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President U Thein Sein extended greetings saying that on behalf of the Myanmar government and the people, he heartily welcomed the Thai Prime Minister and goodwill delegation. He continued to say that he warmly welcomed the goodwill visit of the Thai Prime Minister after her assumption of office. He said he firmly believed that the goodwill visit of the Thai Prime Minister will further strengthen existing friendly relations between the two countries.

Afterwards, the Thai Prime Minister extended greetings. She said that she was delighted at her official visit to Myanmar leading the Thai goodwill delegation. She expressed thanks for the warmly welcome to her delegation.

Next, the Thai Prime Minister discussed cooperation matters between the two countries, border affairs, border trade, future tasks for Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and construction of motor road from Thinganmyaung to Kawkareik.

The President informed the Thai PM on developments of Myanmar politics. He thanked Thailand for its support for Myanmar on the proposal of Myanmar to take responsibility of Alternate Chairman of ASEAN in 2014. Moreover, the President discussed bilateral ties, construction of the road at the foot of Dawna Hill (Thinganmyaung) to Kawkareik, successful implementation of India-Myanmar-Thailand highway project, cooperation of the two countries in smooth implementation of Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) among Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, economic cooperation, narcotic drug eradication, bilateral cooperation in issue of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and promotion of trade and investment between the two countries.

President U Thein Sein and visiting Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra attended the ceremony to present cardboard on the Contribution of meteorological instruments by NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with a goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of the Kingdom of Thailand at the meeting hall of the President Office at 4.50 pm today.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin and departmental heads.

The Thai delegation was accompanied by officials of the Thai Embassy.

President U Thein Sein and party meet with a goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

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.

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Thai PM Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—A goodwill delegation led by Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra arrived in Nay Pyi Taw at 2.30 pm today at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.

The goodwill delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, director-generals of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of the Thai Embassy. —MNA

New school building in Pyapon Tsp handed over to Ministry of Education

YANGON, 5 Oct—The ceremony to hand over documents related to a new school building of Basic Education Primary School (affiliated) in Bhamawchaungtwi Village, Pyapon Township, Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Region to Ministry of Education was held at the new school building on 1 October.

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Representative U Win Myint, well-wisher Country Manager Ms. Manja of Caritas Switzerland and Associates and Secretary Daw Lin Lin Tun of Myanmar Business Executives Association (MBE) opened the school building. Secretary Daw Lin Lin Tun handed over documents related to the school building to assistant Township Education Officer U Wai Zin.

The RC type school building is 60 feet long and 30 feet wide. It was built at a cost of K 100 million in which cost for school furniture, a 5000-gallon capacity rain water tank for drinking water, tube well, water tank, toilets and fence are included.

Myanmar Business Executives Association built 33 schools building at 36 villages in Pyapon Township, Dedaye Township, and Kyaiatkat Township in Ayeyawady Region with the contribution of Caritas Associates of Switzerland. The newly-opened school building is the 33rd one of the project. —MNA

Floods hits Kyaukse, Taungdwingyi Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—There were some floods in Kyaukse Township in Mandalay Region and Taungdwingyi Township in Magway Region due to torrential rain from 3 to 4 October, 2011.

The floods hit a total of 4622 households of 4591 houses in 19 villages and five wards in Kyaukse Township, and 400 households of six wards in Taungdwingyi Township related to the flood victims at the relief camps. —MNA

Officials concerned from regional organizations and social organizations are providing necessary assistance to the flood victims at the relief camps. —MNA

Cultivate reading habit

Literacy is a right of humans, a tool for improving personal quality, as well as a mean for social and spiritual development. As literacy has positive impact on personal characteristics, social and political affairs; the State have been striving for literacy of all citizens. The literacy rate of Myanmar has touched over 95 per cent thanks to such efforts.

Every literate person needs to keep on reading. Especially, it is needed to inculcate reading habit into residents in rural regions. It is reading with which people can achieve intellectual development and reasoning power.

Nowadays, libraries have been opened across the nation in order that people have easy access to reading. Libraries are mushrooming now across the nation and are developing further as a result of collaborative efforts of the State, Myanmar Libraries Foundation and locals.

With libraries within the reach, every one can easily obtain intellectual nourishment, attracting literate persons to read more. Libraries are contributing to people’s knowledge about agriculture, livestock farming, health and so on.

However, we still need to work for sustainable development of libraries. Provision of library buildings to villages without library buildings, continuous provision of new publications and furnishings are a must for development of libraries.

Literacy can change not only living standard of an individual but also family, community and society. Efforts for literacy of all literate peoples have become primary importance. As the State has been setting up libraries length and breadth of the nation with the aim of encouraging people at different ages to read, Myanmar Libraries Foundation, local organizations and wellwishers are to give a hand for development of libraries.

IRS Women’s Open Football Tournament continues

YANGON, 5 Oct—The 16th Inter-Region/State Women’s Open Football Tournament 2011 continued at Padonma Sports Ground yesterday.

Bago Region and Shan State ended at 2-2 draw. At Padeitha Sports Ground, Ayeyawady Region trounced Magway Region 6-0.

Today, Sagaing Region will play against Taninthayi Region at Padonma Sports Ground, and Kayin State with Kachin State at Salin Ground. —MNA
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During the operation, the security force engaged two armed militants, killing both and confiscated multiple weapons and detained five additional suspected militants, the Press release further said.

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the Royal Thai Government to the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the ceremony to Exchange Notes between two Foreign Ministers on the construction of road between the foot of Dawna Range (Thingannyinaung) and Kawkareik.

At the ceremony, Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra handed over the cardboard on the contribution of meteorological instruments to President U Thein Sein. Next, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Surapong Tovichakchaikul exchanged the notes on the construction of road between the foot of Dawna Range (Thingannyinaung) and Kawkareik.

In the evening, President U Thein Sein hosted a dinner to the Thai goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra at the dinning hall of the President Office, here.

Also present at the dinner were Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union ministers, the Union Attorney-General, deputy ministers and departmental heads. The Thai delegation was accompanied by officials of the Thai Embassy.

Before the dinner, the State Band played National Anthems of the two countries. Before and during the dinner, artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture performed Myanmar traditional cultural dances and songs.

After the dinner, President U Thein Sein presented documentary album on the visit to Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra. Later, President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra gave flower baskets to the artistes and posed for documentary photo with them.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of Kingdom of Thailand at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA (News on page 16)

Documentary photos on goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar by Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of Kingdom of Thailand and party

President U Thein Sein and Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra take salute of Guard of Honour. MNA (News on page 16)
World Teachers’ Day 2011 celebrated with an address of

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham

School acted as master of ceremonies. Students of Lewe No. 1 BEHS sang a song entitled “Honourable Teachers to open the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that in Myanmar society, the good traditions of placing teachers who en- deavour for the development of younger generations based on their good, will, hobby, and sacrifice in the same plane as Buddha, Dhamma, Sanghas and parents and the tradi- tion of paying homage to them is still preserved to- day.

To acknowledge the endeavours of teachers who nurture human resources to become intelligentsia and tech- nicians; to upgrade the quality of teachers; to award scholarships and stipends and to enable private sectors to participate in education services.

In Myanmar, a Thirty-Year Long-Term Education Promotion Plan for the promotion of national education which is benefical to the nation and its people was drawn up in order to face the challenges of the 21st century, and to uplift educa- tion level to that of the international standard. This special plan defined 10 programmes to be im- plemented by the basic education sector and 36 programmes to be imple- mented by the higher educa- tion sector.

In the basic education sector, to have access to education for all school-age children and to complete basic education for all school children, collaboration has been made by parents and the national people and as a result, 5.1 million primary level students have been provided with textbooks free of charge. Therefore, it is necessary for primary school principals, teachers and parents to collaborate in promoting students’ attendance, reducing the number of drop-out and training the students to enhance all-round develop- ment.

For the development of the human resources development of the nation, 41,000 Basic Education Schools have been opened throughout the nation and more than 270,000 teachers are teaching over 8.1 million students. Moreover, in order to enhance the quality such as critical thinking skills, creative thinking skills, analyti- cal thinking skills, and problem-solving skills student should be taught by using child-centered approach. They should also be trained to have personal hygiene, to have health education, to cultivate in them the habit of conserving the environment, to become educated people who are polite and high morals and to become educated people who can be of benefits to the world.

It is learnt that in the world, to narrow the gap of the number of male and female teachers in teaching and learning, the motto of World Teachers’ Day 2011 is “Teachers for Gender Equality”. In Myanmar also, as the number of female teacher has in- creased, in order that this would not be of any limitations in teaching and management of schools, and of any bar- rier in serving at schools in remote area, it would be necessary to persuade and provide incentives to male teachers so that their number would increase.

In the higher educa- tion sector, as 161 uni- versities and colleges have been opened, the number of higher education institutions has increased by 5 times than before. Under the Ministry of Education, 64 universities and colleges have been opened and 12400 teachers are currently teaching over 490,000 students. As the State has established an Arts and Science Univer- sity, a Technology Uni- versity and a University of Computer Science each in 24 Special Development Zones, students can easily pursue higher education in their own regions. (See page 7)
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In the same way, PhD degree programmes were expanded, and so far there have been 4,519 PhD degree holders, and 2,429 candidates are currently attending the PhD programme. As a result, the education qualification of faculty members of universities has improved and human resources whom the State can rely on can be trained by them.

In this ceremony held in commemoration of World Teachers’ Day, on behalf of all teachers and faculty, I am very pleased to learn that certificates and prizes will be awarded to four hale and hearty eminent teachers who are making contributions to education and social programme, an outstanding teacher, teachers, trainees and students who win prizes in article, essay and poetry competitions in commemoration of World Teachers’ Day, education colleges that win prizes in the teaching aids competitions at basic education level and middle school level.

I would also like to urge teachers to try their best to become good teachers who have five attributes, as composed in Magha Deva verse by Ashin Zawana, Manle Sayadaw: “With love and sympathy, a teacher admonishes his students whenever they make mistakes, without keeping them to himself, but reveal the truth for the benefits of the students.”

I would like to honour and thank all teachers for their perseverance, diligence and effort based on their love, sympathy and goodwill and for the development of human resources in their respective regions.

In conclusion, I would like to urge officials from Education Departments and teachers throughout the country to make great effort in training and teaching for the development of socioeconomic of the State and to nurture the new generation to become good citizens; teachers to prove themselves as having attributes of noble teachers to the national people and students and with heart and soul devote themselves to education programmes, and the national people, wellwishers, social organizations to fully participate in the implementation of national education programmes so that the objectives of the national education would be fully achieved.

Next, General Secretary of Myanmar UNESCO Commission Rector of Yangon University Foreign Languages Dr Lwin Lwin Soe read out the joint-message sent by chiefs of five agencies of the United Nations in commemoration of World Teachers’ Day. Students of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon BEHS No (1) sang a song entitled “Oh Illustrious Teacher”.

Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department gave an account of educational performances of the four eminent educators and one outstanding teacher.

Chairman of National Education Committee Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye presented prizes and certificates of honour to eminent educators. Retired Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Myint, Retired Professor of Statistics Department of Institute of Economics Dr Thet Lwin, Retired Rakhine State Education Officer U Myo Kyi and Dr Kyemom Lwin, daughter of eminent educator Retired Principal of Mandalay Institute of Education Daw Khan Kyi, and Staff Officer Daw Thit Thit Khine, on behalf of outstanding teacher Daw Ohn Ohn Than of Ngapadaw Township BEMS.

Then Union Minister U Tint Hsan awarded winners in article contests of higher education level and high school level teachers, Union Minister U Aung Kyi, winners in article contests of basic education (middle and primary level) teachers, Union Minister U Thein Tun, winners in institute of education and high school level essay contests, Deputy Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, winners in basic education high school and middle school level poem contests, Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, winners of teaching aid competitions.

Afterwards, students of Nay Pyi Taw Pyankapyay BEHS (Branch) sang a song entitled “Tulip flower bearing a hundred fruits” and the ceremony came to an end.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President cordially greeted those present and observed the exhibition of World Teachers’ Day 2011, works of winners and documents related to educational activities of honourable teachers and outstanding teachers.

Demi Moore still silent on leaked photograph

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—Demi Moore has continued her run of silence on the micro-blogging website Twitter amidst speculations that she has split from husband Ashton Kutcher.

Moore, 48, has maintained silence despite a photograph surfacing online that appears to show Kutcher, 33, riding in a car with someone who looks “very much like” the 23-year-old Sara Leal – the husband Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

The photograph, that was taken as the actor's car was leaving the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, was taken three months ago. However, the pair were said to be seen “flirting in Fluxx nightclub’ on the evening before Kutcher and Moore’s wedding anniversary.

Jennifer Aniston fuels marriage rumours with ‘heart shaped’ ring

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—Jennifer Aniston has fuelled fresh rumours that she could be heading for marriage with beau Justin Theroux as she displayed a new heart-shaped ring during her appearance to promote breast cancer prevention recently. Aniston joined Dr Jill Biden and Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at the new Inova Breast Care Centre in Alexandria, Va where they toured the mammoscopy room and learned about the facility’s new breast cancer treatments, reports ABC News.

Aniston is also recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness month by serving as an executive producer for the Lifetime Original movie “Five”, which explores the impact of breast cancer on people’s lives. Jen was wearing the jewellery item on her right hand – and it comes as an addition to the gold ring on her wedding finger.

Kate Bosworth’s effortless style

LONDON, 5 Oct—Actress Kate Bosworth stylist feels she has an effortless approach towards fashion. The stunning actress is often voted one of the world’s best-dressed women and her stylist, Cher Coulter, believes it’s because she has fun with what she wears and is willing to be risky, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“She’s got this effortless approach to style, and never overdoes it. She’s also fun and fashionable and willing to take risks. She’s simple, chic and always looks happy in what she’s wearing,” said Coulter.

Lindsay Lohan goes teetotal in Paris

NEW YORK, 5 Oct—Lindsay Lohan, who is (un)known for her drunk antics at fancy NYC parties, left the paparazzi stunned recently when she stepped out of the Minter H at L’Arc Paris club without so much as even touching a drop inside.

Lohan, in Paris for fashion work, joined the party put on in partnership with Morgans Hotels’ Minter H and L’Arc on Saturday night. Even after somebody sent 40 Magnum doms of Dom Pérignon to her table, she didn’t appear to touch a drop, reports The New York Post.
Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 32nd day

Twelve questions raised, answered, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann at 32nd day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw—MNA

55 ft long wooden bridge had been constructed between the mile post numbers 163/6 and 163/7. Not to cause hindrance to transportation along the road due to road damages, the Ministry of Construction would consider upgrading the roads after seeking funds in the 2011-2013 fiscal year.

U Phaung Maung of Saw Constituency asked whether there was a plan to upgrade the Seikphyu-Saw Road. U Khin Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Maung of Saw Road replied that the work on upgrading the road and bridges so that cars and trucks could run on it and if how the government would upgrade the road.

The Union Minister replied that there was a plan to upgrade the Seikphyu-Saw Road as they were paved with gravel. Funds from the ministry’s 2011-2012 budget would be allotted for maintenance of the bridges along the road. First, the road would be widened to upgrade it to the all-weathered road. Still, there was no plan to pave the road with asphalt. To upgrade the road and bridges on it, measures would be taken on priorities after seeking the funds for the works from the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

U Khin Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Maung of Saw Road, Okkalapa Township and Thuwunna Housing in Thangyanung Township were sold to people by 15-year instalments and only when they had paid all the money, the ownership certificates were granted to the buyers.

In 1997, Yuzana Garden City project was implemented by the State and the private company and apartments and housings were sold to people, he said. He continued to say that Ministry of Construction had allowed private construction companies to construct buildings on the lands designated by the ministry and had sold flats owned by the ministry to service personnel. The applicants for buying the flats were scrutinized by a board. Besides, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development of the ministry constituted housings, and sold flats and buildings to applicants after scrutinizing applicants.

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The loan through 15 years installment was disbursed for the first time in 1967 and the second time was performed to allow resale of buildings to be constructed by Yuzana Co in 1997 with the aim of selling low-cost staff quarters and low-cost public buildings to the State service personnel and the people through joint tasks between the Government and private sector and one more better way. However, there is now any plan to build and sell the low-cost staff quarters and low-cost public buildings through installment system.

U Se Kk Kaw of Mokkha Constituency said that 51-mile Kengtung-Mongkhon Bridge and 22-mile Mongkhon-Mongyay Road were damaged due to continuous drives of loaded vehicles. He asked how will manage the above-mentioned matter and whether there is a plan to upgrade the road to all weather road.

The Union Minister replied that under the arrangements of the State strategic road construction committee, the Kengtung-Mongkhon-Mongyay Road was constructed by "Wa" State in reaction in March 2001, and it was handed over to the Ministry of Transport in July 2004. As it is located in the hilly and forest area and near the bank, the mountain torrent eroded it and caused disconnection on the road. In accord with the programme of State strategic road construction committee, the road was extended with 34 feet wide earthen embankment, construction of 16 feet wide gravel road and asphalt road, and upgrading the wooden bridges to the permanent bridge.

All wooden bridges on the road were facilitated with upgraded. Eleven retaining walls were constructed along the road for smooth transport. Due to heavy rain, the overloading of the road occurred. Now, the approaches under have been filled with gravel for ensuring smooth transportation. Wanntapon Bridge on Kengtung-Mongkhon Road Section has been installed with the weighing scale for testing the overloaded vehicles. Depending on the allotted funds, the Kengtung-Mongkhon and Mongkhon-Mongyay Road will be upgraded in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

U Aung Tun Tha of Mrauk-U Constituency asked whether there is a plan to repair the damaged asphalt roads in Mrauk-U region of Ancient Cultural Region with the use of allotted funds of the State as quickly as possible.

The Union Minister replied that the Mbinu-An-Sittway Road being built by Ministry of Construction passes Mrauk-U of Mrauk-U region of Rakhine State. Mrauk-U is located at mile post 110/4 on Minbu-An-Sittway Road in Mrauk-U. It is 28 miles and four furlongs long which passes Mrauk-U Township. It is 28 miles and four furlongs long from mile post No. 99/4 to 128/0. The whole road has been tarmacked. In Mrauk-U, the road was extended to four furlongs long and 24 feet wide facility. The old wooden bridges – 100-foot Alezya Bridge, 70-foot Kyetzya Bridge and 60-foot Ngwetangyaungpa Bridge – on Mbinu-An-Sittway Road in Mrauk-U Township have been upgraded to the RC bridges.

Mbinu-An-Sittway Road is a Union Highway as a main communication link in Rakhine State. The road section and bridges of the highway in Mrauk-U Township will be upgraded with the use of funds allotted in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

U Aik Yin Mon of Mettung Constituency asked whether there is a plan to repair the earthen road between Tanyang and Mongshu for having easy access to Hovan District from Mettung Township. The Union Minister replied that Tanyang-Mongshu Road in "Wa" Self-Administered Division in Shan State (North) links Tanyang of Shan State (North) and Mongshu of Shan State (South). The road from Tanyang-Mongshaung-Mongawg is 43 miles long in Shan State (North), and the road section from Mongawg (border) in Shan State (South) to Mongshaung is 12 miles long. The whole road is 55 miles long.

Tanyang Township Engineer Group of Shan State (North) and Mongshu Township Engineer Group of Loilem District in Shan State (South) are taking responsibility of maintaining the road. Capital expenditure and ordinary maintenance funds have been demanded in the 2012-2013 fiscal year for upgrading the road and bridges on Tanyang-Mongshu Road linking Shan State (North) and Shan State (South).

U Kyaw Tha of MongShu Constituency asked whether there is a plan to upgrade the 37-mile Mongshu-Mongnawg Road and rebuild the Namkat Bridge for the use of trucks. The Union Minister replied that 37 miles and four furlongs long Mongshu-Mongnawg Road is a Union Road as a Union Highway. It has links mile post No. 454 in Mongnawg Sub-Township to K 830 of Mongshu Township on Laikha-Mongnawg-Mongshu-Mongkhaung Road in Shan State (Central). Mongnawg Sub-Township Engineer Group of the Ministry of Construction in Shan State is carrying out construction of the 40 miles and four furlongs long road section from mile post No. 454 (Mongnawg) to 660 and Mongshu Township, 17 miles long road section from mile post No. 660 to 830 (Mongshu).

Bridge No. 279 Nanpum Creek Bridge (Namkat) Bailey Bridge is 250 feet long on Mongnawg-Mongshu Road in Mongshu Township of Loilem District in Shan State (Central). It is a Bailey facet with bridge pier. Due to less strength of Bailey frames, the Ministry of Construction sought the approval to construct a new bridge at the government meeting 2/2011 on 24-1-2011. The funds will be demanded for construction of the bridge in 2012-2013 fiscal year. Capital expenditure and ordinary maintenance funds will be demanded in the 2012-2013 fiscal year for upgrading road sections and bridges on Mongshu-Mongnawg Road.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay replied two questions on border affairs raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Aung Tun Tha of Mrauk-U Constituency said that two bridges – Kanhla Bridge (Kanhla) and Nyaungbinzay Bridge (Kanhla) – would be conditions of collapse. He asked when a new bridge will be built.

The Union Minister replied that Kanhla Bridge in Mrauk-U was built in 1926 and it is 65x12x18 feet facility. The rails and floors of the bridge will be repaired this fiscal year with the use of K 1 million. Nyaungbinzay Market was built in 1928 and it is 80x12x32 feet concrete bridge. Due to bank erosion, the approach structure on Nyaungbinzay bank was sloped down. The approach structure will be repaired with bored foundation and the RC posts, iron frames and RC floor will be installed at the bridge with the use of K 50 million for the bridge in this fiscal year and K 25 million for the approach structure on Nyaungbinzay bank. The maintenance affairs will spend K 51 million allotted by the State on maintenance of the two bridges this fiscal year for safety transportation.

U Sai Thein Aung of Tachilek Constituency said that the gate fee for Wampon Bridge between Haunglek Village-Tract and Hwelayan Village is higher and the local people face loss in their passing the bridge. He asked whether there is a plan to manage the levying the gate fee.

The Union Minister replied that Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council and Danalin Co signed a 20-year agreement through BOT system for the Wampon Road for better transport and development of industrial zone. The entrepreneur has agreed to levy the fair fee for his investment and betterment of the road in a limited period from 1-3-1999 to 1-3-2019. He levies 20 baht or K 200 for motorcycle, 50 baht or K 500 for small car, 80 baht or K 800 for Trawler-G with load, 50 baht or K 500 for Trawler-G with load, 50 baht or K 500 for Trawler-G with load and 100 baht or K 1000 for track truck with load. After the three months test period, the levying of fee continued. After fixing the fees, change of Thai baht into kyat load. After the three months test period, the levying of fee continued. After fixing the fees, change of Thai baht into kyat load.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 31st day

Three questions answered; two bills, one proposal and one report submitted

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw for 31st day.—MNA

NAV Pti Taw, 5 Oct—The second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 31st day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10.30 am.

Present at today’s session were Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 205 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin gave answers to questions related to health sector raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Htay Yal of Kayah State Constituency (7) asked "whether there is plan to renovate 16-bedded weather-stricken Threda Station Hospital because Threda Station in Shadaw Township of Kayah State is 40 miles far from Loikaw and 35 miles from Shadaw and motorroad is accessible only in summer, not in rainy season". The Union Minister answered that Threda Station Hospital is not included in proposed short-term or long-term plans of the ministry for hospital construction; but if proposal for desired renovation is submitted through Kayah State Health Department attached with estimated cost to the ministry, it will be included in budget plan of the State according to the priority list.

U Kyun Khan of Chin State Constituency (1) asked "whether there is plan to open an obstetric clinic and to assign a midwife each in Phai zawali, Duman, Swoando and Kuvum villages of Falam Township". The Union Minister answered that nine rural healthcare centres have been opened in Falam Township; if structural proposal in designated form describing location of the rural health care centre (branch), area, population and households of the region, coverage area of the proposed rural health centre (branches), distance from the nearest hospital or rural health centre, condition of the building, transportation, security, socio-economic status and development of the region attached with the recommendation of Chin State Health Department is submitted to the ministry, the ministry will continue to implement in accord with rules and regulations.

U San Pye of Kachen State Constituency (7) asked "whether there is plan to assign more doctors and nurses in Pinhaw village-tract Station Hospital at the ratio of health staff and patients is disproportionate because there are 19 villages with 5000 houses and 20,000 residents in Pinhaw village-tract of Moguang Township in Kachin State". The Union Minister answered that there are one 50-bedded township hospital, three 16-bedded station hospitals, five rural healthcare centres and 20 rural healthcare centre (branches) in Moguang Township, providing healthcare to public; in Pinhaw Station Hospital, six staff, including one doctor, one senior nurse, one pharmacist and three labourers, are currently discharging duties; when the organizational structure allows to appoint more than one doctor; the hospital will be given priority: the ministry is working to constitute the district township and station hospitals with standard structure; if the permission is given to constitute Pinhaw station hospital in standard organizational structure, there will be 17 staff including two doctors, two senior nurses and four nurses.

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives U Nu, U Phone Myint Aung, U Khin Maung Yi and U Hsai Paung Nut discussed about paragraphs (4), (8), (h) (v), (10) (a) and (16) (g) of School Registration Bill amended by Pyithu Hluttaw. The Hluttaw decided to review the bill by Bill Committee.

Member of Union Election Commission U Myint Naing submitted the proposal to discuss Bill Amending Political Parties Registration Law at the Hluttaw session. One Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced that he will send message of felicitation to Ms Valentina Matvijenkon her election as Chairwoman of the Federation Council of Russia.

The 31st regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 1:45 pm and the session will continue for 32nd day on 6 October.

At today’s session, the Union Health Minister answered three questions related to health sector submitted by Hluttaw representatives; two bills were submitted; one bill out of two was decided to review by the Bill Committee and another one was approved for discussion; one new proposal was submitted; one report was submitted; and one message of felicitation was decided to send.—MNA
Pound slumps after computer’s ‘fat finger’ mistakenly enters large sell order

LONDON, 5 Oct—The UK sterling collapsed from just under 1.5580 dollars to just over 1.5480 dollars, after a computer mistakenly entered a large sell order.

“It was a mis-hit on cable and we hear an algo just stuck an offer at 1.5480 dollars in the machine which should have been 1.5580 dollars,” a trader said.

The pound immediately rebounded to 1.5550 dollars, suggesting somebody incurred huge financial losses on a transaction, the Telegraph reports.

“The market legend is that it did spike down due to some sort of mist-trade. Usually when something like that happens, everyone blames an algorithm or a hedge fund.” Kathleen Forex.com Research Director Kathleen Brooks said.

However, sterling slumped again after rising, as investors preferred the dollar to euro. Sterling rose to 1.1659 euros and the euro hit an eight-month low against the dollar. The pound closed 1.02 cents lower at 1.5477 dollars due to strong dollar.—Internet

Moscow to spend USD 76 m on stray dogs

MOSCOW, 5 Oct—Russian authorities are set to allocate over 2.5 billion rubles (USD 76 million) to care for stray dogs and cats in Moscow over the next three years, the chairperson of the city’s ecology committee said Tuesday. There are currently 12 shelters able to house 12,500 stray dogs.

This year, 260 million rubles (USD 23.2 million) were allocated for the purpose. Russia will spend 798 million rubles (USD 24 million) in 2012 to sterilise stray animals and keep shelters running. In 2013, a total of 838 million rubles (USD 25.6 million) will be allocated, and the spending will further increase to 880 million rubles (almost USD 27 million) in 2014, said Moscow Ecology Committee spokes-woman Vera Stepanenko.

“As of 1 September, approximately 12,000 dogs are being kept in the city’s animal shelters, foster owners were found for 3,300 dogs this year,” said Anton Velikhovsky, the head Moscow’s public utilities and land improvement department. He said the population of stray dogs in the city is estimated to be between 30,000 and 10,000. This year, a total of 8,600 animals were caught, and 7,500 of them were sterilised.—Internet

Museum on 1911 Revolution to open in central China

WUHAN, 5 Oct—A museum on the 1911 Revolution will open on the upcoming Saturday in central China’s Hubei Province, where the revolution started, said local sources on Wednesday.

With its exterior wall painted as the revolutionary colour of red, the museum covers 22,000 square meters. It shows more than 900 items and nearly 700 photos on the epoch-making event.

From Saturday to 14 Oct, the museum opens to tourists groups. It begins receiving a maximum of 2,000 individuals a day from 15 Oct. Visitors will be free of charge.

Construction of the museum started in 2009. It opens as one more way of China’s high-profile commemoration of the centennial of the revolution.

The 1911 Revolution, which began on 10 Oct, 1911 with an armed uprising, ended 2,000 years of imperial rule by toppling the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) and resulted in a republican government, the first in Asia.

As 1911 was called Xinhai in the traditional Chinese way of numbering years, the revolution is named Xinhai Revolution. Xinhua

Russia to lease N-submarine to India in November

MOSCOW, 5 Oct—A Russian nuclear submarine, in which 20 people were accidentally killed during a sea trial in 2008, will be leased to India in November, a Russian defence industry source said Tuesday.

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178th Munich fest wraps up with record beer consumed

MUNICH, 5 Oct—The 178th Munich Octoberfest concluded on Tuesday with revelers from across the world carousing in an unprecedented grand fiesta and gulping down a record number ofales.

Official statistics show that a total of 6.9 million visitors have been frolicking and consuming around some 14 cavernous beer tents in Munich this year, gobbling down a record number of ales.

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Moscow, capital of Russia, on 4 Oct, 2011. The Great Wall at night in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Oct, 2011. The magnificent night view of the Great Wall attracted many tourists during the National Day holiday.—Xinhua

Tourists visit the Badaling section of the Great Wall at night in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Oct, 2011. The Great Wall of China is one of the world’s seven wonders. The section Badaling is the most popular tourist attraction.—Xinhua

Visitors view the exhibition of chrysanthemum in Taiyuan, capital of north China’s Shanxi Province on 5 Oct, 2011. More than 300 varieties of chrysanthemum were exhibited during the seven-day National Day holidays starting from 1 Oct.—Xinhua

The picture taken on 4 Oct, 2011 shows the painting “Buffaloes” of Xu Beihong in Hong Kong, south China. Zhang Daqian’s “White Turtle Dove and Red Leaves” and Xu Beihong’s “Buffaloes” were both hammer-ed at 18.02 million Hong Kong dollars in Sotheby’s Hong Kong Fine Chinese Paintings Autumn Sale 2011. Sotheby’s presented 360 artworks from the artists like Zhang Daqian, Fu Baoshi, Wu Guanz-hong, Qi Baishi and Xu Beihong.—Xinhua
Ministry of Information
Printing and Publishing Enterprise
Invitation to opened tender to purchase Duplex Board foreign paper (domestic)

1. The opened tenders are invited by Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information for purchasing Duplex Board foreign paper (domestic) for 2011-2012 fiscal year.
   (a) Duplex (32”x40”) 180 Gsm 3225 packets (each packet with 100 sheets)
   (b) Duplex (32”x46”) 180 Gsm 1775 packets (each packet with 100 sheets)
2. Forms of opened tender may be taken out from Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, from 09.30 hr to 16.00 hr daily from 5-10-2011 to 19-10-2011.
3. The opened tenders are to be submitted in the presence of members of the tender committee at Office No. 7 in Nay Pyi Taw, from 13.00 hr to 14.00 hr on 20-10-2011. The tender applications that were over the prescribed period will not be considered.
4. The forms of opened tenders and detailed information may be available at the following address:

Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw
Tel: 412327, 412323

Pharaohs Rally
2011 kicks off in Egypt

CAIRO, 5 Oct — The World Pharaohs Rally 2011 kicked off on Monday before Giza pyramids. The six-day race will cover 2,799 kilometers in the heart of the western desert from 3 to 8 October. More than 600 races, technicians and administrators from 25 countries including Italy, France, and Saudi Arabia took part in the event.

"This rally is a tool for promoting Egyptian tourism," said Magdy Selim, head of the internal tourism sector in Tourism Activation Authority. The Pharaohs Rally was firstly launched in 1982 and listed among the world rally cups in 2005.

American Airlines shares plummet on bankruptcy fears

NEW YORK, 5 Oct — Shares in American Airlines’ parent company have plunged 33% on fears the airline may have to seek bankruptcy protection. At one point shares in AMR fell by as much as 41% in New York on Monday, sparking automatic halts in trading. American Airlines is the third largest carrier in the US but has been struggling with high debt loads and sluggish demand. A spokesman said a Chapter 11 bankruptcy “is certainly not our goal”.

American Airlines is expected to post its fourth straight year of losses in 2011, and analysts expect that to continue into 2012. It’s one of the few major carriers not to have restructured in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy, leaving it with higher costs and debts than competitors. Several rumours about a possible re-structuring appear to have sparked Monday’s sell-off, including reports that a large number of pilots were retiring from the company early in case a filing affected their retirement plans.

Vast shark sanctuary created in Pacific

LONDON, 5 Oct — The Marshall Islands government has created the world’s largest shark sanctuary, covering nearly two million sq km (750,000 sq miles) of ocean. The Pacific republic will ban trade in shark products and commercial shark fishing throughout its waters. Tourists, including diving, is a staple of the Marshall Islands archipelago, which is home to just 68,000 people. Sharks and their near relatives such as rays are seriously threatened by issues such as habitat loss and fishing. About a third of ocean-going sharks are on the internationally-recognized Red List of Threatened Species. “In passing this [shark protection] bill, there is no greater statement we can make about the importance of sharks to our culture, environment and economy,” said Senator Tony deBrum, who co-sponsored the bill through the Marshallese parliament.

Alma telescope begins study of cosmic dawn

LIMA, 5 Oct — Peruvian prosecutors say five people have been arrested on suspicion of human trafficking in police raids on brothels that rescued 293 women in a jungle region rife with illegal gold-mining. Police say the women were rescued from sexual slavery in the Amazon state of Madre de Dios. The weekend raids were on 60 houses of prostitution and involved more than 400 officers. Local prosecutor Fernando de Santa Maria says that of the 293 women, at least were five minors, the youngest age 13. Thousands of fortune-seekers have flooded into Madre de Dios in a gold rush that is destroying rain forest and contaminating the environment with tons of mercury, which used in processing the gold.

Contraceptive used in Africa may double risk of HIV

NEW YORK, 5 Oct — The most popular contraceptive for women in eastern and southern Africa, a hormone shot given every three months, appears to double the risk the women will become infected with HIV, according to a large study published on Monday. And when it is used by HIV-positive women, their male partners are twice as likely to become infected than if the women had used no contraception.

The findings potentially present an alarming quandary for women in Africa. Hundreds of thousands of them suffer injuries, bleeding, infections and even death in childbirth from unintended pregnancies. Finding affordable and convenient contraceptives is a pressing goal for international health authorities.

But many countries where pregnancy rates are highest are also ravaged by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. So the evidence suggesting that the injectable contraceptive may heighten some negative properties that may make women and men more vulnerable to HIV infection is particularly troubling. Injectable hormones are very popular.
**Ship grounded on New Zealand reef watched for signs of oil spill**

**WELLINGTON**, 5 Oct — New Zealand’s shipping authorities have cordoned off a Liberian-flagged container ship that has grounded on a reef off the east of the North Island as they attempt to assess whether it poses an environmental risk.

The 236-metre cargo ship Rena struck the Astrolabe Reef, about 12 nautical miles off the coast near Tauranga Harbour, at around 2.20am Wednesday and was listing, said a statement from Maritime New Zealand (MNZ).

None of the 25 crew aboard the 47,000-tonne vessel were reported injured, it said.

A light sheen of oil was visible around the ship, but it was thought to be hydraulic oil from the engine and was not considered “a significant environmental risk at this point,” it said.

MNZ had activated its Maritime Incident Response Team (MIRT) of experts to provide technical advice and oversight.

MIRT incident controller Renny van der Velde said the plans being put in place by the oil spill response team would form a safety net in the event of any spilled oil.—Xinhua

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**Death toll rises to 17 in SW China coal mine accident**

**GUIYANG**, 5 Oct — One more body was retrieved Wednesday morning after a coal and gas outburst hit a coal mine, bringing the death toll to 17, said rescuers.

Eleven others were saved and under medical treatment, a spokesman with the rescue headquarters said.

But it is not known yet if they are in critical condition.

The accident occurred at 7.53am Tuesday at the Anping Coal Mine, which is located in the Lihu Township in the county of Libo.

At that time, 28 miners were working in the shaft. Thirteen managed to escape, and among them, three died later in hospital after treatment failed. An investigation into the cause of the accident is under way.

Xinhua

**Four injured, one dead in NYC chopper crash**

**NEW YORK**, 5 Oct — Four people, including the pilot, were pulled from the New York City’s East River in the crash of a helicopter off the 34th Street Helipad on Tuesday in a dramatic, televised rescue operation. A fifth person, apparently trapped, was later found dead.

A police spokesman told Xinhua that divers searched the area for the submerged chopper, identified as a single engine Bell-206, which did not have floatation devices.

A spokesman from the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said that it was impossible to further identify the chopper without its tail number.

A Fire Department spokesman told Xinhua that three people were taken to nearby hospitals with serious injuries. A fourth person with minor injuries was treated at the scene.—Xinhua

**Truck-train collision injures 15 in US**

**WASHINGTON**, 5 Oct—At least 15 people were injured Tuesday when a truck collided with a train in the Houston city of US, Xinhua reported.

According to Metro officials, the accident occurred when the dump truck struck the train in downtown Houston and led to the derailment of a section of the train.

The train reportedly had over 100 passengers on board.

Thirteen passengers, the train operator and the truck driver suffered injuries.—Internet

**Skeleton of US man ‘obsessed’ with Queen found near Buckingham Palace**

**LONDON**, 5 Oct — An American who was obsessed with the Queen lay dead in a park near Buckingham Palace in London for about three years before being discovered.

The skeletal remains of Robert Moore, 69, were found by a tree surgeon on West Island in St James’s Park, which has “excellent” views of the palace, on 15 March this year, an inquest has heard.

His skull and bones were resting on a yellow cushion covered in mulch. A passport was in a pocket with vodka bottles close by.

Westminster Crown Court was told that Moore, who arrived from the US in 2007, had a history of mental and alcohol problems. He had sent hundreds of “strange and offensive” packages to the Queen - some including obscene photographs - for 15 years.

“He had a fixation with the Queen and the Royal Family. There would not be a better place to remain undiscovered with a view of the Queen’s primary residence than the West Island,” the Sun quoted detective Sergeant Mike West, from Marylebone Police Station, as saying.

The cause of death was recorded as “unascertained”.—Internet
Italys Criscito out of Euro 2012 qualifiers

MILAN, 5 Oct — Zenit Saint Petersburg defender Domenico Criscito has been ruled out of Italys two remaining Euro 2012 qualifiers with a groin strain, the Italian football federation announced on Tuesday.

Palermo defender Federico Balzaretti is doubtful for the matches against Serbia and Northern Ireland because of injury.

Inter Milan striker Giampaolo Pazzini, who had been doubtful, has now ruled out after medical staff determined he would not recover sufficiently from an ankle knock in time for the trip to Belgrade.

Italy have already booked their spot for the tournament in Poland and Ukraine next year as Group C winners but both their opponents are still in contention for second place and a spot in the play-offs.

Liverpools Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez despite a card issued to him in last weekend's Merseyside derby.

Rodwell has successfully appealed against the red card issued to him in last weekends Merseyside derby with Liverpool.

LONDON, 5 Oct — Everton midfielder Jack Rodwell has successfully appealed against the red card issued to him in last weekends Merseyside derby with Liverpool, the FA confirmed on Tuesday.

Rodwell was controversially sent off by referee Martin Atkinson after a 23rd minute challenge on Liverpools Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez despite winning the ball cleanly.

Rodwells match tilted the game in Liverpools favour, with the Reds going on to win 2-0 at Goodison — Internet

Nadal, Ferrer notch Japan Open wins

MADRID, 5 Oct — The Spanish duo of defending champion Rafael Nadal and former winner David Ferrer crushed local hopes Tuesday to advance to the second round of the Japan Open.

World number two Nadal, playing his first singles tournament since finishing as runner-up to Novak Djokovic at last months US Open, opened his bid in style, thumping Go Soeda 6-3, 6-2.

After taking the first set with ease, Nadal took a 3-1 lead in the second set, after Soeda's double fault on a break point, before advancing to a lead of 5-2 and winning on his first match point — Internet

Tiger's return: A comeback or a cameo?

PARIS, 5 Oct — Lazio striker Djibril Cisse and Valencia defender Jeremy Mathieu were both called up on Tuesday for the 23-man French squad as back-up to the 23-man French squad after injuries to midfielders Franck Ribery (both calves) and Blaise Matuidi (left thigh) and striker Karim Benzema (groin).

United must be ready for City derby: Ferguson

LONDON, 5 Oct — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson warned his players they would have to be at their best when they host big-spending City rivals Manchester City in their top-of-the-table Premier League clash on 23 October.

Champions United and City are level on points, with the latter trailing United by a single goal. The 69-year-old Scot, who once dismissed City as the 'noisy neighbours', said he was not surprised City had made a good start to the season. 'I've said all along that would happen,' Ferguson told Inside footy, the clubs' official magazine, on Tuesday.

France call up Cisse, Mathieu for Euro qualifiers

PARIS, 5 Oct — French midfielder Jeremy Mathieu and striker Djibril Cisse have been drafted in as back-up to the 23-man French squad after injuries to midfielders Franck Ribery (both calves) and Blaise Matuidi (left thigh) and striker Karim Benzema (groin).

Seattle wins 3rd straight Open Cup beating Chicago

SEATTLE, 5 Oct — Fredy Montero collected a loose ball off a corner kick scramble and slid it past Chicago goalie Sean Johnson in the 78th minute, and the Seattle Sounders FC won the US Open Cup for the third straight year with a 2-0 win over the Fire on Tuesday night.

Playing before a record crowd of 35,615 — the largest ever for any game in the competition — Montero was in the perfect position to clean up after Johnson made a diving save on Jeff Parke's header off a corner kick. The goal capped three minutes of massive pressure by the Sounders. Osvaldo Alonso capped the victory with a breakaway goal in the final minute of stoppage time.

Seattle is the first club in more than 40 years to win three straight titles in the oldest competition in American soccer. New York Greek-American, from 1967-69, was the last club to win three straight in the tournament. It's a tournament the Sounders found success in before becoming a MLS franchise, then took with seriousness after joining the top level of American soccer. — Internet

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson

"They are a good team and they were always going to be there or thereabouts." Sergio Aguero was bound to do well, coming into the Premier League, because he is such a goal threat around the penalty box. David Silva is also a very good player. "We just have to make sure we are ready for City when we meet them."

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Wozniacki, Zvonareva into third round of China Open

BEIJING, 5 Oct — World number one Caroline Wozniacki and third seed Vera Zvonareva on Tuesday both sailed through to the third round at the China Open, but followed different paths.

Wozniacki needed only one hour and 20 minutes to outclass Jarmila Gajdosova from Australia 6-2, 6-3 while Zvonareva survived a worrying second set slump to beat Klara Zakopalova of Czech Republic 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. The China Open, which ran in its eighth year, was hit by seed casualty again on

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Zverev in action at China Open

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Seattle Sounders forward Mike Fucito (2) for a header during the first half of the US Open Cup Final soccer match. — Internet

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### Andy Murray reaches 2nd round at Japan Open

**TOKYO, 5 Oct—** Andy Murray overcame an early break in the third set to beat Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 Wednesday and reach the second round of the Japan Open. Murray trailed 3-1 in the final set, but he then held serve and soon broke back to level the score at 3-3 at a covered Ariake Colosseum. With rain falling from the morning, play on the outer court was suspended.

Murray, who won last week’s Thailand Open, struggled in the second set as the unseeded Baghdatis used a strong backhand and some clever drop shots to take the upper hand after losing the opening set.

Playing primarily from the baseline, the Briton converted at crucial points down the stretch as Baghdatis appeared to tire and committed several unforced errors. Baghdatis and Murray played earlier this year in Rotterdam, and the Cypriot won in straight sets on a hard court. Baghdatis still holds a 3-2 edge in five matches against Murray.

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**Captain Thein Oo Myint (Terrence Myint), 60 years old**

**St Paul’s High School Alumnus**

**Mercantile Marine 4th Batch, Marine Institute of Technology, Ex-Myanmar Five Star Line**

**Captain Thein Oo Myint (Terrence Myint), husband of Daw Thet San Da (Rosie Par), son in law of U Par and Daw Tin Kyi of No. 168, Dhammazedi Road, Bahan Township, Yangon.**


**Son in law of Daw Tin Kyi, Daw Nway Win, Daw Nway Win.**

**Brother in law of Daw Tin Kyi, Daw Nway Win, Daw Nway Win.**

**Ninth Myanmar Races**

**Father of Ko Zaw Paing Myint, Daw Par and Daw Tin Kyi.**

**Son in law of Daw Tin Kyi, Daw Nway Win, Daw Nway Win.**

**Brother in law of Daw Tin Kyi, Daw Nway Win, Daw Nway Win.**

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**Andy Murray of Britain returns the ball to Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus during their match in the Japan Open men’s tennis tournament in Tokyo, Japan, Wednesday, on 5 Oct, 2011.**

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President U Thein Sein receives Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of Kingdom of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a good will delegation led by Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra at the meeting hall of President Office here at 4.20 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and together with the visiting Prime Minister were Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Mr Yongyuth Wichaidit and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Surapong Tovichakchaikul.—MNA

President U Thein Sein cordially greets Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of Kingdom of Thailand —MNA

President U Thein Sein welcomes Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of Kingdom of Thailand and party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct — A ceremony to welcome Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra of Kingdom of Thailand who was in Nay Pyi Taw on her goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein was held at the hall of President Office, here, at 4 pm today.

On her arrival at the President Office in a motorcade to attend the welcoming ceremony, President U Thein Sein warmly welcomed the visiting Thai Prime Minister. Next, President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

At that moment, the State Band played national anthems of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand.

Next, President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Thai Prime Minister introduced delegation members of Kingdom of Thailand to President U Thein Sein.

President U Thein Sein introduced Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin to Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra.

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