportunities for their ageing populations. —UNRC/Kangan

World stocks fall after mixed US economic data

France’s CAC-40 fell 0.8 percent to 3,002.43.
Wall Street also appeared headed lower, with Dow Jones industrial futures down 0.7 percent to 11,020 and S&P 500 futures slipping 0.7 percent to 1,147.80. Japan’s Nikkei 225 swung between gains and losses before closing fractionally lower at 8,700.29. South Korea’s Kospi also was in and out of positive territory before settling marginally higher at 1,769.65. Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 gained less than 0.1 percent to 4,008.60, while shares in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Shenzhen sank after data showed China’s manufacturing continued to stagnate in September. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng slumped 2.3 percent to 17,592.41. Mainland’s Shanghai Composite Index fell 0.3 percent to 2,359.22 and the smaller Shenzen Composite Index lost 0.2 percent to 1,004.52.

On Thursday, buoyant investors plunged into stocks after German lawmakers approved new powers to fortify a fund aimed at helping countries that use the euro common currency to deal with heavy debt loads. But passage was expected and the boost to sentiment short-lived. —Internet

Japan fires fresh salvo on yen as economic upsing

Workers stand in front of container at an industrial port in Tokyo July 21, 2011.

Tokyo, 30 Sept—Japan said on Friday it will boost its currency intervention fund and keep watching dealers’ trading positions in yet another effort to tame the yen in the face of growing evidence that its strength is stalling the economy’s post-quake rebound.

August industrial output and other data showed Japan’s swift recovery from the 11 March earthquake and tsunami was tailing off under the weight of the yen’s strength and faltering global growth.

Finance Minister Jun Azumi said the government would authorize a further 15 trillion yen ($195 billion) for market interventions, effectively increasing the amount available to a record 46 trillion yen. He also said the government will maintain for two more months monitoring of currency traders’ daily positions put in place last month to discourage speculative bets on the yen’s rise.

The yen has held broadly steady against the dollar at around 78-77 yen since Tokyo bought a record 4.5 trillion yen worth of currencies on August 4, but the currency continued to rise against the euro and currencies of its Asian rivals.

And with the yen still within striking distance of its all-time high of 75.94 against the dollar, Tokyo is clearly alarmed that its exporters are ill equipped to cope with such persistent yen strength.

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Los Angeles, 30 Sept—If you’re worried about a killer asteroid hitting Earth, NASA has some good news. The space agency says that it has identified more than 90 percent of giant near-Earth asteroids, including the one thought to have killed the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. None poses a danger to the planet in the next several centuries.

“We know now where most of them are and where most of them are going. That really has reduced our risk,” said impact scientist Maninder of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

NASA researchers also downgraded their estimate of the number of medium-sized asteroids, saying there are 44 percent fewer than previously believed. The downside is that scientists have yet to find many of these mid-sized asteroids, which could destroy a metropolitan city.

“Fewer does not mean none,” Mainzer said. “There are still tens of thousands out there that are left to find.”

The updated census comes from data from NASA’s sky-mapping spacecraft named Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, which launched in 2009 to seek out near-Earth objects, galaxies, stars, and other cosmic targets. Unlike previous sky surveys, WISE has sensitive instruments that can pick out both dark and light objects, allowing it to get the most accurate count yet of near-Earth asteroids.

Renewable energy shows strongest growth in global electric generating capacity

Houston, 30 Sept—The amount of the global generating capacity for hydroelectric and other renewable energies will rise 2.7 percent per year through 2035, more than any other electricity-generating sources, according to a report released Wednesday.

The installed hydroelectric power capacity is expected to increase more than other renewable sources between 2008 and 2035, said the report issued by the US Energy Information Administration.

However, the world is projected to see its installed solar power capacity enjoy the largest growth rate over the period, expanding 8.3 percent per year, followed by 5.7 percent for wind, 3.7 percent for geothermal, 2 percent for hydropower, and 1.4 percent for other renewables such as wood waste, landfill gas, and agricultural byproducts, the report said.

A norm annual growth rates for the global installed generating capacity will be 2 percent for nuclear, 1.6 percent for natural gas-fired power plants, and 1.3 percent for coal.

Amazon looking to buy Palm

New York, 30 Sept—Amazon wants to buy Palm and its smartphone/tablet platform WebOS. VentureBeat reports citing a well-placed source.

There are other interested parties, but Amazon is nearest to completing the deal, the same source claims. After HP gave up on the tablet business, rumors started swirling about possible buyers for Palm and WebOS — a platform which showed a lot of promise even in its early days, but was never given a chance to shine as Palm changed hands.

Recent reports that Samsung was interested in acquiring Palm were quickly shot down by the company CEO Choi Gee Sung. HTC, on the other hand, carefully let the world know that it wouldn’t mind having a spare mobile OS on its hands, although CEO Cher Wang was careful not to go into specifics.

Now Amazon rises as the next likely contender. The company recently shook the world of tablets by introducing a cheap 7-inch device, Kindle Fire, which has something in common with the tablets from HTC and Samsung - it’s Android-based.

After Google’s purchase of Motorola Mobility, focusing one’s entire tablet/smartphone strategy on Android quickly became a lot less attractive, so it seems as if it’s just a matter of time until someone takes Palm off HP’s hands - probably at a big discount.

Software for recording now, playing later

San Francisco, 30 Sept—If the idea of being stuck on a plane for hours without access to the movies in your Netflix queue fills you with dread, software that lets you record streaming videos from the Web and watch them later on your laptop may be an appealing solution.

That’s the idea behind PlayLater, which bills itself as “the DVR for online videos,” can record content from a number of different online sources — including Hulu, YouTube and Netflix — and save it to your computer.

In this file photo taken 28 Sept, 2011, the Kindle Fire is shown at a news conference, in New York. The e-reader and tablet has a 7-inch (17.78 cm) multicolor touchscreen and will go on sale for $199 on 15 Nov.

Amazon’s unveiling of the Kindle Fire this week isn’t a statement of its ambition to outdo the iPad. Amazon’s real aim is to dominate digital content.

Cartoon Network, ESPN, Comedy Central and Internet radio service Pandora.

For password-protected sites like Netflix, you’ll have to enter your login info. The software is not hard to navigate, but it’s ugly and cumbersome with lots of text and few images. You typically have to click through several levels of tabs to find the video clip, movie or TV show you want. Fortunately, some of the channels have a search bar, and when available I found it was usually easier to just use this to find what I wanted.
Wetsuit tourniquet saved S African shark victim

CAPE TOWN, 30 Sept—The British man who was mauled by a shark at Cape Town beach was saved by good Samaritans who turned a wetsuit into a tourniquet to stem his bleeding, his surgeon said Thursday.

Michael Cohen, a 43-year-old British man living in Cape Town, lost his right leg above the knee when a great white shark attacked him on Wednesday, local authorities said.

“The injury to the right leg had been controlled at the scene with a tourniquet,” said Andrew Nicol, the trauma surgeon who operated on Cohen.

“Tourniquet has consisted of a wetsuit that had been applied around the thigh and wrapped with two belts very, very tightly,” he told a news conference. “It’s just too early to predict at the moment about the outcome but I think a promising sign is the fact that he is stabilizing,” he said. “We’ve basically replaced his blood volume twice over already.”

The beach was closed after sharks had been spotted earlier in the day but Cohen ignored warning flags when he went into the water at Fish Hoek beach, the city of Cape Town said in a statement.

He was rescued by two passersby who dragged him from the water and by one of the city’s Shark Spotters who used his belt to fasten the tourniquet, said National Sea Rescue Institute spokesman Craig Lambinon. Beaches along Cape Town’s False Bay remained closed on Thursday after two sharks were spotted in the area.

Boeing workers busted in drug sweep at plant

RIDLEY PARK, 30 Sept—Federal agents arrested dozens of current and former Boeing workers on Thursday on charges of illegally dealing in painkillers and antianxiety drugs at a plant that makes military aircraft models used in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Workers were led in handcuffs out of the Ridley Park, Pennsylvania plant in the early-morning bust by agents wearing FBI and DEA bullet-proof vests, witnesses said.

As a result of an investigation that began four years ago at the Boeing plant, 23 people were charged with attempting possession of various drugs for trying to buy them, he said.

Boeing employs more than 6,000 people at the Ridley Park plant, where the V-22 Osprey vertical take-off aircraft and H-47 Chinook helicopters are produced. The Osprey and Chinook are standard US military aircraft used in Iraq and Afghanistan. There was no evidence that the integrity of the work on any aircraft had been compromised, Memegere said. “This investigation and prosecution focused not only on the sellers, but also on the users because of the critical role that these employees play in manufacturing military aircraft,” Memereger said. —Reuters

Hope for 18 missing in Indonesia plane crash

JAKARTA, 30 Sept.—There were hopes there could be survivors from an Indonesian plane that crashed with 18 people aboard, the government said, after rescuers spotted the fuselage intact and a door open. The Casa 212 turboprop plane, carrying 14 passengers including four children, and four crew, went down in Sumatra island on Thursday after departing Medan City, in Sumatra, for the nearby Province of Aceh. But the commercial flight run by Nusantara Buana Air sent a distress signal soon after and crashed at 1,100 metres (3,600 feet) in the mountainous Bohorok area, around 70 kilometres (40 miles) northwest of Medan.

A search-and-rescue team determined Thursday that the fuselage was largely undamaged and early Friday morning they reported from a helicopter that a door to the aircraft had been opened. “They saw an open door, which makes us think that some passengers may be alive, so we are hopeful,” transport ministry aviation head Harry Bakti told AFP, adding that there were no foreigners on the flight. —INTERNET

Hungary villages heal slowly from red sludge spill

The damaged reservoir near an alumina plant is seen from the air in Kolontar, 93.2 miles west of Budapest, on 9 October, 2010. —INTERNET

KOLONTAR, 30 Sept—Shortly after noon on a sunny day last October, 56-year-old Janos Fuchs was plowing his field in western Hungary when a nearby reservoir wall collapsed, unleashing a torrent of toxic waste that destroyed all in its path.

Fuchs managed to reach higher ground on his tractor but he could do nothing but watch as the flood of caustic red mud — the waste from a nearby alumina plant — swept away his village, ruining his mother’s home as well as his own.

She would be found dead three days later, half a mile downstream. “When I returned to my house, I reached for my keys... only to realize the door was gone,” Fuchs said.

The disaster, the worst in Hungarian history, killed 10 people and injured 120, polluted a town and river and spread 1.9 million cubic meters of a soft sludge, the colour of tennis clay, which emitted a pungent acidic smell that could be detected miles away.

The physical cleanup is nearly complete.

Crews have removed 53,000 truckloads of the sludge from the fields. Hundreds of damaged houses have been bulldozed and about a hundred new ones were built for those who requested them. Vegetation and soil have been replaced. Two memorial parks are being erected.

But the emotional scars will take much more time to heal. Hungarian Aluminum (MAL), the metals company behind the sludge, was under state management for months. Eight of its employees are suspects in an ongoing investigation, and the company has received a 135-billion-forint ($632-million) fine.

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6. Although natural gas can be produced from Myanmar territorial waters, the business is run with foreign investment and thus the country gets only its share of gas from the production. As the country has made some investments in the business with loans from foreign nations, she will enjoy fruits in future, but currently, has to pay the interest in installments. The nation is exploring and producing onshore gas, but cannot produce enough even to fulfil domestic demand.
7. As the country has natural rivers and creeks to produce renewable energy, the Tatmadaw government made efforts to generate hydropower inviting foreign investments. Thanks to the efforts, the country has 23 more power stations with generating capacity of 2831 megawatts up from two hydropower plants and seven natural gas-fired power plants with total generating capacity of 529 megawatts.
8. In accord with 30-year strategic plan for electricity, there has been greater potential to generate more electricity from 64 hydropower projects and three coal-fired power plants with total generating power of more than 40000 megawatts. Those projects include eight projects at the upper reaches of Maykha and Malikha and Ayeyawady confluence in Kachin State.
9. While first phase of Ayeyawady Myitkyina hydropower project was implemented with the investment from the People’s Republic of China, we noted that there arise the following public concerns about the Myitsone project.
(a) natural beauties of Myitkyina the gift of nature and a landmark not only for Kachin State but also for Myanmar may disappear;
(b) possible loss of livelihood of national races villages due to inundation at the upstream of the river;
(c) commercially-grown rubber and teak plantations which are heavily invested by private entrepreneurs may be destroyed;
(d) melting ice from snow-capped mountains at the far north triggered by climate change, torrential rains or severe earthquakes may destroy Myitsone dam, claiming lives and property of the people in towns and villages at the downstream of the dam; and
(e) there may be a devastating effect on the Ayeyawady River.
10. As our government is elected by the people, it is to respect the people’s will. We have the responsibility to address public concerns in all seriousness. So construction of Myitkyina Dam will be suspended in the time of our government. Other hydropower projects that pose no threat will be implemented through thorough survey for availability of electricity needed for the nation. I would like to inform the Hluttaws that coordination will be made with the neighbouring friendly nation, the People’s Republic of China, to accept the agreements regarding the project without undermining cordial relations.

Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Religious Affairs Ministry concludes
English proficiency course No. 1

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept— A concluding ceremony of an officer level English proficiency course No. 1 of the Ministry of Religious Affairs took place at the ministry here this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay, officials concerned of the department under the ministry, trainees and officials concerned.

On the occasion, the Union Minister delivered a speech and presented first, second, third prizes to Staff Officer U Thurein Myint, Staff Officer Daw Let Moe of the Religious Affairs Department and Staff Officer Daw Shwun Wai Myint of the Ministry of Religious Affairs respectively.

Afterwards, the Union Minister enjoyed the demonstration of their skills on English Language.

The six-week course was taken by a total of 28 trainees.

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Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung presents first prize to Staff Officer U Thurein Myint.

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Seminar on Sustainable Urban Future commences

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) of Federal Republic of Germany, the University of Cologne of Germany and Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction jointly organized the Seminar of Forum Expert Network for Southeast Asia: Sustainable Urban Future at Thingah Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, deputy ministers, departmental heads. Mrs Katrin Fruehinsfeld of Culture and Education Section of Germany Embassy and experts of civil projects from ASEAN countries.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint said that the seminar is to focus on planning and management for sustainable development of urban, continuous sustainability of urban heritage, social, economic and environment, and exchange of thoughts in addition to urban infrastructures. The seminar will share international urbanization experience of University of Cologne to experts from ASEAN countries and those of Myanmar, he said. The sharing of experience will be a contribution to systematic development of the urban sector in Myanmar, he added.

Mrs Katrin Fruehinsfeld of Culture and Education Section of Germany Embassy, Lecture in University of Foreign Language Mr Tillman Pfeiffer of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) extended greetings, and Professor Dr Franke Kraas of Geography Department of the University of Cologne explained the agenda of the seminar.

The seminar will last up to 8 October in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon.—MVA
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...use electric power from Shweli Hydropower Plant in Shan State (North) for regional development and in national grid; thus electric power from national grid could be supplied to Lashio, Hsipaw and surrounding areas via Namhsan-Lashio, Namhsan-Hsipaw (66) KV double power lines.

The Union Minister went on that on 79 miles long Lashio-Mongyai-Tyangy 66 KV power line is under construction but was suspended for a while due to security condition of the region; the ministry is making large investment and implementing projects in time for regional development and with the assistance of locals and entire national people, regions will be developed in pace with modernization process.

The Union Minister said that Kengtawng Hydropower Plant with installed capacity of 54 megawatts was constructed in Shan State (South) against various difficulties and was finally commissioned in 2008; 73.88 miles long Kengtawng-Namhsan (132) KV power grid and Namhsan main power stations (132/66/11) KV, (75) MVA was constructed simultaneously in order to receive and distribute electric power and Namhsan main power station could receive electricity first.

The Union Minister continued that since then, Namhsan-Pumpel-Kawal, Namhsan-Mongyai-Langkaw power line and power stations were constructed; in addition, Namhsan-Kolang (66) KV power line and Kolang (66/11) KV, (5) MVA power station could be constructed in 2010; there has been planned to construct 33 miles long Kolang-Kungming (66) KV power line and (66/11)KV, (5) MVA power station in Kungming to supply electric power to Kungming with national grid.

The Union Minister added that he has learnt that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has conducted necessary survey at one mile above current power supplier to Putao, Namtwan Hydropower Plant and 10 miles from Putao to Kehsi Township as access to electric power is of vital importance to rural development undertakings and environmental conservation projects.

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The ministry had a plan to continue to carry out the conservation work, considering Danyawady ancient state as the ancient cultural heritage zone as it had not yet included in the 37 cultural zones which were conserved by the State. Afterwards, the ancient city state would be categorized into suitable position, besides, the State had a plan to designate Waithali ancient city state and other ancient archaeological sites as the cultural heritage areas and to conserve them step by step.

Afterwards, U Aung San of Pabedan Constituency asked whether the Ministry of Culture had a plan to open evening courses of Myanmar traditional performing arts (singing, playing and dancing) or not, to include new generation of performing troupes in the State-level Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions or not, to entertain the people with classic dramas as the Birth of Buddha classic drama and Thaddha Thumana drama attracted many audience in Yangon and Mandalay in 2010 performed by the cultural classic drama troupes of the ministry.

The Deputy Minister replied that Myanmar traditional dancing school and the painting & sculpture school had been established in Yangon and Mandalay in 1995 and 1993. Since 2010, the schools had been changed as fine arts high schools, and in 1982, evening courses were conducted at the school. The evening courses were suspended since 1987 as it was found that skills of the students who learnt at the evening courses were low despite the same curriculum and private courses on fine arts including singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and painting had been conducted after 1985 and the enrolment rate had been down at the evening courses.

However, since March, 2009, courses on painting, dancing, singing and playing musical instruments were conducted at the fine arts high schools in summer and completion certificates were conferred on those who completed three levels of the consecutive courses by the schools.

Therefore, summer courses were conducted at the schools for those who want to learn fine arts.

The Ministry of Culture had conducted the State traditional performing Arts Competitions since 1993. The competitions in 1993 had comprised the singing contest (Ma-Ha-Gita), dancing contest, composing contest and playing harp, xylophone, oboe and Myanmar traditional orchestra contests. In 1994, the competitions had included more contests including singing (Ma-Ha-Gita), religious song, modern song, dancing, song composing, playing harp, xylophone, Myanmar traditional orchestra, oboe, piano, violin, Oti and Dobet contests. Marionette contest and classical drama contest were also included in 1997 and puppet contest in 1998 at the competitions. Twelve musical instruments were included in the playing contest while contest for narration of religious or historical stories and drama contest were conducted as part of efforts for conserving Myanmar traditional arts.

The contests of the Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions were expanded following advices given by renowned artistes. It was considered that competitions were considered to benefit the conserving and promoting of Myanmar traditional performing arts.

Therefore, Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions were expanded year by year, and not only performing arts competitions, other performing arts would be included in the competitions.

The Ministry of Culture had been conserving and promoting the Myanmar traditional arts as part of efforts for uplifting national prestige and integrity and for conserving national characteristics. Moreover, the ministry had also been making efforts for penetrating foreign countries while entertaining, conserving and promoting Myanmar traditional performing arts. The Ministry had explored and practiced plays or dramas of prominent late artists such as Alyntha Kyawzwa Shwe Mann U Tin Maung, Shwekinyo Bago Mya, U Aung Maung-Bago Mya and the Birth of Buddha Drama and Thadha Thumana Drama of Shwekinyo – Bago Mya were performed in Yangon Region and Bago Region in late 2010 and in early 2011.

Besides, arrangements had been made to perform dramas of late Alyntha Kyawzwa Shwe Mann U Tin Maung and troupes would perform the dramas on tour in regions and states at reasonable charges.

Daw Le Le Win Swm of Tamway Constituency asked if the penalties in the 1996 Television and Video Law were effective or not to prevent malpractices and illegal copies of videos, movies, films, songs and performance of troupes on DVDs and there was a plan to order effective penalties for offenders.

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win replied that Myanmar was rich in cultural heritage such as literature, music, painting, sculpture and traditional customs. Such own cultural heritage and customs had supported the people to stand with integrity among other nations.

Film, video and music entertainment production were based on Myanmar traditional culture, and the ministry had been scrutinizing the production so as not to get rid of the nation’s own traditional cultural customs. Besides, while encouraging creation based on Myanmar traditional culture of the movie world, the ministry had also scrutinized their production in accordance with rules and regulations and took actions against those broke the rules and regulations.

The scrutinizing section had two objectives—to conserve the national cultural customs and to prevent penetration of alien culture in accordance with the rules and regulations.

It was found that there were films, video, music which could damage the national culture and there were some businessmen who made illegal copies of videos, movies, films and songs and illegally distributed unlicensed foreign DVDs. Video scrutinizing committees comprised with responsible personnel from Ministry of Information and Ministry of Home Affairs and local authorities were working together to crack down the illegal business across the country.

However, the committees warned and/or fined those who committed minor cases in accordance with the rules and regulations while bringing those who involved in the major causes or broke the rules before the court in order not to harm them.

They were charged under Section 32 and 33 of the Television and Video Law which was promulgated on 29 July, 1996, as a law number 8/96. The law states that a convict may get three-year jail sentence and/or K100,000.

The study of the actions taken for production, distribution and sale of pirated CDs across the country shows that, although three years imprisonment stated in Sections 32 and 33 of the Television and Video Law is enough to prevent piracy, the amount of K 100,000 in fine is unreasonable to prevent piracy any longer according to the present situation.

According to the findings, the Ministry of Information and the Union Attorney-General’s Office coordinated to amend, substitute and cancel 14 sections including the sections prescribed in the Television and Video Law enacted in 1996. The three-year imprisonment remained unchanged while the amount of fine was increased from K 100,000 to K 500,000. So, the changed penalties and fine will become enough to prevent piracy.

As the Management Committee led by the Union Minister for Information approved the changed Television and Video Law, the law was tabled to the Pyithu Hluttaw’s Office of 6–9.11.2011. When the Union Attorney-General’s Office approves, measures will be taken by way of procedures to get approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

U Myo Win of Tanai Constituency asked whether there was a plan to give permission to sell C-class- and-under jade and gems in Myitkyina in accord with law to generate more job opportunities for locals as Kachin State is a hub place producing jade. In response, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik said that efforts are being made in order not to move Myanma jade and gems market to other countries, jade and gems sales have been annually held in Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of Myanmar, so as to make jade and gems market strong. Moreover, it is being necessary to draw necessary laws to sell precious stones to local and foreign entrepreneurs by foreign currency.

After paying tax for jade in Phakant gems land, entrepreneurs will be able to sell their products across the country except border areas. Currently, they are being put on sale in some cities in the country. Jade from the companies running joint venture with the State are to be sold at the held in Nay Pyi Taw after paying tax for them. So, all the entrepreneurs are being delighted to cooperate at the situation of flourishing jade and gems market and jade and gems sales. Although works are legally allowed, some smuggle precious stones for profit.

At present, jade, gems and pricey jewelry are being freely and conveniently sold in Myitkyina of Kachin State on a grand scale. Maha Aungmye Trading Camp in Mandalay of Mandalay Region is not a camp legally set by the Ministry of Mines, and sales are not held there, but just a place arranged by local entrepreneurs.

Jade and gems sales centres trading on a commercial scale are seen across Myitkyina of Kachin State. It is not well understood that the meaning of permission for sale of C-class- and-under jade and gems is given in Myitkyina by designating market in accord with law. At present, it is not opportune to hold jade sales.

Arrangements will be made to stage world-standard Myanmar jade and gems sales in Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on a grand scale in order not to move the market to other countries.

U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency submitted the proposal of conducting survey to bring about State-owned enterprises and State-owned companies capable to present survey on legal economic development, considering Myanmar sees economic development, and submission of good ways to have reasonable State budget system.

The proposal will be discussed next week and representatives who will take part in the discussion are to submit their name on 3 October.

Regarding the proposal submitted yesterday by U Hla Tun of Khanti Constituency about continuation of the opening of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College, Thara U Aye Myint of Wettaw Constituency, U U Yei (a) U U Yei of Prasho Constituency, U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin Constituency, U Sai Than Naing of Papan Constituency, U Htan Lein of Mindat Constituency, U Ye Tun of Mrauk Constituency, Daw Htaik of Saw Constituency, Daw Nan Nwam of Shadaw Constituency, U Tun Hsaa (a) U Sai Tun Win of Tanyang Constituency and U Zaung Khaung of Hlawaw Constituency said that as students from remote areas are economically deprived, they have difficulties to bridge further studies in towns after ending their high school education. The university is a very suitable place for national races. The national races from the university at all time agreed to get rid of the nation’s own traditional cultural customs, and the university is a very suitable place for national races. The proposal of opening the opening of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College is more beneficial.

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Regarding the proposal, Chairperson of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu said that the Institute for Development of National Races was opened at the time of the Revolutionary Council on 20-10-1964 with the aim of generating graduates to dispatch them as educational staff to their own region which leg behind other regions in development, to widen horizons of locals and to take part in regional development tasks.

President U Thein Sein in his address on 6-4-2011 said that a system and an era come into existence. According to new system and era, it is also needed to change appropriate ideology and procedure.

Now, universities, technological universities and universities of computer studies have been opened in all 14 regions and states. In some regions, the government has opened degree colleges. Opening of universities and colleges with huge amount of budget aims to bring about parallel development across the country and make sure that national races study higher education in their own regions.

Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was formed in September 1992 so as to carry out border area development measures to the fullest. Today’s new government reformed it as Ministry of Border Affairs. Under the management of the Ministry of Border Affairs, two Nationalities Youth Resource Degree Colleges were opened in Yangon and Mandalay with the aim of emergence of human resource development and generating of intellectuals who can engage in regional development tasks.

One of six ideal standards of democracy society says “reliance on consideration”. Consideration is crucial for building an envisioned future new democratic nation. He said that the statements of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives who approved and discussed the proposal of continuation of the opening of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College are appropriate, and so, the decision from Hluttaw will be heard.

As nobody opposed the proposal of U Hla Tun, Hluttaw decided to approve it.

The Institute for Development of National Races was opened in Ashikan Ward (now called Ayeyawady Ward) in Sagaing and moved to Ywathitkyo on 14-8-1968. The Institute for Development of National Races Law was enacted on 11-5-1991 and the instituted was upgraded into university level so as to foster non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty and nurture educational staff staying away from party attachment and corruption. The university is constituted with 21 departments and conducting PAT course, special PAT course, one-year BEd course, MPhil course (Education), MEd course, Dip in Education course, BEd course (bridge), four-year BEd course, and have generated over 10,000 teachers.

At today’s session, U Thein Swe of An Constituency submitted the proposal that “Pyithu Hluttaw welcome, support and record facts in message sent to Pyithu Hluttaw through Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker by the President this morning”. The Hluttaw decided to approve the proposal and put the message on record.

Daw Dwe Bu of N’Jangyan Constituency, Daw Nan Se Owa of Hpa-an Constituency, Daw Lei Lei Win of Swe of Tamway Constituency, Daw Khan Than Myint of Ngapawlaw Constituency and U Nyan Win of Hlinethalya Constituency discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by Daw Mi Yin Chan of Kyiukmaraw Constituency “to amend laws regarding women”. They discussed that provisions commensurate with the nation and its culture which protect interests of women are to be considered and inserted; law experts should consider and handle the responsibility.

Regarding the proposal, Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo said that the proposal for amending Criminal Procedure Section 488 (1), and Penal Code Section 415, 417 and exemption of Section 375 is appropriate and should be considered; Union Supreme Court is preparing for amending these provisions and other provisions in Criminal Procedure and Penal Code; in amending the laws, the proposal will be considered; Bill amending Criminal Procedure and Bill amending Penal Code will be submitted to the Hluttaw after the bills are drafted. As the proposal of Daw Mi Yin Chan is the task being carried out by the respective department, the Hluttaw put the proposal on record.

The 29th-day second regular session concluded at 4.35 pm and the 30th-day session continues on 3 October.—MNA

Questions and answers at press conference after meeting between Union Minister U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Sept.—Queries of reporters were answered after the meeting between Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Questions and answers are as follows:-

U Aung Hla Tun (Correspondent-Reuters)

Q: I want to ask both the sister and the minister. About a week ago, U Khin Kyi at Seinle Kantha State House discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. What is your comment on suspension of Myitson Hydropower Project by President U Thein Sein?

A: It is said that there are three matters. Aung San Suu used to say it will be revealed in right time. What exactly is the right time?

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

A: It is included in the statement read out by Minister U Aung Kyi. The matters have been discussed. If our involvement is to be defined, we are getting involved to the extent which is beneficial to the people. At full strength, we will participate in the fields which benefit the country and the people.

Union Minister U Aung Kyi meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha State Guest House.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Sept.—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha State House from 1 to 2.17 pm today. After the meeting, the two briefed local and foreign correspondents on matters discussed.

And they held a press release after discussions. The full text of the press release is as follows:- Press release

At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi called on Union Minister U Aung Kyi at Seinle Kantha State House from 1 to 2.17 pm on 30 September 2011. They discussed steps being taken by the President to grant amnesty, means and ways on bilateral cooperation in conservation of the Ayeyawady river, endeavours of the government to build eternal peace with armed groups within the framework of law and cooperation in ensuring community peace and prevalence of law and order.

They also reached an agreement to continue their meetings.—MNA
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foreign investments and imports of goods. As such, it can be seen that India has high capabilities in economic development and penetration of Indian companies into the international market.

In thoroughly reviewing the processes of emerging economies of Asian countries, they focused on economic liberalization giving priority on competitiveness without practising the protectionism. They realized the export oriented policy, but not import substitute policy. In realizing the export oriented policy in Thailand, tax exemption is granted for import of raw materials to manufacture export machines and machineries. As export incentive policy, China designated export promotion zones and created opportunities for more inflow of foreign investments. The Republic of Korea uses local-made products only without restriction on imported goods, and the country is focusing on tax relaxation for the commodities in cooperation with the countries that have signed the free trade agreement. Therefore, these countries purchase home-made products due to widening local market, high quality of domestic products and competitive capabilities in international market, but not restriction.

Adopting the import policy must be in conformity with rules and regulations of regional organization, the World Trade Organization-WTO and international organizations. Myanmar has to make preparations for realizing its tasks in line with ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) in 2015. To gain competitiveness in the world market for development of economy, it is necessary to uplift competitive capabilities of local entrepreneurs so as to realize the free trade.

The government is encouraging in holding National Workshop on Macro Economy and introducing macroeconomic reforms so that local entrepreneurs will be able to overcome challenges of free trade.

Regarding the programme to publicize widely developmental undertakings being implemented in Regions, States, Self-Administered Division and Zones, it is being carried out not only by the Ministry of Information but also by private media, informing public about economic and development affairs and other public policies. Besides, the ministry is carrying out to attract more public interest in State media, changing in form and essence. Private media, in their part, are allowed to give constructive criticism of State policies based on national interest.

Mass media are presenting all national issues such as peace making, national reconciliation, national development, improvement in socio-economic life of the people, preparation to gain highly competitive in the market to overcome potential challenges of free trade, education, health and democratization being implemented by the government. So today’s policies and procedures of the Union Government and the Ministry of Information are similar to facts in the question.

Middle-aged women happier with moderate exercise

NEW YORK, 30 Sept—(Reuters) — Encouraged to exercise Middle-aged women at moderate intensity were much happier and more likely to continue working out than peers who exercised more intensely, according to a study.

Researchers led by Svetani Elavsky of Penn State University in Pennsylvania recruited 255 women between 40 and 60 years old to do either moderate or vigorous exercise, then followed the volunteers to monitor their reactions. Overall, women who did moderate exercise were about twice as likely to feel energized and confident they could do more exercise in the future, and more of them also showed decreased feelings of sadness and anxiety than the vigorous-exercise group.

“Exercise makes you feel better but it is going to be more pleasant when performed at moderate intensity as compared to vigorous, especially when you have been previously inactive or may be overweight,” Elavsky told Reuters.

Germany’s cross-eyed opossum Heidi dies

BERLIN, 30 Sept—Germany’s celebrity cross-eyed opossum Heidi — who made an appearance on American television this February predicting Oscar winners — died of old age on Wednesday at 3-1/2 years. The star of Leipzig Zoo became a national darling when her photo appeared in the mass-circulation newspaper Bild in December.

With merchandise, a song written about her, and more than 330,000 fans on Facebook, Heidi’s death will be mourned by many. “The cross-eyed opossum Heidi has closed her eyes forever,” the zoo wrote in a statement on their website.

The zoo said Heidi had not moved and had been confirmed dead in the floods that have inundated the central and northern parts of the country for nearly two months. —Xinhua

The rescuers wait to leave for the flooded areas from Bangkok, Capital of Thailand, on 28 Sept, 2011. A total of 158 people were confirmed dead in the floods that have inundated the central and northern parts of the country for nearly two months.—Xinhua

Next, the chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee read out the committee’s report on suggestion for Myanmar Micro Finance Scheme Bill by U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency No. 1.

Then the Hluttaw approved that from paragraph 1 to paragraph 67 shall be part of the Bill and the title of the Bill shall be part of the Bill.

The Speaker informed the Hluttaw representatives about amendments sent back by Pyithu Hluttaw to Bill Amending the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and Bill Amending the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law approved by Amyotha Hluttaw, and announced that representatives wishing to hold discussions may enlist their names.

The 28th day second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw ended at 12.35 pm.

One question was answered and one Bill approved at today’s session.

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Famous cross-eyed opossum Heidi inspects its new enclosure at the newly built tropical hall of the Zoo in Leipzig, on 9 June, 2011.—INTERNET
Prehistoric cave etchings ‘created by three-year-olds’
CAMBRIDGE, 30 Sept — Prehistoric etchings found in a cave in France are the work of children as young as three, according to research. The so-called finger flutings were discovered at the Cave of a Hundred Mammoths in Rouffignac, alongside cave art dating back some 13,000 years. Cambridge University researchers recently developed a method identifying the gender and age of the artists. It is thought the most prolific of the children who made flutings was aged around five — and they almost certain the child in question was a girl.

Three teenagers shot on west London estate
LONDON, 30 Sept — Three teenagers were in a serious condition in hospital on Thursday night after being shot in the street. The female victims, aged 17, 18 and 19, were shot outside a property on an estate in North Kensington, west London. Police hunting the gunman were investigating if the attack was a botched drive-by shooting. It was initially believed that only one shot was fired. One of the victims was taken to hospital in a critical condition but has since improved. The victims’ injuries are not believed to be life threatening. Scotland Yard said the teenagers were shot outside an address in John Fearon Walk at around 7.15pm.

School threats spread to northern Mexico
MONTERREY, 30 Sept — Banners similar to those left by Mexican drug cartels appeared Thursday threatening to attack schools in three communities outside the northern Mexico City of Acapulco, leading to security in the township, authorities to step up security in the township, and urged parents to school children to school.

In this 27 July, 2008 file photo, a chunk of ice is seen at the University of Ottawa who published a study on the phenomenon of the ice shelves also reduces the environment that supports microbial life and changes the look of Canada’s coastline. Luke Copland is an associate professor in the geography department at the University of Ottawa who co-authored the research published on Carleton University’s website. He said the Senon Ice Shelf shrunk from 79.15 square miles (205 square kilometres) to two remnant sections five years ago, and was further diminished this past summer.

Dogs, not only pet, but motivator for taking exercises
BEIJING, 30 Sept — People owning a dog is way healthier than those don’t, both physically and mentally, media reports said Tuesday. People owning dogs are more likely to take exercises than those having none, according to a recent poll of Mars Petcare, a pet food company. Two thirds of the walks dog owners take each week are attributed to their dogs, according to the poll, in which over 1,000 adults were surveyed.

Canadian Arctic nearly loses entire ice shelf
TORONTO, 30 Sept — Two ice shelves that existed before Canada was settled by Europeans diminished significantly this summer, one nearly disappearing altogether, Canadian scientists say in newly published research. The loss is important as a marker of global warming, returning the Canadian Arctic to conditions that date back thousands of years, scientists say. Floating glaciers that have broken free as a result pose a risk to offshore oil facilities and potentially to shipping lanes. The breaking apart of the ice shelves also reduces the environment that supports microbial life and changes the look of Cana’s coastline. Luke Copland is an associate professor in the geography department at the University of Ottawa who co-authored the research published on Carleton University's website. He said the Senon Ice Shelf shrunk from 79.15 square miles (205 square kilometres) to two remnant sections five years ago, and was further diminished this past summer.

Finger flutings were made by people running their hands down the soft surfaces of the walls and roofs.

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Belgium’s “Mr Penguin” dreams of Antarctic funeral

“Monsieur Pingouin” (Mr Penguin), as he is known to locals in his Brussels neighbourhood, dons his favourite hooded black-and-white penguin costume as he looks back at more than 40 years of obsession. “My ultimate dream is to be buried in a deep ocean close to where penguins live,” David told Reuters.

David’s life changed in May 1968 when his hip was injured in a car accident. His resulting limp was characterised by his colleagues as a waddle, and they dubbed him Mr Penguin.

As his obsession grew, he eventually set up a museum in his home displayed some 3,500 items of penguin memorabilia.

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David Beckham delighted with new daughter

BEVERLY HILLS, 30 Sept—David Beckham says his new baby girl is nothing like his three sons.

The 36-year-old soccer star says 3-month-old Harper Seven is already sleeping through the night and is “a lot calmer” than his boys were at that age.

Besides baby Harper, Beckham and wife Victoria are parents to sons Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz.

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Kuyt: More to come from Suarez

LIVERPOOL, 30 Sept—Liverpool forward Dirk Kuyt has warned the Barclays Premier League that Luis Suarez will only get better. The Uruguayan striker has been a big hit at Anfield since swapping life in Holland for that on Merseyside back in January. Having enjoyed a prolific spell with Ajax in the Eredivisie, Suarez sealed a high-money move to the Barclays Premier League in January. Suarez has wasted little time settling into English football and is already a firm favourite with the Kop.

Holland international Kuyt admits his South American team-mate deserves immense credit for the speed at which he has been able to adjust to life on a much grander stage. He is, however, convinced that Suarez will get even better in the future, with the £24m man still getting to grips with the game in England.

“What people seem to forget about Luis is that it really is a very big step to come from the Eredivisie,” said Kuyt, who joined Liverpool from Feyenoord back in 2006. “The style of football and the pace are totally different and it’s very difficult to be a success straight away.” — Internet

Zabaleta says squad must help Tevez

MANCHESTER, 30 Sept—Manchester City defender Pablo Zabaleta on Thursday said teammates needed to help Carlos Tevez after his apparent refusal to play in the midweek Champions League loss at Bayern Munich. City have suspended Tevez pending a full investigation but Zabaleta insisted a hand of friendship had to be extended to his compatriot.

“We need to try to help Carlos,” said Zabaleta. “He has been a really important player for us in the last two years but maybe this season he has had more games on the bench. Sometimes it is difficult, and more so for strikers, who need to play, need to score, need to feel confidence.”

Everybody always wants to play, maybe it’s like that,” Zabaleta said in trying to rationalise Tevez’s behaviour—though the striker insists the whole incident was a misunderstanding. “We need to accept that sometimes we are on the bench but we always have to be looking to get into the team,” said Zabaleta, who also watched from the sidelines as City went down 2-0. — Internet

Injured Benzema in doubt for Espanyol match

Madrid, 30 Sept—Real Madrid’s French international Karim Benzema skipped training with the rest of his teammates on Thursday due to injury and is in doubt for the club’s league match away against Espanyol. The 23-year-old was forced to leave the pitch during Real’s 3-0 Champions League win over Ajax on Tuesday after 75 minutes of play because of an adductor muscle problem in his left thigh.

In a statement posted on their website, Real said Benzema did not hit the pitch with the rest on the team on Thursday because he “is undergoing medical treatment and awaiting developments.” Benzema contributed one of the team’s goals in Real’s win over Ajax which cemented the Spanish giants’ place at the top of Group D.

Lampard wants Chelsea run

LONDON, 30 Sept—Chelseamidfielder Frank Lampard says he needs a run of matches to maintain his form. Lampard almost enjoyed a dream return to the starting XI on Wednesday night when his goal set the Blues on their way to what looked set to be another Champions League victory in Valencia. The midfielder’s performance appeared to vindicate manager Andre Villas-Boas’ decision to rotate him in and out of the team, something Lampard declared he was prepared to accept because of his love for the club.

France squad for Euro 2012 qualifiers

PARIS, 30 Sept—Following is the France squad announced by coach Laurent Blanc on Thursday for the Euro 2012 qualifiers against Albania on 7 October and Bosnia-Herzegovina four days later:

Goalkeepers: Hugo Lloris (Lyon), Steve Mandanda (Marseille), Cedric Carrasso (Bordeaux).

Defenders: Eric Abidal (Barcelona/ESP), Bakary Sagna (Arsenal/ENG), Adil Rami (Valencia/ESP), Patrice Evra (Manchester United/ENG), Anthony Reveillere (Lyon), Younes Kaboul (Tottenham/ENG), Laurent Koscielny (Arsenal/ENG).

Midfielders: Alou Diarra (Marseille), Blaise Matuidi (Paris Saint German), Yohan Cabaye (Newcastle/ENG), Yann M'Vila (Rennes), Florent Malouda (Chelsea/ENG), Jeremy Menez (PSG), Samir Nasri (Manchester City/ENG), Martin Marin (Sochaux), Mathieu Valbuena (Marseille).

Forwards: Bafetimbi Gomis (Lyon), Kevin Gameiro (PSG), Karim Benzema (Real Madrid/ESP), Loic Remy (Marseille), Franck Ribery (Bayern Munich/GER).—Xinhua

Sampras and Safin to debut at China Open’s new stadium

BEIJING, 30 Sept—Former tennis greats Pete Sampras and Marat Safin will play the debut match at the new stadium of China Open on Friday to mark the opening of this tournament. The new stadium, named National Tennis Stadium or “Diamond Stadium”, has a retractable roof and a diamond-like structure. It is located in the Olympic Green Tennis Center, which hosted the tennis matches at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

“It is my first time being there. I have numerous expectations towards my tour in China, especially the game with my oldfangled adversary Safin,” Sampras said in a news conference on Thursday. Meanwhile, Safin was obviously more familiar with the city, saying Beijing has always been a very welcoming destination for him. “I had a memorable farewell match here,” added the Russian, who lost to Rafael Nadal in the quarter-finals of China Open two years ago and received a touching retirement ceremony from his Chinese fans.—Xinhua

Novak Djokovic pulls out of China Open

BELGRADE, 30 Sept—World number one Novak Djokovic will miss next week’s China Open in Beijing with a back injury, the 24-year-old Serb said on Thursday. Djokovic, who won the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the US Open this season as he demolished Rafael Nadal from the top of the world rankings, aggravated a niggling injury in Serbia’s Davis Cup tie with Argentina earlier this month.

The strain he felt in his win over Nadal in the US Open final in New York became a rupture during the tournament ends Sunday at St. Andrews, the scene of Oosthuizen's sensational seven-shot win in the 2010 British Open. "There’s nothing better than holding the claret jug at St. Andrews," Oosthuizen said. "Hopefully, at the end of the week, it's a different trophy. That would be special." — Internet
American Young reaches semifinals at Thailand Open

BANGKOK, 30 Sept—Donald Young reached his second semifinal of the year by beating Go Soeda of Japan 6-1, 6-2 Friday at the Thailand Open.

Young, ranked No. 55, also reached the semifinals last month in Washington, but he has yet to make a final.

“I hope to go further. Every time you make it into a stage, the second time you hope to go further,” Young said. “When you win a tournament you want to repeat.”

Young will face second-seeded Gael Monfils of France, who defeated Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 7-5, 7-6 (4) in another quarterfinal match.

“He gets a lot of balls back,” Young said. “He’s in the top 10. He beat me pretty bad the last we played. Whoever I play, it’s going to be a tough match for me.”

Monfils, who also reached the Thailand Open semifinals in 2008, is still recovering from a knee injury but held on in both sets to advance.

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Monfils vs. Young.

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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 29th day
Message of President approved and put on record

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—The second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 29th-day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 385 representatives.

At today’s session, message of the President was put on record, nine questions were answered, one new proposal was approved and put on record and two proposals were discussed.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker read out the message dated 29 September sent by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to him and the message was put on record as approved by the Hluttaw. Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe replied to queries raised by five representatives.

U Sai Thida Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency asked “if the ministry can resume power supply works for Mongyai Township of Shan State (North) for rapid development of the region as it is heard that electric power would be supplied to Mongyai and the cable towers erected in some places but later construction works were suspended.”

The Union Minister replied that his ministry constructed 180 miles long Shweli-Manhsan-Shwesayan 230 KV power grid and Manhsan and Shwesayan main power stations in 2008 in order to supply power to Mongyai and as a result the region is able to meet its power needs. He further said that in order to meet the needs of the region, a power line was extended to the region from Shwesayan in the past.

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 28th-day at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw read out the message dated 29 September sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to him.

Regarding the question raised by U Shu Maung of Shan State Constituency No. 8 who asked whether there is a plan to launch an educative programme in order to disseminate knowledge about undertakings being implemented in the national interest, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win replied that the definition of the national interest comprises international relations, economic and political sectors and others in all aspects.

In general, it is aim and goal for serving the interest of the nation and the people in international relations, economic and political affairs. In the international community, it can be witnessed that all the countries cooperate with each other in political, economic and defence sectors based on their national interest.

Therefore, Myanmar on its part must realize international relations and internal affairs based on its national interest. In so doing, such activities must be undertaken in conformity with the laws of the nation as well as international laws. As part of efforts to enhance the national economy as national interest, it is necessary to improve the national entrepreneurs. Likewise, it should take care of avoiding the activities in blocking inflow of foreign investment and advancing technologies to the nation.

In the economic liberalization process of India, the country practised protectionism for its local industries before 1991. In consequence, the domestic industries declined their production quality due to lack of competitiveness, so they faced declining contributions to development of local industries. In 1991, India performed economic reformation and contributed to development of local entrepreneurs to have competitive capabilities in the market and allowed inflow of foreign investment and technologies.