President U Thein Sein leaves for Indonesia to attend 19th ASEAN Summit, related summits

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here by special aircraft of Myanmar Airways International for Indonesia at 9 am today to attend the 19th ASEAN Summit and related summits to be held in Bali of the Republic of Indonesia at the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

The goodwill delegation led by President U Thein Sein was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union ministers, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, departmental heads, the Indonesian Ambassador and officials of the Indonesian Embassy.

President U Thein Sein was accompanied by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, members of the advisory group to the President, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun and departmental heads.

Members of the Myanmar delegation—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein left in advance for Indonesia.—MNA

Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham see off President U Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport on his departure for Indonesia to attend 19th ASEAN Summit.—MNA

Legal affairs discussed

YANGON, 16 Nov—US enquires Myanmar’s progress in building internal peace

Archer wins first gold for Myanmar

YANGON, 16 Nov—Myanmar Archer Aung Ngein won a gold in XXVI SEA Games women’s individual compound event today, beating her rival Philippine archer. Her reward was the first gold medal for Myanmar in the SEA Games in Indonesia. The Philippines won the silver and Indonesia the bronze in the women’s marathon event. Myanmar’s rowers Shwe Zin Latt and Than Than Nwe won a silver in the women’s coxless pair while Vietnam won a gold and Singapore a bronze in the event. In the track and field event today, Myanmar’s runner Nilar San won a silver and Indonesia the gold and Vietnam the bronze in the women’s marathon event. Myanmar’s rowers Shwe Zin Latt and Than Than Nwe won a silver in the women’s coxless pair while Vietnam won a gold and Singapore a bronze for the sport in the SEA Games. Aung Ko Min bagged one bronze in rowing in the M1X event of the 2011 South-East Asian Games today while the Philippine rower clinched one gold beating Thai rower. In the ASEAN Chess tournament, Win Zaw Tun won a silver while Thailand the first and Vietnam the third.

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Yangon City Development Committee is carrying 2,060,000 gallons of water to the township at Sinkan Waterworks in Kyauktan Township. Of drinking water with hygienic way in Sinkan Lake Banbwekon Dam in Kyauktan Township, collection of waterworks as well as testing to run waterworks in Sinkan Waterworks as well as testing to run waterworks in Kyauktan Township, collection of waterworks in Sinkan Lake at Sinkan Waterworks in Kyauktan Township. Sinkan Waterworks is distributing a total of 2,060,000 gallons of water to the township. Then, he proceeded to his inspection tour of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in which Yangon City Development Committee is carrying out concrete paving work on Bago River Road, extension of Ayeyawun Bridge on Ayeyawun Road in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, concrete paving work on Thanthuma and Laydaungkan Roads in Thanganyuin Township, construction of Ngamoejey Bridge (Parami) construction project, which is connecting South Okkalapa and Dagon Myothit (North) Townships, and progress of concrete paving work on Thanthuma Road in North Okkalapa Township.

**Legal affairs discussed**

Meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw Commission for Assessment of Legal Affairs and Special Cases in progress.—MNA

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Commission Chairpersons U Thein Hla Myint and commission members who discussed legal affairs.

**Myanmar government donates US$ 50,000 for Laotian flood victims**

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint hands over US$ 50,000 to Ambassador of Lao PDR Mr. Nilahath Sayarath.

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and U Htay Myint and commission members who discussed legal affairs.

Government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, as humanitarian assistance for the victims of the recent floods in Lao PDR, was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 2.30 pm today.

After conveying words of sympathies, on behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint handed over US$ 50,000 to Ambassador of Lao PDR Mr Nilahath Sayarath who spoke words of thanks.—MNA

**Dy FM receives French Ambassador**

Dy FM receives French Ambassador

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint received Diplomats of European Union residing in Yangon and based in Bangkok led by rotating chairman of European Union and French Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Thierry Mathou this noon at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and discussed matters relating to promotion of relations and cooperation between Myanmar and European Union.

A team led by Head of Thingangyun Township Fire Brigade U Nyan Tun, Deputy Commanding Officer U Khin Maung Tun of Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Administrator U Myint Soe of Ward (b) inspected fire preventive measures of each house in Ward (b) on 12 November.
Six Somalis on trial in France for yacht hijacking

PARIS, 16 Nov—Six Somali men accused of taking a French couple hostage on their yacht went on trial in Paris on Tuesday in France’s first prosecution of alleged Somali pirates. They are facing charges of hijacking, kidnapping and armed robbery after they allegedly seized the yacht and its crew, Jean-Yves Delanne and his wife Bernadette, both aged 60, off the coast of Somalia in 2008.

They face life in prison if convicted.

The six, aged between 21 and 35, were captured and flown to France after French special forces stormed the yacht, the Carre d’As IV, and rescued the couple. A seventh suspect was killed in the raid.

One of the suspects was a minor at the time of the crime but the court granted the defence’s request to hold the trial in public and not behind closed doors.

The suspects had reportedly demanded a ransom of $2 million (1.5 million) for the couple’s release.

But in the French courtroom Tuesday only one of them admitted to taking part as an “underling” in the hostage-taking.

“I was in such a financial situation, I have six children, it was then that I crossed paths with someone who recruited me,” said Ahmed Hamoud Mahmoud, a fisherman who is accused of being one of the leaders of the operation.

US soldier killed in Iraq

BAQUBAH, 16 Nov—A US soldier was killed during a military operation in Iraq, the US military said.

“A US service member was killed Monday while conducting operations in central Iraq.”

The statement did not give details about how and where the incident took place. The name of the deceased was also withheld.

This was the second US soldier to be killed so far this month in Iraq.

The latest casualty took the overall US toll in Iraq since March 2003 to 4,484, according to media figures released by the Pentagon.

In October, US President Barack Obama announced that all American troops stationed in Iraq will pull out of the country by the end of this year.

US drone strike death toll in Pakistan rises to 16

ISLAMABAD, 16 Nov—The death toll of a Wednesday morning’s US drone strike in northwest Pakistan has risen to 16, reported local media. At least two local TV channels, namely ARY and DIN News, quoted their own unidentified sources as saying that 16 people have been killed in the strike launched Wednesday morning by the US drones in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of South Waziristan which borders Afghanistan.

Two Pakistan Taleban commanders got killed in the strike, according to latest news reports.

The strike came at around 10:00 am local time Wednesday when US drones fired four missiles at a compound suspected of being a militant hideout in a hilly area of Jandola, a place sitting far deep in South Waziristan on its eastern side bordering inner Pakistan, said the reports.

Wednesday’s strike is the third of its kind in Pakistan since this month and the 62nd of its kind (both counted on daily basis) in 2011. According to a record kept by Xinhua, a total of 532 people, most of whom are believed to be suspected militants, have been killed in such strikes so far this year.

Two Indian businessmen shot dead in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY (Philippines), 16 Nov—An unidentified gunman shot and killed two Indian nationals engaged in money lending business in southern Philippines, police said Wednesday.

Manjeet, 27, and Sukhinder, 26, both surnamed Singh, and resident of Compostela Valley province, died from gunshot wounds after being attacked at Poblacion village in Agusan del Sur Province Tuesday, according to Superintendent Martin Gamba, spokesperson of the Caraga regional police office.

The victims were about to leave the premises of a rice trading firm when the assailant fired at them several times using a handgun. The suspect then fled on a motorcycle driven by an accomplice. The police is investigating the incident.

Six Somalis on trial in France for yacht hijacking

This undated picture released on 20 Sept, 2008 by the French ministry of defence shows, in an unknown location, Jean-Yves Delanne (R) and his wife Bernardette, who were seized by pirates off Somalia. The Six Somali men accused of taking the couple hostage on their yacht went on trial in Paris on Tuesday in France’s first prosecution of alleged Somali pirates.

A burning NATO oil tanker is seen in southwest Pakistan’s Dasth District on 15 Nov, 2011. At least two NATO oil tankers were targeted as unknown militants open fire on NATO oil tankers here on Tuesday.—XINHUA

One killed, three injured after military helicopter crashes in Republic of Congo

BRAZZAVILLE, 16 Nov—An M18 type of helicopter belonging to the Republic of Congo’s airforce crashed on Tuesday morning, claiming the life of a Russian pilot, a source within the Congolese Armed Forces (FAC) told Xinhua.

The information was confirmed by the spokesman of FAC, colonel Cyr Patrick Morapenda, who said that the pilot lost his life and three other crew members escaped with slight injuries.

The aeroplane crashed while landing at the Bandoondo locality (800 km north of Brazzaville).

Morapenda explained that the accident was caused by bad weather conditions, affirming that the helicopter had just taken off a few hours from Brazzaville.

This aeroplane was on a public service mission. It had gone to rescue some geologists of the Congo Mining company (a subsidiary of an Australian firm) which is specialized in mining activities,” the military spokesman affirmed.

The area where the accident took place is densely forested. In June 2010, 11 people lost their lives when a plane crashed in the same locality due to bad weather.—XINHUA
Indian stocks open lower

MUMBAI, 16 Nov—Indian main stock index Sensex opened at 16,872.30 points Wednesday, 10.37 points or 0.06 percent lower from previous close of 16,882.67 on losses of Asian stock markets. Capital goods, metal, banking and power sector lost 2.49 percent, 1.4 percent, 1.25 percent and 1.17 percent, respectively.—Xinhua

Accusation on yuan exchange rate groundless

BEIJING, 16 Nov—China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOC) reiterated on Wednesday that accusations on the exchange rate issue of Chinese currency is groundless and unreasonable. Many economists, both from China and abroad, have proved the exchange rate of yuan is not the major cause of trade imbalance between China and United States and its exchange rate is now at a reasonable level, MOC spokesman Shen Danyang said.—Xinhua

Australian wages rise slower than expected in Sept quarter

SYDNEY, 16 Nov—Wages for Australian workers rose 0.8 percent in the September quarter, slightly less than market forecasts, official data showed on Wednesday. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reported on Wednesday total hourly rates of pay, excluding bonuses, rose 0.8 percent in the September quarter. The wage price index (WPI) increased by 3.7 percent through the year to the September quarter 2011 for all employee jobs, the ABS said.—Xinhua

Mental illness causes being discovered

WASHINGTON, 16 Nov—One in 17 Americans has a mental illness, such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder, US researchers say. However, science is only beginning to understand the underlying physical causes of mental illness. A series of findings were presented at the Neuroscience 2011, the Society for Neuroscience’s annual meeting that include:

— Childhood anxiety and depression alter the way the amygdala — the part of the brain that processes and remembers emotional reactions — connects to other regions of the brain. The findings might help explain how early-life stress can lead to future emotional and behavioral issues.

— In animal studies, a link was found between two factors associated with schizophrenia, prenatal infection and impaired function of a molecule important in memory.

— Researchers identified a brain chemical important to antidepressant response in mice. The findings might help in the design of therapies for major depression.

— The connections between two specific areas of the brain might contribute to depression. Stimulating these circuits in rats had an antidepressant effect.—Internet

Study finds many patients shun free heart drugs

ORLANDO, 16 Nov—Give people free prescription drugs and many of them still won’t bother to take their medicine. Doctors were stunned to see that happen in a major study involving heart attack survivors. The patients were offered well-established drugs to prevent a recurrence of heart trouble, including cholesterol-lowering statins and medicines that slow the heart and help it pump more effectively.

“My God, we gave these people the medicines for free and only half took it,” said one of the study’s authors, Dr Elliott Antman of Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston.

In fact, the researchers couldn’t even give the stuff away: They had trouble just signing up patients to take part in the study. Nevertheless, Aetna, the insurance company that footed the bill, thinks this approach will save money in the long run and plans to start offering certain heart drugs free to some patients. In the study, patients offered medicines at no cost suffered fewer heart problems and saved $500 on average over roughly a year. It is no secret many Americans don’t follow their doctors’ instructions. In one survey, one-third said they didn’t fill a prescription or used less medicine than they should because of cost. The researchers in this study wanted to see what would happen if they took cost out of the equation.—Internet

Low vitamin D levels associated with recurrent inflammatory spinal cord disease

WASHINGTON, 16 Nov—Vitamin D levels are significantly lower in patients with recurrent inflammatory spinal cord disease, according to a study published online Monday in Archives of Neurology.

Vitamin D is a steroid vitamin that promotes the intestinal absorption and metabolism of calcium and phosphorus. In recent years, low levels of vitamin D have been linked to a variety of autoimmune conditions, including multiple sclerosis (MS). However, the importance of vitamin D in monophasic or recurrent non-
WASHINGTON, 16 Nov— Looking for a job? NASA is hiring astronauts. You can even apply online at a giant government jobs website.

There’s only one hitch: NASA doesn’t have its own spaceship anymore and is sending fewer fliers into orbit right now.

“The experience is well worth the wait,” promised NASA flight crew operations director Janet Kavandi as the space agency started a public search Tuesday for new astronauts.

There will be flights, but not many, with the space shuttle fleet retired. A handful of astronauts each year are launching on a Russian Soyuz spaceship to the International Space Station for six-month stays.

NASA needs about 55 astronauts, and with a new class of nine graduating earlier this month, the astronaut roster is up to 58. One of those new astronauts will get to fly to the space station as early as 2013, Kavandi said.

“We’re ready to serve, we’re ready to get going,” new astronaut Serena Aunon said Tuesday at NASA headquarters.

So to find candidates, NASA on Tuesday unveiled what its personnel chief called its biggest ever push to hire new astronauts — with dozens of cheering elementary school students there to ask questions.—Internet

Disturbing images spread on Facebook due to spam attack

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Nov— Disturbing graphic contents like pornographic pictures and mutilates animal images are spreading across Facebook on Tuesday in a likely widespread spam attack.

Technology news site 3ZDNet, first to report the attack, said that it started a few days ago and has become an out-of-control exploit that has users angry and disgusted.

The report said that the material is being spread via a “links spam virus” which appears to be an innocuous story link. Once clicked, the user’s newsfeeds will be turned into unstoppable torrents of pornographic and violent images.

Thousands of Facebook users posted their comments on the issue on Twitter. “So Facebook went from porn on my newsfeed to animal abuse. This is ridiculous and extremely sad! I’m not going back on there for a while,” tweeted a Facebook user named Carley Frye.

Internet security firm Sophos said in its company blog that the material had flooded the world’s largest social network over the past 24 hours or more, noting that the company could face long term consequences as the problem is likely to drive users away.

Facebook said in a statement to US media that it has been aware of the reports and are investigating the issue.

Technology blog AllFacebook said that the social media giant has been quietly taking down the images. Some reports are linking the attack to the hacktivist group Anonymous. The group released a YouTube video last Thursday, claiming they had written a virus targeting Facebook dubbed as “Fawkes Virus” and it is “spinning out of control.”

NASA hiring astronauts online — but where’s the rocket?

BEIJING, 16 Nov— China’s joint assembly of the unmanned spacecraft Shenzhou-8 and the prototype space lab Tiangong-1 at 12:04 pm Tuesday Beijing Time carried out orbit maintenance for the second time, according to the mission’s control centre.

While on Monday China completed its second space docking test during which the spacecraft Shenzhou-8 disengaged from Tiangong-1 module after an around 12-day flight together and then re-docked with it.

Shenzhou-8, launched on 1 Nov, rendezvoused and docked with the target orbital Tiangong-1 on 3 Nov in an orbit 343 km above Earth, marking China’s first space docking a success. Tiangong-1 has been in orbit since its launch on 29 Sept.

The coupled spacecraft performed its initial orbit maintenance successfully on 4 Nov, and Tuesday’s maintenance is their last such operation before Shenzhou-8’s return to Earth, according to Beijing Aerospace Control Centre (BACC), which is in command of the mission.

Huawei launches world’s first Cloud Phones Range in India

NEW DELHI, 16 Nov— Huawei Devices, which claims to be among the top 5 OEM handset brand worldwide, today announced the launch of Cloud Services for the first time in India.

The event was marked in the presence of Chetan Bhagat, Brand Associate unveiling the highly awaited MediaPad and two New Generation Cloud phones —Huawei Sonic & Huawei IDEOS X3 for the tech and style oriented Indian audiences.

The explosive growth of content, multi-device ownerships, range of connectivity options, social networking services and any time anywhere access has driven the need for Cloud Services worldwide, including India. Huawei Cloud+ service offers 16GB Cloud disk for storage, richer messaging with M+ to share texts, pictures, videos and voice notes, Phone Finder to locate, back-up and lock, Cloud Gallery to easier viewing and sharing, Huawei Streams for integrated social and phonebook experience, Huawei Cloud+ services enables easy downloads and sharing of content and anytime, anywhere, any device access.

Ballmer says “Windows Era” everlasting

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Nov—Microsoft chief Steve Ballmer proclaimed an everlasting “Windows Era” as the software giant’s board easily won re-election at an annual meeting of shareholders on Tuesday.

Ballmer along with Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, Netflix co-founder Reed Hastings and six others saw their positions on the Microsoft board secured with more than 92 percent of votes cast by investors. In response to a question from a stockholder, Ballmer downplayed the notion of a “post PC-era” marked by smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices supplanting desktop or laptop machines powered by Microsoft Windows software.

While the types of computing devices people use evolves so does Windows, he said regarding the operating software at the heart of Microsoft’s empire.

“One of the remarkable things about Windows over the years is that is has adapted,” Ballmer said.

“It will be a tablet machine; a reading machine, and a note-taking machine,” he said. “We are going to have to push Windows into more form factors.”

The Windows 7 operating system and the latest version of Office software have been selling at unprecedented rates to businesses while rivals Apple and Google have won consumers hearts when it comes to smartphones and tablets.—Internet

China’s coupled spacecraft carries out second orbit maintenance

China’s space dock

Graph on China’s first orbital docking of two spacecraft, successfully executed on Thursday in a major step towards a manned space station.—Internet
Pirated software distributors seized

BEIJING, 16 Nov—Investigators have cracked an online copyright-infringement case involving the software giant Microsoft, police here said on Tuesday. Economic-crimes investigators received a complaint from Microsoft alleging that a host of various websites in Zhaoqing, a City in Guangdong Province, had infringed on one of the company’s copyrights. In response, officials established a task force in August, according to He Guangping, deputy head of the Guangdong Provincial department of public security. Investigators found the server for those websites, the most famous of which is jujumao.cn, in Zhaoqing.

“After investigating, police discovered that the principal suspect, whose surname is Wang, established jujumao.cn in 2003 and later registered other websites to let netizens download pirated versions of Microsoft’s Windows XP and Windows 7 for free,” he told a news conference in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong, on Tuesday.

“Wang illegally earned a large sum of money by bundling the pirated software with advertisements and other software.” In 2011 alone, pirated versions of Windows software have been downloaded 4,445 times from Wang’s websites, he said. “We’ve been encouraged by the Zhaoqing police’s successful crackdown on online pirate groups,” said a Microsoft statement on Tuesday.—Xinhua

Expressway pile-up kills four, injures nine in NW China’s Xinjiang

URUMQI, 16 Nov—Four people were killed and nine others injured Tuesday in an expressway pile-up that involved 13 automobiles in northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, local authorities said Wednesday.

The accident happened at about 9 pm on an expressway that links Turfan with Urumqi, the capital City of Xinjiang, according to the fire brigade in Fukang City. Low visibility as a result of heavy fog and slippery road after the rain and snow during the daytime were thought to blame for the pile-up accident, sources with the fire brigade said. The four dead people were from a sedan that was stuck between two other vehicles, according to the sources.

The injured people were sent to a nearby hospital, but their conditions are not available. Police are further investigating the accident. —Xinhua

Hong Kong seizes record haul of rhino horns

HONG KONG, 16 Nov—Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department officials have seized a record haul of 33 rhino horns along with ivory chopsticks and bracelets hidden inside a container shipped from South Africa, officials said on Tuesday.

Officials found the horns along with 758 ivory chopsticks and 127 ivory bracelets in a haul worth a total of about HK$17.4 million (US$2.2 million) during a search Monday of a container declared as containing "scrap plastic".

Senior Customs official Lam Tak-fai told RTHK radio the horns were carefully wrapped in multiple layers of materials and hidden in the rear of the container.

“We think the smugglers wanted to make it look like waste plastic material so as to evade Customs detection,” he said, adding the haul was believed to have been destined for a neighbouring country.

Lam said rhino horns had been seized in Hong Kong in the past but never in such large quantities.

“Alltogether, we have 86.54 kilogrammes of rhino horns, it’s a record seizure so far in Customs history,” he said.

Conservation group WWF said earlier this month that rhino poaching in South Africa had hit a record high, with 341 of the animals lost to poachers so far this year as black-market demand for their horns soars.—Internet

Russian police detain man with 72-year driving ban

MOSCOW, 16 Nov—Police in a Russian City have detained a 40-year-old man, who is banned from driving for 72 years, or until the year 2077, RIA Novosti reported. Sergei was detained Tuesday in Russia’s Chelyabinsk City.

He has been brought to administrative reprimand 247 times, including 68 times for driving with a revoked driver’s licence, and 18 times for driving under the influence of intoxicants. "The total term of the suspension of his license is 72 years," police said in a statement.

Sergei, who still hopes to retrieve his licence, must live to the age of 112 before getting it back. “Actually I think that being banned from driving for 72 years is like facing the firing squad three times in a row,” Sergei said, adding that he totally admitted his guilt and was ready to do anything to get his licence back. —Internet

Shooting reported at UC Berkeley

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Nov—An individual was shot Tuesday afternoon at the University of California, Berkeley, local media reported. The shooting occurred inside the university’s Haas School of Business, The Daily Californian, a news-paper run by students at the university, reported on its website.

The suspect, brandishing a weapon, was shot by law enforcement officials and subsequently taken to hospital, Dan Mogulof, a spokesperson of the university, was quoted as saying. Police officers at the university said they responded to report of a man with a gun inside the building and shot the suspect. According to the campus’ emergency response system, one suspect is in police custody and no further suspects are involved.

Eyewitnesses at the scene said the shooting occurred in a computer laboratory on the south side of the building. Students and faculty were evacuated from the building, and officials at the university called it an isolated incident and said there is no further danger to students, local ABC 7 television station said in a separate report. —Xinhua

A visitor poses for photos during the exhibition with the theme of “Beyond Planet Earth” in New York City, the United States, on 15 Nov, 2011. Xinhua

People transfer injured persons to a hospital in southwest Pakistan’s Quetta on 16 Nov, 2011. At least five people died and 11 others were injured, including two children, when a tractor crashed into a passenger van bound for Zhob near Muslim Bagh in Qila Abdullah District on early Wednesday. Xinhua

Ports and Maritime Command’s Lam Tak-fai shows seized rhino horns at the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department.—Internet

WEEDWORTH COLLECTION HONG KONG, 15 Nov, 2011. A staff member puts a fine porcelain of the Wedgewood classical collection on the shelf in Beijing Hotel in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Nov, 2011. Xinhua

US enquires
Myanmar’s progress in building internal peace

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Mr Michael E Thurston, Charge d’affaires of the US Embassy paid a call on Union-level Internal Peace Making Group leader U Aung Thaung and Deputy Group Leader U Thein Zaw in order to ask about the progress of internal peace talks, at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning.

Myanmar, Bangladesh to cooperate in fight against drug

YANGON, 16 Nov—The 1st Myanmar-Bangladesh Bilateral Meeting on Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was held at Park Royal Hotel in Dagon Township here this morning.

Union F&R Minister attends ASEAN Finance Ministers’ Investor Seminar, US-ASEAN Finance Ministers’ informal meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun attended the 8th ASEAN Finance Ministers’ Investor Seminar (AFMIS) held at Shangri-La Hotel in Jakarta of Indonesia on 8 November and the US-ASEAN Finance Ministers’ informal meeting in Honolulu of Hawaii in the United States of America on 10 November. At the 8th ASEAN Finance Ministers’ Investor Seminar, Union Minister U Hla Tun explained progress of Myanmar, economic development in the region and reforms and undertaking of poverty eradication.

Archer wins first gold…

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In the Pan Jat Silat, Myanmar’s Hay Mar Oo shared the bronze with Vietnamese athlete in the 65-70 kg event and Myanmar’s Thin Myat Aye shared the bronze with Malayan athlete in the 70-75 kg event. On November 16, Myanmar begged one gold, three silver and one bronze, and so far have collected one gold, 12 silver and 16 bronze medals from 11 to 16 November.— MNA
Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 48th...

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In successive eras, it can be said that the Electrical Inspector was formed under control of the ministries that did not concern with production suppliers. Although there are many provisions in the Electricity Law, many loss can be found due to weakness of following the law. The departments are also to abide by the law and accept inspection of Electrical Inspector. Therefore, the Electricity Law should be amended and added.

The Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department under the Ministry of Industry-1 has drawn the bill for amending the law. Therefore, Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Industry-2 and Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 are to make concerted efforts for emergence of the improved Electricity Law as soon as possible. In addition to the Ministry of Industry-1 that compiled the law, the Pyithu Hluttaw should coordinate the emergence of amended Electricity Law and other laws by forming the one committee.

U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency said that efforts are being made for construction of small-scale hydropower projects to generate 500 kilowatts to be supplied to villages of Dawei District under the rural electricity supply and poverty alleviation. Although the Union ministries allowed region and state governments to undertake small-scale electricity generating tasks, these governments delay to issue permits due to lack of separate laws.

Thus, it is not enough to allow private entrepreneurs for doing business on electricity supply and sales under the MIC Law. Therefore, No 1 and No 2 Electric Power Ministries are to jointly draw the separate thorough electricity law and the Hluttaw should approve it.

With regard to the proposal, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe said that the ministry was extended with the aim of effectively taking responsibility of generating, feeding and supply of electricity to be able to rapidly supply electricity demand in development task of the State.

In the past, the Electricity Act was promulgated in 1910 for electricity supply tasks of Myanmar, and 1948 Electricity Act was enacted in 1948 for formation of an electricity supply board. Under the instruction of the Ministry of Industry, the Electrical Inspector drew an electricity law in 1974. The Electricity Law was approved as law No. 7 of Pyithu Hluttaw in 1984. Moreover, the Union Attorney-General’s office in addition to the Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Industry-2 and the Electrical Inspector under Ministry of Industry-1 run the small- and medium-scale electricity generating and supply. Therefore, it is necessary to amend, add, revoke the rules of Electricity Law in conformity with the current period and Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Industry-2 are to coordinate with the EP-2 Ministry if necessary. Therefore, three ministries held many meetings.

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the Prime Minister instructed the Electrical Inspector under Ministry of Industry-1 to be assigned under Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 as the ministry concerned should inspect electrical matters. Moreover, the Office of the Prime Minister informed that the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 should take responsibility for realizing the rules of Electricity Law in conformity with the current period and Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Industry-2 are to coordinate with the EP-2 Ministry if necessary. Therefore, three ministries held many meetings.

In the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, instructions have been issued that if it is necessary to amend, add, revoke and redraw the laws inappropriate with the current period, ideas of the Union Attorney-General’s Office are to be sought. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Industry that drew the Electricity Law in 1984, the work coordination meeting was held on 8 August, attended by officials of Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, No. 2, other ministries and the Union Attorney-General’s office in addition to Myanmar Engineering Society and Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association and electricians.

The provision in the Electricity Law 1984 said that “it must be concerned with exploration, generating, feeding, supplying and consumption of electricity across the nation and with electrical inspections to be free from danger of electricity for above mentioned tasks.” The Electrical Inspector under the Ministry of Industry-1 is running its functions to be free from danger of electricity under law and procedures. However, the law did not prescribe control of electric power system in conformity with power plants, power station, control of national grids, generating power and consumption, generating electricity for supplying the demand of increasing power consumption, feeding of power, and drawing of electricity supply plan for extended supply of electricity.

Sub-paragraph (a) under paragraph 4 energy, electricity, mining and forest sector under Schedule 2 of the region or state legislative list in accord with the Section 189 of the Constitution said that “except the heavy electricity production and supply to be managed by the Union, the region or state that do not connect with national grid may run the small- and medium-scale electricity generating and supply.” Therefore, it is necessary to draw the plans of electricity supply to be undertaken by regions and states in line with the Electricity Law.

The existing law does not comprise provisions on supply of electricity in rural areas. Therefore, he said he has replied to promulgating the law for supply of electricity in rural areas. Now, entrepreneurs and foreigners have been allowed to invest in electrical sector of the State. Therefore, electricity from Shweyi-1 and Tarpein-1 power plants is being sold at home for domestic consumption and to the People’s Republic of China. Thus, it is necessary to prescribe clear and exact provisions for local and foreign electricity sales. Moreover, Thaukkyai-2 and Upper Biluchaung Power Plant are being implemented with the investments of entrepreneurs. There should be suitable laws for purchase of electricity from the power plants through power system as well as direct sales for consumers.

As it is important that type of electricity (volt, frequency and circuit) must be in conformity with electricity demand of consumers, ”the consumers are playing an important role in the electrical sector.

The government commenced to draw the new Electricity Law for all ministries, private entrepreneurs and power consumers included in the electricity generating, feeding supplying, consuming, controlling power system, selling electricity and drawing power system plans.

As ministries concerned commenced the tasks related to the proposal of U Kyi Tha, the proposal will be put on record. The Hluttaw approved that the Hluttaw will provide necessary assistance for the task.

Member of the Bill Committee U Soe Soe submitted the report of the committee concerning the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Bill approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw.

He said that in reviewing the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Bill, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee found that Amyotha Hluttaw has approved the bill with 15 points in 34 paragraphs in 10 chapters. Depending on 12 points of scrutinizing the bills and amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee will submit the findings in line with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule-44. The original provision of paragraph 2 (b) in Chapter I said that “the Ministry means Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Union government”, so the amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw was perfect.

The ordinary provision in paragraph 2 (f) in Chapter I said that “the virgin land means new land and fallow land regardless of forests, bamboo groves, bushes, smooth or not geographical conditions. The word includes pasture lands, lake and lands of forest reserve officially cancelled for carrying out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.” Amyotha Hluttaw amended it as “the virgin land means new land and fallow land regardless of forests, bamboo groves,
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Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 48th...  

The central committee will have to form and task supporting groups and separate groups for management of vacant land, fallow land and virgin land in respective Regions or States to review and coordinate cases regarding the use of vacant land, fallow land and virgin land. The amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw is “The central committee will have to form and task working groups and separate groups for management of vacant land, fallow land and virgin land in respective Regions or States to coordinate cases regarding the use of vacant land, fallow land and virgin land.” The phrase in amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw “working groups and separate groups” is more appropriate. The amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw to paragraph (18) of Chapter (7) “The central committee shall form special group inclusive of respective departments to vet whether those who obtain permit for the use of vacant land, fallow land and virgin land manage the land in accordance with designated rules”, to paragraph (19) “The central committee shall recoup the least area of land from the permitted vacant land, fallow land and virgin land if a situation arises”, and to paragraph (22), “The central committee shall coordinate in accord with the law with local small entrepreneurs engaging in family trade on permitted vacant and virgin lands not to suffer loss”, the phrase “coordinate in accord with the law” should be replaced with “designate appropriate compensation at current price for”.  

The right of the person with right of doing business on vacant, fallow and virgin lands in line with the rules of this law.” Therefore, it was found that the amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw was more perfect.  

The paragraph 3 of Chapter II said that “the President shall appoint Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Central Committee with the Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation as Chairman, the director-general of Settlement and Land Records Department as secretary and suitable persons of ministries concerned as members. The amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw approved that “with the aim of effectively managing the tasks concerning the agriculture and livestock breeding on a commercial scale with the use of vacant, fallow and virgin lands for development of the State economy.” The Amyotha Hluttaw approved that “with the aim of effectively managing the tasks concerning the agriculture and livestock breeding on a commercial scale with the use of vacant, fallow and virgin lands in line with the laws allowed by the government for agriculture, livestock breeding and mining tasks on a commercial scale, the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Central Committee must be formed as follows:”  

(1) Union Minister Chairman  
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
(2) Union Minister Vice-Chairman  
Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry  
(3) Deputy Minister (Agriculture) member  
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
(4) Deputy Minister (Irrigation) member  
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
(5) Deputy Minister member  
Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development  
(6) Deputy Minister member  
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries  
(7) Director-General member  
General Administration Department  
(8) Managing Director member  
Myanmar Agribusiness Service  
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
(9) Managing Director member  
Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise  
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
(10) Director-General member  
Planning and Statistics Department  
Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry  
(11) Deputy Minister member  
Mining Department  
Ministry of Mines  
(12) Director-General member  
Cooperative Department Ministry of Cooperatives  
(13) Director-General member  Planning Department

The original text in paragraph (10) of Chapter (4) includes subparagraphs (a) and (b) to which Amyotha Hluttaw added subparagraphs (c) and (d). The inserted subparagraphs of Amyotha Hluttaw, “(c) The Union government shall allow mining in coordination with Ministry of Mines. (d) The Union government shall coordinate with respective ministry for other permitted industries in accord with the law.” makes the facts complete.  

The original text of paragraph (11) of Chapter (4) includes subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) to which Amyotha Hluttaw added subparagraphs (d) and (e). The inserted subparagraphs of Amyotha Hluttaw, “(c) The Union government shall allow mining in coordination with Ministry of Mines. (d) The Union government shall coordinate with respective ministry for other permitted industries in accord with the law.” makes the facts more appropriate.

The amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw to paragraph (16), subparagraph (b) of Chapter (6) is “The reclamation and use of permitted land will have to be finished as designed within three years. A fixed duration may impact on those who obtain the permit, it should be drawn as Rule. The original text, “The implementation will have to be finished as designed within period of time”, is more appropriate. The original text in paragraph (16), subparagraph (c) of Chapter (6) is “It is required to adhere to regulations issued by the central committee concerning the use of vacant land, fallow land and virgin land at any time.” The amendment of Amyotha Hluttaw is “It is required to adhere to regulations issued by the central committee concerning the use of vacant land, fallow land and virgin land.” The phrase “at any time” bares intended meaning. The original text in paragraph (17) of Chapter (7) is...
Right and opportunities of the commission

The commission members shall enjoy allowances of Hluttaw representatives in addition to rights designated by the Hluttaw Law and its term is not more than one year.

Hluttaw Law and its term is not more than one year.

Paragraph 2 (g) “repair to gain progress by building canals, dams, lakes, wells, embankments, roads and place for one who works agricultural process or buildings, or her working power. The amendment also comprises expense or one currently using land’s expense or with his means raising values of land at present land owner’s support for the proposal and it was approved. All representatives showed their suggestion but it would be more appropriate to be rephrased in political and international affairs.

Paragraph-2 should be left unchanged as first proposed by the ministry saying that he seconded the proposal. All representatives showed their support for the proposal. Again, Dr. Sai Ohn Kyaw of Namkhama Constituency proposed that the Sub-paragraph (f) of Paragraph-3 should be left unchanged as first proposed by the ministry. The Pyithu Hluttaw will be held on 18 November.

Agriculture and Irrigation appointed as chairman, the organization is to be formed with the Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation appointed as chairman, it is stated that “central farm management organization”, Paragraph 11 (e) of Chapter (5) shall be part of this bill.

U Thein Tun Oo proposed that the Sub-paragraph (f) of Paragraph 2 should be left unchanged as first proposed by the ministry explain that the changing may lead to misunderstanding and Union Minister U Win Tun replied that he seconded the proposal. All representatives showed support for the proposal. Again, Dr. Sai Ohn Kyaw of Namkhama Constituency proposed that the Sub-paragraph (f) of Paragraph-3 should be left unchanged as first proposed by the ministry. The Pyithu Hluttaw will be held on 18 November.

As no representative raised objection to the proposal was then approved as no representatives rejected it. The proposal was then approved as no representatives rejected it.

The commission has done its functions for about five months ago. In so doing, occasionally encountering with irregular cases such as legal affairs, political and international affairs, economic and social affairs is very likely. With regard to legal affairs, it has been tried to include retired personnel and currently discharging personnel from judicial departments, personnel discharging at and retired from the Attorney-General Office of the Union and courts at different levels, advocates and lawyers, and instructors giving lectures on law in the commission. Likewise, ambassadors, directors-general, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry who have experience in political and international affairs are assigned to the commission to be able to deal with political and international affairs.

So, the commission thanks to its comprehensive organisational structure can contribute greatly in analyzing special cases which emerge occasionally. Hluttaw are mainly promoting the interests of the nation and the public. The commission was formed with selected members for it is assumed that the commission members can contribute to not only the Hluttaw but also the national and public interests with their knowledge, experience and goodwill.

In seeking the approval of the Hluttaw with regard to the Environmental Conservation Bill, U Hay Myint of Myeik Constituency discussed that according to the constitution, the main responsibility of the Hluttaw is drafting bills. Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Chapter (1) of the Bill includes process of submitting and approving of newly-drafted bills and amending and assessing the existing laws. It needs to take time to enact a new law making least errors. Then amended paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of the bill are discussed and sought approval of the Hluttaw.

Dr. Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkhama Constituency made amendment to Sub-paragraph (c) of Paragraph-2 of the bill and Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied that he had no remarks as the amendment made no difference in meaning.

As no representative raised objection to the amendment, it is passed. Member of the Bill Committee U Thein Tun Oo proposed that the Sub-paragraph (f) of Paragraph 2 should be left unchanged as first proposed by the ministry explain that the changing may lead to misunderstanding and Union Minister U Win Tun replied that he seconded the proposal. All representatives showed support for the proposal. Again, Dr. Sai Ohn Kyaw of Namkhama Constituency proposed that Sub-paragraph (p) of Paragraph-2 should be left unchanged as proposed by the ministry saying that the amendment of Article 7, Paragraph 2 and Union Minister U Win Tun approved the proposal.

The proposal was then approved as no representatives rejected it.

U Khin Maung Shwe of the Bill Committee made amendment to Sub-paragraph (a) of Paragraph-4 and Union Minister U Win Tun replied that he had no reason to reject the proposal as it has certain relation. U Khin Maung Shwe of Alston Constituency proposed to amend the same paragraph and Union Minister U Win Tun said that the committee is forming represented the incumbent government and he is willing to accept if Hluttaw thinks the committee is reasonable. He has no reason to reject as the amendment will be more comprehensive.

U Thein Swe of An Constituency proposed that the amendments could be in the form of an amendment as follows:

U Hay Myint of Myeik Constituency, U Hay Oo of Hinthada Constituency and U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency seconded his proposal.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that it needs to include chapters and paragraphs that can promote the interests of the nation and the people and that have not yet been included in the bill. Pyithu Hluttaw had a wish to supplement necessary paragraphs in coordination with related ministries and there are chances to write and submit new paragraphs that should be included in the bill. Proposals of amendment are to be send by 12 noon 20 November and date for discussion will be fixed later. He urged Hluttaw representatives to take necessary means in discussing the bill again.

The fourth day second regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be held on 18 November.

Today’s session came to an end at 2 pm and the 49th day session will be held after the Hluttaw has fixed a date.—MNA
It is stated that Paragraph-30 of Chapter 17 that “there is a failure to follow all rules or a rule of these sections that 7 and 9, farm management organization formed by the ministry has the right to launch an farm without consultation with the community and an investigation by Hluttaw approved above-mentioned amendment. Paragraph 18 of Chapter 7 shall be part of this bill.

In Paragraph 22 of Chapter (9) of the Bill Committee, it is stated that Paragraph 23 of Chapter 9 despite existing law, confiscated farms for national interest are to be compensated according to law. If farm is upgraded with building, it is required to compensate for such building. As Hluttaw approved above-mentioned amendment, Paragraph 23 of Chapter (9) shall be part of this bill.

In Paragraph 27 of Chapter (10) of the Bill Committee, it is stated that “except order or summons of the President or authorized by the President, pasture land and common village land are to remain unchanged. As Hluttaw approved above-mentioned amendment. Paragraph 27 of Chapter (10) shall be part of this bill.

The Hluttaw decided to approve the paragraph-30 of the 11 that states “Ministry can leave any virgin and vacant when necessary for the State. According to the rules and regulations of the central committee for managing vacant and virgin land, when the term of land tax exemption expires, the land shall be a part of this law as the lands can be used for the agricultural farming”, as a part of this bill.

Regarding the paragraph-34 (A) of Chapter 13 expressed in the paragraph-31 of the 13 of the bill committee, the Hluttaw decided to approve the amended paragraph-34(A) of Chapter 13 “the Ministry shall make necessary rules and regulations for agricultural land management with the agreement of the Union Government” as a part of this bill.

Regarding the paragraph-35 of Chapter 13 expressed in the paragraph-32 of the Chapter 13 of the bill committee, the Hluttaw decided to approve the amended paragraph-35 of Chapter 13 as stated that “this law revoked the laws amendment of the 1953 Land Nationalization Act, 1963 Tenancy Law, the 1963 Farmers Rights Protection Law and the 1984 Land Law. When the laws are revoked, the cases handled by the previous laws are not ceased. The unfinished or remaining cases shall be handled in accordance with the existing laws to be part of this bill.

The Hluttaw also approved the newly added paragraph-36 of the Chapter 13 submitted by U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No 8 stated that “agriculturalists associations are allowed to organize in accordance with the laws enacted for improvement of the socio-economic of farmers.” as a part of the bill as majority agreed with the new paragraph.

The Hluttaw decided the correction of the bill committee stated that “The 2011 Land Act (Union Hluttaw approved)—(Day), — (Month), — (Year), 2011), the Union Hluttaw enacted this law”, as part of the bill. In the discussion session, U Soe Myint of the Constituency No (6) of Magway Region discussed the proposal to construct sluice gates at necessary places for perpetuity of the Ayeyawady River and to implement the projects on maintaining the water course at downstream of the river.

U Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No.6 seconded the proposal saying that as the task to maintain the river is gigantic, the plan should be drawn step by step while giving priority to the funds. U Saw Tun Mya Aung of the Constituency No 5 of Kayin State also seconded the proposal and suggested that a reservoir should be constructed upstream of the river to irrigate farmland while sandbanks along the river should not be dredged to prevent erosion, and river water pumping projects should be constructed along the river when hydro power is abundant, and industries would be booming along the river.

Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No 1 suggested to draw a master plan to maintain the river and to draw a special plan to maintain the basin of the river. U Hla Swe of Magway Region constituency No 12 suggested that it is sine qua non to implement a tame river project so that there is abundant of water in the Ayeyawady River in the summer and no floods in the rainy season, the river can handle over-2000-ton ships and farmers can grow crops in islands in the river.

Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No 7 suggested to invite experts, NGOs at home and governmental departments to be able to make detail assessment to the long-term project of conserving the rivers. He proposed that the committees should assess the conservation tasks systematically and cost effectively.

U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No 5 seconded the proposal and suggested to be able to use the Ayeyawady River profitably, a group of experts should make assess where and which kind of dams will be constructed over the river, to carry out the development projects while conserving the river, to make efforts for attracting assistance from foreign countries or investment as part of win-win cooperation.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No 4 suggested to calculate the risk to security of the people when dams are destroyed by disasters such as earthquakes and record rains. He also suggested not to damage the environment and socio-economy when dams are built. He also suggested to release reports on assessment of the experts and to consider the voice of the people. He also urged the ministries concerned to be wise when they handle every thing.

U Sai Puang of Shan State Constituency No 12 said that people are worried that the Ayeyawady River would disappear when dams are built on it. It is discovered that in developed countries, sluice gates over rivers can store fresh water, can help navigation and can conserve the rivers. Besides, they can help for the navigation, irrigation and hydro power generation.

He requested the ministries concerned to make good assessment to songs of the river and the river in Myanmar are fed by monsoon rain as the country is located in the Asian Monsoon Region. The rainfall from May to October has reached 90% or 95% of the rain fall in a year and the rain fall is heavy in July, August and September. Therefore, the water level in rivers rises in May and June and reaches its peak in July, August and September and decreases in October. Last year’s average rain fall is 29.02 inches in Pakokku Township and 178.23 inches in Kyaukphyu township.

The average rain fall per year in Myanmar in 2011 was 95 inches, falling around 58 million cubic feet. Of them, about 22 million cubic feet equivalent to 38 per cent the total rainfall had flowed into the sea through the rivers. The remaining 62 per cent of the total rainfall has sunk into the soil and evaporated.

The flowing rate of the Ayeyawady River has reached 40393 cubic meter/second in the rainy season and 2102 cubic meter per second in summer. Therefore, the river causes floods in the rainy season and it is difficult to handle ships in some places of the river in summer. Therefore, the system of the river needs to be maintained in summer for navigation.

The reason why rivers are damaged is nature and activities of the man. Floods, bad situation for navigation in summer, erosion and sand banks in rivers show that rivers are damaged. Around 278 tons of sand are silted up the Ayeyawady River every year and 131 tons of sand the Chindwin River every year, limiting the navigation along the rivers.

To offer the hardships to navigation in summer along the Ayeyawady River, the Water Resources and Rivers System Development Department has applied the bed regulation way.

As about 38 per cent of the total rainfall in Myanmar flows into the sea, it is beneficial to construct a dam project to store the water. However, if the catchment area is damaged due to the environmental degradation, the amount of water flowing into the rivers can be decreased.

Myanmar’s rivers which are beneficial to the country are experiencing the floods in rainy season and droughts in summer. Therefore, low head dams along the rivers can control the flowing and can help regular flow of the rivers, decreasing floods in June and August and preventing erosion in rainy season and helping navigation in summer.

The systems of building dams to control flow of rivers need heavy investment and produce enormous benefits. To reap the such benefits in the navigation, it is necessary to carry out bed regulation along the rivers section by section.

Therefore, plans should be made to calculate the benefits and risks of sluice gates on rivers by experts. Building dams to store water is the integrated water resources management and could help generating hydro power, irrigation and navigation. To implement these projects, physical model and numerical model should be built to get the safety designs of the facilities not to damage the environment. Therefore, long-term plans should be drawn and implemented systematically to build sluice gates on the Ayeyawady River and to maintain navigation along the river in the interests of the State.

The Hluttaw agreed to approve the proposal to construct sluice gates at necessary places for perpetuity of the Ayeyawady River and to implement the projects on maintaining the water course at downstream of the river as majority seconded the proposal.

The Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw sought the approval from the representatives to send message of condolences to Japan for Mr. Takeo Nichioka, Speaker of the upper house of Japan, passed at the age of 75 on Saturday, 5, November, 2011, and the Hluttaw agreed to send the message of condolence to Japan.

The regular session ended 5:10 pm.

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Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region
Hluttaw held first second regular sessions

NAI PYI TAW, 16 Nov—The seventh day of the first second regular session of Bago Region Hluttawwas held at hall of Bago Region Hluttaw at 10 am yesterday. It was attended by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Speaker and Vice-Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw U Win Tin, and 74 representatives.

At the Hluttaw, the regional representatives asked 34 queries, and the respective regional ministers,secretary of Bago Region government, Bago Region Chief Justice, advocate-general, Bago Region auditor-general, answered them. The Hluttaw came to an end at 2 pm yesterday.

The fifth day of the first second regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw was held at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Region at 10 am yesterday, attended by Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Thayay Sithu U San San and 69 representatives. At the Hluttaw, the representative regional ministers answered 25 queries, and the representatives ministers answered them. The report on 100-day development tasks four proposals tabled to the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw continued today.

At 10 am today, the sixth day of the first second regular session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw was held at the meeting hall of the People’s Republic of China today from dawn tabled on November 11, 2011 by Ayeyawady Region government was approved by the Hluttaw representatives and tabled to the Hluttaw, and two motions were tabled to the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw ended at 4 pm today.—MNA

Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the Internal and Judicial Affairs Committee of the National People’s Congress of PRC concludes visit

YANGON, 16 Nov—The Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the Internal and Judicial Affairs Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Bai Jingfu this morning paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

Rarest dolphin spotted in NZ harbour after two-year disappearance

WELLINGTON, 16 Nov—One of the world’s smallest and rarest marine dolphins has been seen in the harbour of New Zealand’s capital, more than two years after the last sighting, conservation officials announced Tuesday. The Hector’s dolphin was sighted in Wellington harbour on Monday and reported the country’s Department of Conservation (DOC), said a DOC statement.

The person who spotted the dolphin said it had “spent about five minutes zooming under and around the boat (with the engine in neutral) before disappearing,” said the statement.

Meanwhile, a spectator on shore reported seeing two dolphins. “It is really exciting to see the return of this very special New Zealand dolphin,” DOC Kapiti Wellington biodiversity programme manager Peter Simpson said in a statement.

“The next step is to try and get a high quality photograph and genetic sample of the dolphin to see if it is the same or a different individual from the one that visited us in 2009,” he said.—Xinhua

Devotees continue to crowd to Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay obeisance to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic

NAI PYI TAW, 16 Nov—Flock of pilgrims continued to visit Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay obeisance to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed from the People’s Republic of China today from dawn today.

Doctors from Health Department under the Ministry of Health are providing free medical care to devotees from various regions.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win paid homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic this morning donated K 500,000 for the tooth relic.

Since the conveyance of Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic from Vice to Uppatasanti pagoda on 6 November evening to this evening, donations at the centers amounted to K 25,581,8820, FEC 85, USD 3131, RMB 2034, Thai baht 4289, Philippine Peso 500, Malaysian ringgit 335, Indonesia rupiah 200500, India rupee 312, Vietnamese dong 141,000, Cambodian riel 2000, Singapore dollar 85, Korean Won 4807, £ 5, Japanese Y 4000, Sri Lanka rupee 100 and 822 items of jewellery worth about 552,32,460.—MNA

Two Poles rescued from Colombian jungle

BOGOTA, 16 Nov—Two Polish scouts who got lost for five days in the thick jungle of southern Colombia have been rescued by a Colombia Air Force emergency team, authorities said Monday.

After trudging through the dense jungle in the southern Province of Caquetá, the rescue team on Sunday spotted one of the Polish scouts near the Yari river and the other still in midstream.

The Poles told local media that they had eaten insects and plants to survive, adding that despite their ordeal, they would not hesitate to visit the South American nation again in future.

Xinhua

School bus accident kills 19 in NW China

LANZHOU, 16 Nov—Nineteen people, including 17 preschooolers, died in a school bus accident Wednesday morning in northwest China’s Gansu Province, the local government said.

The accident happened at around 9:40 am in Yulinzi Township of Zhengning County, in the City of Qingyang, the provincial work safety bureau said in a Press release. The bureau did not reveal more details. It said the cause of the accident is under investigation.

Xinhua

Man smuggled scorpions, snakes from China

STOCKHOLM, 16 Nov—A Swedish court sentenced a man to 60 hours of community service for smuggling 41 scorpions and eight snakes from China.

Authorities said the 28-year-old man, who is a snake breeder, was stopped at Stockholm Arlanda Airport and inspectors discovered 41 scorpions, five vipers and three Chinese grass snakes in his luggage, the Swedish news agency TT reported Monday.

Investigators said the creatures were kept in plastic containers and two of the snakes did not survive the trip from China. The man, who was convicted of smuggling in Attunda District Court, told the court he had received the animals as a gift.

Prosecutors said authorities had previously intercepted a courier package sent to the man from Hong Kong with five snakes in two containers marked “toys.”

Xinhua

Internet

A model shows a jeep, made in the United States, at the 2011 Dubai International auto show in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAЕ), on 10 Nov, 2011. The five-day car exhibition, the biggest in the Middle East, opened on 10 Nov.—Xinhua
Scottland may cull deer in greater numbers to reduce road accidents.

**Amelia Hempleman-Adams camps in freezer for Antarctic trip**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (609)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (609) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: MS ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV ORIENTAL AMBER VOY NO (023)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL AMBER VOY NO (023) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MLIT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**Man-made meat may come soon**

**Amelia Hempleman-Adams camps in freezer for Antarctic trip**

**INFECTION**

**STUDY LINKS PARKINSON’S DISEASE TO INDUSTRIAL SOLVENT EXPOSURE**

Researchers found a six-fold increase in the risk of developing Parkinson’s in individuals exposed in the workplace to trichloroethylene (TCE). Although many uses for TCE have been banned around the world, the chemical is still used as a degreasing agent.

The research was based on analysis of 99 pairs of twins selected from US data records. Parkinson’s can result in limb tremors, slowed movement and speech impairment, but the exact cause of the disease is still unknown, and there is no cure.

Research to date suggests a mix of genetic and environmental factors may be responsible. A link has previously been made with pesticide use. The researchers from institutes in the US, Canada, Germany and Argentina, wanted to examine the impact of solvent exposure—specifically six solvents including TCE. They looked at 99 sets of twins, one twin with Parkinson’s and the other without.

**LONDON, 16 Nov —** It’s not a sci-fi that humans can nurture meat like vegetables. Scientists at Oxford University’s Wildlife Conservation Research Unit are creating in-vitro meat—burgers or sausages grown in laboratory Petri dishes rather than made from livestock, according to a Reuters report last week.

To make them grow up to meat, Mark Post, one of the researchers in the project, said they feed the stem cells with sugars, amino acids, lipids, minerals and all other necessary nutrients. By now, pale muscle-like strips have been produced. But each strip, 2.5 cm long and less than a centimeter wide, is hardly seen with the naked eye.—Internet
**SPORTS**

**South Korea to host Presidents Cup in 2015**

MELBOURNE, 16 Nov—South Korea will become the first Asian country to host the Presidents Cup in 2015. US PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said Wednesday at this year’s Presidents Cup that an as-yet undecided Korean club will host the biennial tournament between the United States and an International team of golfers representing non-European countries.

**Venezuela’s coach sees Brazil on horizon**

SAN CRISTOBAL, 16 Nov—Venezuela are picking up points in the South American qualifiers at a rate that will surely see them through to their first World Cup finals in 2014, coach Cesar Farias said on Tuesday.

Venezuela beat Bolivia 1-0 to join Uruguay and Argentina on seven points in the top places of the South American group standings they could previously only dream of reaching. “If Venezuela can maintain this (points) average, we will surely reach the World Cup,” Farias, who has set his heart on steering his team to the Brazil finals, told reporters.

Central defender Oswaldo Vizcarrondo scored the only goal with a header from a corner in the 25th minute and Venezuela, who are showing their fourth place at this year’s Copa America in Argentina was no fluke, then hung on under constant if rather lightweight pressure from Bolivia in a second half downpour.

**Germany down the Netherlands 3-0 at soccer friendly**

BERLIN, 16 Nov—Germany sealed the first victory since 1996 against the Netherlands attributed to a battling performance by the German team against lax Dutchmen in front of home crowd in Hamburg on Tuesday.

Germany staged from the start offensive-minded soccer whereas the Netherlands seemed idealeess throughout the match. With only 14 minutes into the match, Germany opened the scoring after a terrific combination when striker Thomas Mueller finished the assist from midfielder Mesut Oezil, center, and his teammate Sami Khedira, right, celebrating their side’s third goal of the match everyone was talking about—Tiger Woods against ex-caddie Steve Williams in the round of 16 at the US PGA Tour competition in Melbourne.

**Denmark coach criticizes 24-team format at UEFA Championship 2016**

COPENHAGEN, 16 Nov—Denmark’s national football coach Morten Olsen said Monday that it was a mistake to expand from 16 to 24 the number of teams competing in the final round of the UEFA European Football Championships 2016. Olsen said the expansion risks making the tournament uninteresting, while encouraging poor athletic performance.

It is commercially a smart decision, Denmark’s Coach Morten Olsen, centre among Daniel Agger, left, and Simon Poulsen, right, during a training session at Helsinger Stadium, north of Copenhagen, Denmark, on 9 Nov, 2011.—INTERNET

**Indiana’s Bubba Watson leads by five at Masters**

ATLANTA, 16 Nov—The Masters at Augusta National was about to get a caddy’s call Wednesday, at least if Tiger Woods, who has won the tournament the past two years, can keep his streak going with a win this week.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 17th November, 2011

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Summary of observations at 09:30 to MST on today

Weather: Mostly cloudy. Visibility: Generally fair. A few isolated showers are likely in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Hackers tried to attack royal wedding website

London, 16 Nov—Scotland Yard’s cyber-crime unit helped fend off an attack on the official website of Britain’s royal wedding in April, the division’s chief said Tuesday.

Det Supt Charlie McMurdie told a London cybersecurity conference that action was taken to safeguard the site, which received 15 million hits when Prince William married Kate Middleton on 29 April. McMurdie made the comments in passing at the Royal United Services Institute, a defence think-tank. Asked for more information by The Associated Press, she said her unit had been called in to deal with an attack.

She declined to go into any further detail, but a Scotland Yard spokesman asked about the case said a 16-year-old had been detained on 10 Oct in relation to “a suspected attempt to encourage others to commit a distributed denial-of-service attack.”Such attacks work by bombarding websites with bogus traffic in an attempt to overwhelm them.

The spokesman said the teenager is out on bail and has yet to be charged. He spoke anonymously in line with force policy. The royal wedding was a massive Internet event, with providers saying it may have been the most heavily live-streamed event ever.

Many websites, including the BBC and YouTube’s royal channel, occasionally struggled to cope under the strain of the traffic. The official royal wedding website said that, at its peak, it was handling more than 2,000 requests a second.—Internet
Pyithu Hlutttaw session continues for 48th day

One proposal discussed, information to enlist given, formation of commission submitted, approval for one bill sought

NAW PUY TAW, 16 Nov—The 48th day session of the Pyithu Hlutttaw was held at Pyithu Hlutttaw Hall of Hlutttaw Building, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hlutttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 369 Pyithu Hlutttaw representatives.

One proposal was discussed, information for enlisting given, formation of commission submitted and approval for one bill sought.

Two Hlutttaw representatives discussed the proposal submitted by U Kyi Than of Gwa Constituency that it should not amend or add the Electricity Law.

U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency discussed that electricity was used by Burma Ruby Mine in Mogok in 1908 for the first time. In 1910, supply of electricity was added in Yangon and Mandalay. To be free from danger of electricity, the Electricity Act (1910) was enacted and the Electricity Rules was issued in 1937. As an electricity supply board should be formed, the Electricity Supply Act was promulgated in 1948. The Electricity Law as the Law No. 7 of Pyithu Hlutttaw was enacted in 1984 and then electricity rules issued in 1985.

Although the law and rules were in conformity with a designated period, the Electricity Law 1984 must be amended compulsory due to improvement of electricity consumption, use of modern electronic equipment and supply system. Such law is being realized by Electrical Inspector-EI under the Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry-1.

Electrical Inspector is taking responsibility as medium to inspect and suggest prevention against danger of electricity and to avoid loss of opportunities between producers and consumers.

Amyotha Hlutttaw session continues for 47th day

Approval sought for one bill, one proposal discussed

NAW PUY TAW, 16 Nov—Amyotha Hlutttaw session continued for the 47th day at Amyotha Hlutttaw Hall of Hlutttaw Building here at 1 pm, attended by Amyotha Hlutttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 204 Amyotha Hlutttaw representatives.

Approval was sought for one bill and one proposal was discussed.

Hlutttaw representatives discussed matters related to the Farmland Bill sent and approved by Pyithu Hlutttaw. As the order of Hlutttaw, officials of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation were invited to discuss and scrutinize again. And report was sent to Chairman U Mya Nyein of Bill Committee.

In searching approval of Hlutttaw for the Farmland Bill sent and approved by Pyithu Hlutttaw to approve it paragraph by paragraph, Paragraph 2 (a) of Chapter (1) of the Bill Committee prescribes that “farmland means virgin lands suitable for farming and land suitable to grow perennial trees and nipa and garden lands, lands suitable to grow vegetable and flowery plants, designated lands, alluvial land, and land on which residential buildings are constructed without permission that can be used as the wish of the State, excluding residential building within the boundary of township and village, religious buildings and precinct, and private land unable to be used for developing purpose”.

As U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No. 10 submitted to take out the phrase “used as the wish of the State” of Paragraph 2 (a) of Chapter (1) to search approval of Hlutttaw, the approval of Hlutttaw was sought. It is decided not to take out that phrase as the representatives who opposed the proposal outnumbered other ones.

So, it is decided that Paragraph 2 (a) of Chapter (1) shall be part of the bill.

In Paragraph 2 (b) of Chapter (1) of Bill Committee, as amendment “right for farming is defined that as the State is original owner of all lands, giving permission for farming in conformity with this law and bylaw, rule and regulation of this law so that agricultural production capacity develop, excluding exploring gems, mines, petroleum, gas and natural resources below and above ground” was approved by Hlutttaw, it was decided that Paragraph 2 (b) of Chapter (1) shall be part of the bill.

“Peasant is defined as anyone who falls within the competence of following points in Paragraph 2 (c) of Chapter (1) of the Bill Committee. (1) One using land by oneself or by oneself consistently as own major profession, (2) one who invests capital and carries agricultural process all along as own major profession, (3) one who supervises opportunities between producers and consumers.

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