Fourth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw continues for third day

Eight questions answered, one proposal discussed and one proposal submitted

“there is any plan to appoint members of Fire Services Department for natural disaster preparedness in Mongping Township”, the Union Minister answered: Establishment of unit-2 level fire station in Mongping Sub-township has been allowed. At present, two members and one fire engine have been assigned there. It will be provided with members and one fire engine. Likewise, Plans are under way to provide at least two fire engines in townships in which there is no fire engine and in which there is one only during this financial year.

With respect to the question raised by U Win Myint Soe of Pyay Constituency on “there is any plan to build a new fire station for Ward No.4 of Pyay Township, Textile Factory and Cotton ginning factory of Ministry of Industry”, the Union Minister replied: In summer, duties will be assigned to township fire brigade members with one fire engine for fire safety measure at the suitable place in accord with the wishes of people. In addition, preliminary basic fire services course will be conducted for fire safety measures of Textile Factory and Cotton ginning factory. At present, there is no plan to open a new fire station in Pyay Township. Regarding the question raised by U Sai Tun Scin of Mongping Constituency on “there is any plan to build a diversion weir for Pyawbwe Township Fire Services Department for natural disaster preparedness in Mongping Township”, the Union Minister replied: To protect Taungdwingyi Dam broke due to heavy rain and floods caused by the climate change. There will be no long-term durability if the broken dam is reconstructed at its original site. So, it needs to build diversion weir, based on facts gained from a survey on ground exploration, hydrology and geology. Then, it will be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the approval of Union Government, and implemented after getting approval.

Regarding the question of U Than Win of Taungwedwini Constituency on “there is any plan to build a diversion weir by damming Set Set Yo watercourse”, the Deputy Minister replied: To protect Taungwedwini from floods, it needs to build Set Set Yo diversion weir. Necessary survey and calculation of estimated costs will be carried out in order that construction of it can start in 2013-2014 fiscal year. The proposal on the diversion weir construction will be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. It will be implemented when Union Government gives green light and grant funds.

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Dutch plans to buy F-35 fighter jets in doubt

The F-35 Lightning II, also known as the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF), is shown in this March 2010 file photograph.

FIFA bows to pressure over goal-line technology

ZURICH, 6 July—Football’s rule makers and its governing body FIFA bowed to pressure on Thursday when they finally approved the use of goal-line technology and agreed to allow Muslim women players to wear a headscarf.

The first decision followed widespread calls from players, coaches and the media, after a series of embarrassing high profile incidents in which perfectly good goals were disallowed because officials did not see the ball had crossed the line.

The second followed international criticism after Iran’s women’s team lost their chance of qualifying for the London Olympics because they were not allowed to play a crucial match after refusing to take off their headscarves.

In both cases, FIFA and its rule-making body, the International Football Association Board (IFAB), which unanimously approved the proposals on Thursday, had initially held out in the face of popular opinion.

The debate over goal line technology lasted a decade as FIFA, led by president Sepp Blatter, insisted that human mistakes were part of the worldwide appeal of football. In the case of headscarves, FIFA refused to lift the ban due to safety issues and because they were not included in the rules of the game.

The campaign to allow headscarves, already permitted in other sports such as rugby and taekwondo, was led by FIFA vice-president and executive committee member Prince Ali Bin Al-Hussein of Jordan.

The United Nations had also appealed for the garment to be permitted. “To all women players worldwide, congratulations,” Prince Ali said in a statement. “We all look forward to seeing you performing on the field of play. Women’s football is on the rise and we are all counting on you. You have our full support.”—Internet
Cooperative enterprises build a better world

Today the world celebrates the 90th anniversary of International Day of Cooperatives as the theme for 2012 aims to build a better world with the strength of cooperative enterprises, calling for increased awareness on cooperatives.

The world today can be seen with two classes of people—haves and have-nots—due to disasters, climate change, poor health and poverty. While the haves are indulging themselves in the victorious circle of prosperity, the have-nots find no way out from the vicious circle of poverty, increasingly widening the gap between the rich and the poor, calling for prompt and proper actions to bridge the gap.

Cooperatives have been the medium of poverty alleviation with credit unions providing small loans and capital to the poor, creating jobs.

The government in office has attached a greater importance to crucial role of cooperative enterprises in bringing down the poverty rate of the nation, establishing cooperatives at different levels and credit unions offering productive employment opportunities for women, youths, persons with disabilities, and older persons. A considerable number of odd-job workers and hawkers have finally seen the light at the end of tunnel but there is still much to be done if we are looking forward to emergence of the larger portion of middle-class people.

Cooperatives, if well positioned, can drive the local economic performance promoting food security generating more incomes for small agricultural producers. Cooperatives empower their members cultivating a sense of self-help, equality and solidarity among them. Cooperatives are just fit for Myanmar society in which communal activities are much common with reciprocal help and support. Though the government has adopted certain policies for development of cooperative societies and its efforts are evident, the works on the ground must be monitored consistently to make sure that the poor touch the results.

As the entire world is moving toward the green economy, so much has been focused on the productive role of cooperatives because of their comprehensive and pro-social and environmental procedures. Today, a number of foreign countries are offering financial and technical assistance to our country. We would really appreciate it if the donors would assist us in building a better life spurring the development of cooperative enterprises.

Foot-and-mouth disease vaccines free injection given in Sagaing Tsp

U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back by an earlier evening after attending the World Ministerial Conference on Disaster Reduction on 3 and 4 July in Tohoku, Japan at the invitation of Mr. Koichiro Gemba, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

The afore-mentioned World Conference was attended by the Foreign Ministers and other relevant Ministers and representatives from 14 international organizations. The Union Minister participated as a Panelist under the Plenary Session on “Building a resilient Society” and presented Myanmar’s experiences and performance on disaster prevention and reduction.

At the Conference, the delegates discussed the importance of building resilient societies to disasters and the actions towards the mainstreaming of disaster reduction.

The Conference underscored that the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 has served as a guideline for the international community and an effective plan of action should also be adopted after Post Hyogo

Sports Ministry grants scholarships to offspring of its staff

Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan awards an outstanding student who passed in 2011-2012 matriculation examination.—MNA

The Sports Ministry has, in the year 2012, planted 50 teak plants, 50 ironwood plants and 800 shady trees, and kept 3000 heads of chicken, 21000 fingerlings and given a total of K 4284840 to scholars.

Dr Jonathan Chang, M.D & Veronica Chang (USA) and family donate two Pulseoximeters and two Defibrillators for Myanmar Medical Association through Chairman of MMA Professor Dr U Kyaw Myint Naing.—MNA
President of Xinhua urges world media to make historical choices amid challenges, reshuffles

MOSCOW, 6 July—Plutometer, defective sensors, inadequate training and insufficient oversight combined to send an Air France passenger plane plunging into the south Atlantic in 2009, the airline’s worst disaster, French investigators said on Thursday.

The final report on the Rio-Paris Airbus A330 crash that killed 288 people went further than expected in casting the safety establishment, saying France’s flag carrier was subject to less inspection than smaller rivals.

The BEA investigation authority called for improved training of pilots, instructors and inspectors, and better cockpit design among 25 recommendations, which sound like a repeat of the catastrophe.

Pilots’ trade unions and Air France have been at loggerheads with planemaker Airbus over who or what was to blame for the airline’s worst loss.

The report upheld initial findings that the crew of flight AF447 had mishandled their response to the loss of speed readings from faulty sensors that became iced up in turbulent conditions over the south Atlantic on 1 June, 2009.

The doomed aircraft plunged for four minutes in darkness in an aerodynamic stall as its wings gaped for air while pilots failed to react to repeated stall alarms, according to flight recorders recovered two years after the crash.

“This accident results from an airplane being taken out of its normal operating environment by a crew that had not understood the situation,” said BEA director Jean-Paul Troodec.

He added, however, that the same situation could have occurred with a different crew on board.

The report also found that the A330’s speed sensors, known as pitot tubes and designed by France’s Thales, were only upgraded after the disaster, even though there had been previous incidents with the equipment.

Brussels-based airfrainti stall warning systems following criticism of the alarm’s ‘fanciful behaviiour when the plane was deep in its 38,000-footplunge. Families of crash victims immediately criticized the report as too soft on the aerospace industry, ensuring that it was over responsibility for the accident will linger at Air France and Airbus both face a French manslaughter investigation.

“To deny, as the BEA has done, the extremely significant influence of certain technical defects is to go into denial about the reality of this accident,” said Olivier Mostere, lawyer for families of some of the victims. “The victims’ families cannot accept this.”

Pena Nieto win

Mexican vote recount confirms President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto meets with the Foreign Press in Mexico City, on 2 July, 2012. —REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 6 July—A recount on Thursday showed Mexico’s Enrique Pena Nieto as the clear winner of Sunday’s presidential election, but the run-off still refused to concede, alleging Pena Nieto’s party bought millions of votes.

The results set up a return to power for the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which governed Mexico from 1929 to 2000, when it was frequently accused of vote-rigging. With 99 percent of polling stations counted or recounted, Pena Nieto held 38.2 percent of the vote, 6.7 points ahead of leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

Mexico’s Federal Electoral Institute, or IFE, expected to conclude the final recount later on Thursday and certify the results on Sunday, when an official count of the congressional elections was also due. Pena Nieto claimed victory last Sunday when initial results showed him winning some 38 percent of the vote, about 6.5 points more than Lopez Obrador. The country was in a third day of rioting.

Mexico’s President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto meets with the Foreign Press in Mexico City, on 2 July, 2012. —REUTERS

Pena Nieto, Party, or PAN. Lopez Obrador asked for a full recount, but the IFE said it would only recount ballots from 54 percent of polling stations, saying it was guided by specific conditions of election law.

“It’s clear that we have won these elections with a wide margin of the vote,” Pena Nieto toldCNN on Thursday, saying there were “no grounds” for allegations of vote-buying.

The PRI called for an investigation by the attorney general’s office into what it considered false accusations. Pena Nieto has already been congratulated by outgoing President Felipe Calderon and leaders such as US President Barack Obama and Brazilian President Dilma Roussef. —Reuters

Two deadly fires in Kabul kill 20, wound hundreds within 3 days

KABUL, 6 July—At least 20 people were killed and 183 others were seriously injured in two separate deadly fires in Afghanistan capital Kabul over the past three days, authorities said on Thursday.

A huge fire following a propane gas reservoir blast in eastern Kabul of at least 17 people dead and another 155 wounded and hospitalized from Wednesday to Thursday, police said. The explosion triggered massive burning at around 4.00 p.m. local time (1130 GMT) Wednesday at an industrial park in the Pakhta Kot area.

Police said the death toll could go up as 200 as firefighters severely burn remain incertical conditions. Afghan police forces sharply sealed off the scene, while ambulances and civilian cars evacuated the injured to the only burn hospital in west Kabul and a 400-bed military hospital some 7 km away from the site. The fire destroyed several industrial buildings and companies as well as residential houses around the area.

The investigation is underway, but police ruled out terrorist activities, saying that electrical short circuit is believed to be the cause of the explosion in the gas reservoir.

Several oil and gas trucks parking nearby were also set ablaze and destroyed. The NATO-led coalition forces said they supported Afghan police and army fire personnel to extinguish the fire which lasted for hours.

Long road ahead in US-Pakistan ties after NATO deal

ISLAMABAD, 6 July—Pakistanis are set to resume broader talks on security cooperation, military threats, aid and other issues in the wake of an agreement to reopen supply routes into Afghanistan, Pakistan’s envoy to Washington said on Thursday. But bridging underlying differences that strained US-Pakistani ties close to the breaking point will be daunting as all sides remain at odds over how to handle the twin threats of the Taleban in Afghanistan and militants in Pakistan’s tribal areas.

The agreement reached this week prompted Pakistan to reopen NATO supply routes into Afghanistan, clinched when US President Barack Obama’s administration ceded to months of Pakistani demands to apologise for the US air attack that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers last November, was relief for both countries, “We certainly think it opened the door to many other issues,” Ambassador Sherry Rehman told Reuters in an interview.

“There’s a long road ahead before this opportunity to build a path to durable ties,” she added.

Men walk past a truck carrying supplies for NATO troops in Afghanistan, at the Pakistan border town of Chaman on 5 July, 2012. —INTERNET

Mexican vote recount confirms President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto meets with the Foreign Press in Mexico City, on 2 July, 2012. —REUTERS

President of Xinhua urges world media to make historical choices amid challenges, reshuffles

MOSCOW, 6 July—Facing severe challenges in the media industry and the fast-changing world as a whole, major international news organizations should make historical choices, President of China’s Xinhua news agency Li Congjun said here on Friday.

Speaking at the second World Media Summit (WMS), Li, as WMS executive vice-president, called on world media colleagues to make “historical choices” amid changes, complete modernisation and reshuffles in the industry that will reshape the future media landscape.

The four choices, as Li elaborated, included promoting peace and common prosperity of the world, serving the public good and fulfilling social responsibilities, implementing restructuring with new technology and the upgradation of modern communication system, and strengthening collaboration toward a cooperative mechanism.

“The fate of the media is closely connected to that of the world, and the media’s development must keep pace with the development of the times,” Li said.

To fulfill their missions and tackle challenges of today’s world, new organizations and reporters should provide “accurate, objective, fair and impartial” news to readers, bridge the communication gap between races, cultures and countries, adapt to the application of digital technology and the trend of media integration, and foster cooperation at various levels.

After US Secretary of State Clinton apologised in a phone call to Pakistan Foreign Minister Ruhul Amin Feiz, Pakistan permitted trucks carrying NATO supplies to cross into Afghanistan for the first time in more than seven months. This was a boon for NATO nations that had been paying 2-1/2 times as much to bring supplies in through an alternate route.

While NATO will pay any new fees for shipping supplies into Afghanistan, Washington will give Pakistan $1 billion in security costs incurred while fighting militants.

A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said no specific commitments were made to increase military or counter-terrorism activities for Pakistan, but there was a “good faith agreement” to continue fighting those issues.

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Vanishing planet-forming dust challenges conventional thinking

LOS ANGELES, 6 July — A cloud of dust once circling a young star abruptly disappeared within years, challenging scientists’ understanding of planet formation, according to a study published on Thursday. The finding, carried in the 5 July edition of the Nature journal, was made during the observation on TYC 24216251, a young star located about 456 light years from Earth in the Scorpius-Centaurus stellar nursery.

The planet-forming dust that once surrounded what was first seen by NASA’s Infrared Astronomical Satellite back in 1983, and it remained brightly glowing for 25 years, said the article. Scientists observed the same star in 2008 using a mid-infrared imager in Chile and again with the same ground-based telescope in 2009. The study published on Thursday showed that the ultraviolet emission pattern similar to the 1983 measurement, but the dust emission surprisingly dropped by nearly two-thirds in 2008.

When NASA’s Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, was staring at the same star again in 2010, the dust had mostly disappeared. The scientists confirmed their discovery by using two additional telescopes. “It’s like coming across a mystery,” the lead author of the study said. “It leaves you to wonder why there is such a short period of time.”

Solar, wind energy a missed opportunity for Cuba

NEW YORK, 6 July — Just imagine, you toil all day in the field and then when you get home you have to grope around doing things with a gas lantern, with a torch to illuminate the patio at night,” said engineer Juan Alonso. “That’s the life you don’t. Only in this case you’re talking about enough dust to fill an inner solar system, and it’s not there.”

The island, blessed with year-round sunshine and sea breezes but plagued by chronic energy shortages, could be doing much more on the national level, and that its communist government is missing a golden opportunity to reduce its dependence on subsidized oil from friendly ally Venezuela, where President Hugo Chavez is sick with cancer.

Google phasing out “iGoogle” in latest purge

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 July — Google is phasing out a personal service that allows millions of people to personalize its home page with applications such as weather updates and stock quotes. The customization service, known as Google, will be turned off by the end of November 2013. The mobile version of Google will be discontinued down the road.

People use computers at an Internet cafe in Changzhi, north China’s Shanxi Province on 20 June, 2007. — Reuters

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China may miss 2012 trade growth target

BEIJING, 6 July — China will have difficulty meeting its 10 percent trade growth target this year, Vice Premier Wang Qishan said in published comments, undermining challenges to supporting critical pillars for the world’s second-largest economy. Wang’s comments were in line with remarks last month from Commerce Minister Chen Deming, who said “if lucky” China would be able to achieve its annual target of 10 percent growth in imports and exports combined this year.

The remarks came as China cut interest rates for the second time in a matter of weeks on Thursday, stepping up efforts to bolster an economy that is probably suffering its weakest growth since the global financial crisis. Concerns that China’s trade targets could be in jeopardy may suggest the country’s downturn is proving deeper than expected. Policy makers worldwide are growing increasingly concerned about the impact of the euro area debt crisis on the global economy.

The biggest worry for Asia’s exporting nations, such as China, is if the world economy slides into a repeat of the financial crisis of 2008/2009 when global trade ground to a halt. Speaking during a visit to the eastern port city of Qingdao, Wang said China would import more high-tech equipment, manufacturing components, energy and consumer goods, while helping small- and medium-sized exporters cope with a credit squeeze.

China should not underestimate the impact of external shocks on its economy, although Beijing will try to keep trade growth as stable as far as possible, the official Xinhua news agency quoted Wang late on Thursday as saying.

A full-year trade growth target of 10 percent already marked a significant slowdown from the first half of last year, when China’s annual expansion rate was averaging more than 20 percent. The current global economy situation remains grim, with unstable factors and uncertainties increasing, Wang said.

A pair of Chinese manufacturing surveys has shown persistent weakness in the economy, with HSBC’s purchasing managers’ index showing factory activity shrinking at its fastest pace in seven months in June and new export orders skidded to depths last seen in March 2009. China is scheduled to release its trade data for June on 10 July. Analysts forecast the data will show that exports grew 9.9 percent from a year ago with imports up 12.7 percent. Despite slowing growth at home and abroad, Chinese export and import growth both surprised on the upside in May, with exports rising 15.3 percent and imports up 12.7 percent last month from a year earlier.

Samsung’s Galaxy powers record $5.9 billion profit

Seoul, 6 July — Sales increases in Samsung’s smartphone drive record quarterly profit of $5.9 billion at Samsung Electronics, though the South Korean tech giant is sweating over how Europe’s debt crisis is denting demand in its biggest market for television and home appliances. The flagship Galaxy smartphones are likely to have stretched their lead over rivals Apple and Nokia — despite a parts shortage that meant it struggled to keep up with stronger-than-expected demand for its latest S III model.

While strong handset sales grabbed the headlines, more than doubling profit growth, other businesses such as chips and consumer electronics are battling weak prices and demand and a limping euro, which eats away at eurozone profits. In sign that the euro zone crisis is exercising minds in boardrooms around the globe, Samsung executives said this week the group was operating to a contingency plan. “Europe is our biggest consumer electronics market and we may have to initiate cost cuts and product price increases should the euro fall further from the current level,” said one executive who didn’t want to be named as the plan is internal.

Dellasmartphones are flying off the shelves, with some outlets reporting 40-60 percent sales growth, but that’s disturbing the overall trading outlook which is more challenging due to the weak global economy and a weak euro.” The euro has fallen around 5 percent against the Korean won since April, and about 8 percent in the past year, to 2-year lows. In its April-June earnings guidance on Friday, Samsung, valued at $170 billion and the world’s leading maker of TVs, smartphones and DRAM memory chips, estimated operating profit jumped 79 percent to $11.2 trillion from a year ago — in line with an average forecast in a Reuters survey of 23 analysts. That would be 14.5 percent higher than the previous record quarterly profit in January-March. Samsung estimated its second-quarter revenue at 47 trillion won ($54 billion) below a 50 trillion won forecast. “Revenue is below our forecast, which suggests price pressure was more severe than had been expected in products such as televisions and home appliances,” said Nho Geun-chang, analyst at HMC Investment Securities in Seoul. “Earnings will be stronger in the current quarter as sales of the high-end Galaxy S III will increase dramatically and drive the telecom division’s earnings to above 5 trillion won,” he said, predicting shipments of the S III would hit 19 million this quarter.

Samsung is due to release its full second-quarter results — the first since its former components chief Kwon Oh-hyun took over as CEO — towards the end of this month. Samsung and local rival LG Electronics are among the few global TV makers making money and gaining market share from stumbling Japanese rivals Sony, Panasonic and Sharp.

Health Tip: Giving your child medicine

Even over-the-counter medicine can hurt your child if given incorrectly. The American Academy of Family Physicians offers this advice when giving your child an over-the-counter medication.

Always read the drug’s label and make sure you understand it.

Use a medication that treats only the symptoms your child has.

Carefully read the label, looking for any special instructions or the names of other medications that might negatively interact with the one you’re giving.

Make sure all care-givers know how much medication your child needs, and how and when to give it.

Keep a medication in its original packaging, so that you have easy access to the label and expiration date.

Store any medication safely, out of your child’s reach — Internet.

Apple removes spam message app from App Store

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 July — Apple on Thursday removed an application collecting users’ address book contacts from its App Store, which was tasked at the first instance of iOS App Store malware. “The Find & Call app has been removed from the App Store due to its unauthorized use of users’ Address Book data, a violation of App Store guidelines,” Apple said in a statement to tech blog The Loop.

“Find & Call” was first reported on Monday by Russian security firm Kaspersky Lab, which said it discovered a suspected malware app both available in Apple’s App Store and Google’s online store Google Play that had been collecting users’ address book contacts and sending them to the developer’s servers. The developer’s system then sent spam text messages of “thepay” URL to those contacts, which are said to be sent from “to the original user’s mobile phone number. According to the screenshots before the app was removed, all user comments both in Apple’s App Store and Google Play are quite angry, complaining that the app sends SMS (Short Message Service) spam.

The app so far only targeted Russian users since it uses Russian in its app description, but the app was available in App Store around the world. “Malware in the Google Play is nothing new but it’s the first case we’ve seen malware in the App Store,” Apple was worth mentioning that there have not been any incidents of malware inside the iOS App Store since its launch 5 years ago,” said the Kaspersky Lab in its blog. The lab noted that it is the first time that they confirmed a case of malicious usage of users’ personal data.

Along Thursday, several popular apps in Apple’s App Store, including Angry Birds Space HD Free and GoodReader, which have been updated over the last few days, have been crashing immediately upon launch. Technology news site TechCrunch reported that Apple has officially acknowledged the issue in its developer forum and is working on a solution.

Reuter's

Italian heart surgeon Antonio Amedeo and his team implant a tiny titanium pump, the world’s smallest artificial heart, in a baby born without a heart at the Bambino Gesu’ Hospital in Rome, in this undated handout picture made available to Reuters on Monday, May 21, 2012. Doctors from Rome’s Bambino Gesu’ Hospital saved the life of the 16-month-old baby in March with the artificial heart, which weighs only 11 grams, before the infant received an organ donation. — Reuters
Superjet crash to overshadow Russia’s Farnborough

Investigators blamed the incident on a combination of pilot error and faulty speed sensors. That verdict would echo a report published on Thursday by Russia’s state aviation holding company United Aviation Corporation (UAC) is desperate for the incident to be blamed into the Air France Rio-Paris crash that killed 228 people in Indonesia that killed 45 people.

Another Indonesian girl dies of bird flu

One leading party, Labour, will submit a proposal to the 150-seat legislature on the last session before 12 September elections calling for an end to Dutch participation in the Lockheed Martin Corp warplanes project.

Amsterdam, 6 July— The Netherlands should scrap plans to buy F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jets because it cannot afford the project’s ballooning costs as the country attempts to cut spending, a majority of parliament said Thursday. One leading party, Labour, will submit a proposal to the 150-seat legislature on the last session before 12 September elections calling for an end to Dutch participation in the Lockheed Martin Corp warplanes project.

Japan’s atomic disaster caused by “collusion”

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UN stops short of endorsing intervention in Mali

People walk past signs marking heritage sites in the Malian city of Timbuktu 15 May, 2012.—INTERNET

The French-drafted resolution said the council “expresses its readiness to further examine the request of ECOWAS. Additional information has been provided regarding the objectives, means and modalities of the envisaged deployment.”—Reuters

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Citizenship cards issued in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 6 July—With the aim of issuing citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Aung Tawn Oo and staff made field trip to the administrative office in Ward 8 of Kyaukme on 27 June. Their works were supervised by Shan State Hluttaw representative U Sai Aung Thwin Oo and staff.

MLF invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation. Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Thanbyuzayat Street in Botataung Township, Yangon, Tel-01-371342, 01-201956 and 01-398756.

Eight rural libraries under construction in Hinthada District

HTINLIT, 6 July—With the assistance of Myanmar Libraries Foundation, each library is under construction with K 1.5 million contribution by the foundation and K 1.5 million by the local people in Ayeyawady Region.

Myanmar Women’s Day observed in Sangyong Township

YANGON, 6 July—The Myanmar Women’s Day was observed at Basic Education High School No. 2 in Sangyong Township of Yangon West District on 3 July. Chairperson of Yangon Region Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Thaung Mya made a speech.

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Kyaeintali

KYAINTALI, 6 July—In commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at the vacant area near Maha Wihara Monastery in Ward 3 of Kyaeintali Sub-Township in Thandwe District on 2 July morning.

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Tahlay Sub-Township

TAHLAY, 6 July—A ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards was held at Basic Education High School in Tahlay Sub-Township of Tachileik District in Shan State on 20 June morning.

Top pass rate school honoured in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 6 July—A ceremony to honour the school that stood first in the top pass rate in the 2012 matriculation examination was held at Nwebaya Hall of Danonchaung Basic Education Middle School in Phayagyon Village-tract of Mawlamyinegyun Township on 1 July.

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Momauk

MOMAUK, 6 July—Momauk Township General Administration Department of Bhamo District in Kachin State and Township Forest Department organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the compound of Momauk Basic Education High School on 26 June.

Animals vaccinated in Thegon Township

Township IPRD

Winners awarded:
The Myanmar Women’s Day was organized by Pakokku District Women’s Affairs Organization at Pyithaya Hall of Pakokku on 3 July. Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization Dr Yi Yi Myo presents prize to a winner student in the district level essay contest.

District News

Trees grown as rainy season activity in Htinlit

HTINLIT, 6 July—Organized by Htinlit Township Forest Department of Magway Region, rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at Basic Education High School in Htinlit on 30 June.

Top pass rate school honoured in Mawlamyinegyun

The school produced 22 students who passed the matriculation examination including 10 students with distinction in economics, accounting for 59.46 percent. That is why it became top in the pass rate across the region.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Hay Maung and officials presented prizes to distinction winners, headmistress Daw Illa Hay and teachers. —Myanma Alin

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Momauk

On the occasion, Momauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Zaw Tun, State Hluttaw representative U Suk Nawng, Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing, Head of Township Forest Department U Zaw Min Thant and staff, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, teachers and students together with local people participated in cultivation of 1060 various saplings.

Momauk Township Forest Department plans to distribute 12800 saplings in 2012 rainy season.

Township Forest
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Out of over 180-foot long three bridges on Pauktaw-Minbya Road, Ywachaungyi Bridge which is 250 ft long has been completed and Sonye Bridge which is 1216 ft long and Huinkhontang Bridge which is 900 ft long are under construction.

MoU signed between Myanmar and Japan

Nav Pyi Taw, 6 July—Signing Ceremony of MoU between Myanmar and Japan on upgrading project of health equipment in central Myanmar and on providing equipment assistance for construction of dams in Ayeyawady Delta region, was held at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on June 2.  

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8) submitted the proposal “urging the Union government to start drafting Competition Law and Competition Policy to prevent international monopoly-affairs”. Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.  

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At today’s session, six questions were answered and two proposals were submitted.—MNA

Locals in Rakhine State provided with cash, kind

Nav Pyi Taw, 6 July—At the Relief and Resettlement Department (head office) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, wellwishers from the four corners have been making donations of cash, foodstuff and clothes for the victims who lost their houses and possessions in the recent riots in Rakhine State.

Among the donation amount for June 29 were K 10,000,000 by U Maung Thein of Daw Nu Nu Kyi and daughter Ma Kay Kyu Khaing Lwin family and K 107,000 by Mr. U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No (9) submitted the proposal “urge the Union government to initiate reforms for development of financial and legal infrastructures while drafting monetary and investment bill in developing monetary and capital market”. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

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Corrigendum

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Jackie Chan arrives in Mandalay of Myanmar

BY MYANMAR TIMES

Mandalay, 6 July—Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF Hong Kong film star Jackie Chan arrived at Mandalay International Airport by air from the People’s Republic of China this morning.

In the afternoon, he visited the orphanage school at the corner of 30th and 62nd streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region. The film star was accorded a rousing welcome.

Books, publications donated to library

Hinthada, 6 July—A ceremony to donate books to Tawin-Waila Library was held at Hinthada District Irrigation Department in Ayeyawady Region on 27 June.

Wellwishers donated books and publications to the library.

Director of Ayeyawady Region Irrigation Department U Tin Win, Deputy Commissioner of Hinthada District General Administration Department U Hla Wai and Assistant Director U Wai Lwin of Hinthada District Irrigation Department formally opened the library.—Township IPRD

New school building Tawin opened at BEHS in Zigon Township

Zigon, 6 July—The opening of new school building namely Tawin was held at Basic Education High School Branch in Zigon Township of Thayawady District in Bago Region on 25 June.

Deputy Commissioner U Hla Myo, Township Education Officer Daw Nan Myint Myint Aye and Region Hluttaw representative U Htoo Khang formally opened the school building.

Wellwishers donated 13 desks and K 100,000.

Myanma Alin

Rural animal health staff course concludes in Mogaung Township

Mogaung, 6 July—Organized by Mogaung Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the rural animal health staff course No 1/2012 concluded at the office of Township Information and Public Relations Department on 29 June.

Head of the Township LHVD Dr. Zaw Naing made a speech.

The training course was attended by 12 trainees from the villages and it lasted five days.

Kyemon

Flood and heavy rains hit low-land areas of Yangon

Yangon, 6 July—Due to heavy rains at 2.30 pm on 4 July, the low-land areas and roads of Yangon Region were flooded. Especially, heavy of flood occurred at the junction of Central Road and West Aungmyethazi Road in Kamayut Township.

While flooding, vehicles, pedestrians and students faced delays in travelling for some hours.

Myanma Alin

Agricultural loans disbursed in Sagaying Township

Sagaying, 6 July—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank Branch of Sagaying Region disburses loans K 50000 per acre to the farmers for 2012 under the supervision of the local authorities.

A total of township bank branches have disbursed over 7,356 million for 143,322 acres of paddy and 57,436 acres of other crops to 45,259 farmers.—Kyemon

Heavy rains cause floods in downtown Yangon

Yangon, 6 July—Due to heavy rains in various areas of Yangon on 5 July morning, heavy rains hit the downtown of the city from 9.30 am to 11 am on 5 July 2012 caused floods to many townships in a short period.

In consequence, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th and Kyaukkan Street, Thameinbayan Street and Tanway Mosque Junction were inundated up to 2.6 feet high of water. The flood water flowed into the houses and pushed saloons on the roads.

Kyemon

Paletwe hybrid paddy seeds handed over in Kyeintali Sub-Township

Kyeintali, 6 July—The distribution of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds was held in conjunction with the agricultural technological course in 2012 at the hall of Kyeintali Sub-Township General Administration Department on 23 July.

Head of Thandwe District Agriculture Department U Thaing Sein gave a speech.

On the occasion, Sub-Township Administrator U Myo Than Htaik explained preparations for cultivation of Palethwe paddy in the sub-township. He presented 350 kilos of Palethwe paddy to village administrators and farmers.

Outbreak of fire at factory in Hlinethaya

Yangon, 6 July—A fire broke out at the fertilizer and pesticide warehouse at No9/4B(2) on U Tun Nyo Road of Daingusgu Village at No 6 block of Industrial Zone 1 in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region at 5.18 pm on 4 July, according to the Fire Services Department.

According to telephone information that a 80x200 feet area one-storey RC building was blazing, the fire stations of the department assigned their fire engines to the scene. A total of 14/5 member of Fire Services Department and 96 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade participated in fighting fire with the use of three fire engines from Hlinethaya Fire Station, two from Hlwin, one from Mayangon, two from Bayintnaung, four from Insein, one from Swoyepyit, three from North Okkalapa, two from Sangyangon, one from Ahlon, one from Kyiminjinde and one from the head office totaling 21 fire supporting vehicles and three management vehicles.

They put out the fire at 5.50 pm.

In the fire, five packets of anti-fungus medicine and seven packets of paper lost due to active and prompt fire fighting efforts. Root cause of the incident is under investigation. —Kyemon

Door-to-door fumigation undertaken in Mawlu of Indaw Township

Mawlu, 6 July—A six-member team of Bio-Energy Health Raising Company of Monywa carried out door-to-door fumigation in wards of Mawlu in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region with the aim of taking preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever on 22 June morning.

Their works were provided assistance by the administrator of Mawlu Model Village and local people. The team fumigated the rains and fly-proof latrines for five days free of charge.—Kyemon

Bilin plants trees in rainy season

Bilin, 6 July—Bilin Township Forest Department held the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the compound of Township People’s Hospital on 30 June.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Myo Lwin, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Aung Tun, members of social organizations and local people grew over 1000 saplings.—Township Forest
El Nino may form by September

WASHINGTON, 6 July—An El Nino may be about to form in the equatorial Pacific Ocean during the second half of 2012, the US National Weather Service announced Thursday.

“Overall, the forecaster consensus reflects increased chances for El Nino beginning in July-September,” the agency said in a monthly update.

Based on the prediction, the northern United States could be in for a warmer and drier winter than average, while the Southwest and Southeast could find itself with more rain than usual. El Nino conditions are characterized by unusually warm ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific that normally peak during the Northern Hemisphere “cool season.” They occur every three to five years with stronger events generally occurring every 10-15 years. El Nino conditions have important consequences for global weather patterns.

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Malaysia becomes 5th most popular Asian destination for foreign direct investments

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 July—Malaysia emerged as the fifth most popular destination for foreign direct investments (FDIs) in Asia last year, ranked after China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Indonesia, local media reported on Friday.

According to the figures that released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) this week, the country attracted a $11.97 billion (US$11.5 billion), a 31.5 per cent increase from 2010.

Hafiz Mirza, UNCTAD investment and enterprises division chief, said Malaysia had been very successful in attracting FDI through its policies, and was among the few countries that exceeded UNCTAD’s expectations.

In 2009, FDI inflows to Malaysia were a mere $1.43 billion US dollars, a sharp downfall compared with $17.17 billion US dollars in 2008.

“If I am an investor, Malaysia to me is a place of strength... an excellent place to be,” Hafiz was quoted as saying by the New Straits Times on Friday. Malaysia is on track to exceed last year’s FDI inflow despite the current challenging global environment, said International Trade and Industry Minister Mustapa Mohamed.

“We know it’s tough, but on the basis of what we have been receiving in terms of applications, enquiries and approvals so far, interest continues to be strong,” he said.

Hafiz said the only shortcoming for Malaysia in attracting FDI is the size of its relatively small local economy.

West Virginia struggles with power outages amid new storms

LEWISBURG, 6 July—Six days after violent storms hit the eastern United States, the state of West Virginia was struggling to recover on Thursday, with nearly a third of electricity customers still without power and new storms putting more people in the dark.

Electric utilities said more than 566,600 homes and businesses were without power from Ohio to Virginia, leaving them without air conditioning amid scorching heat wave.

West Virginia, with a population of about 1.9 million, was the hardest hit.

Utilities warned that some people could be without power for the rest of the week.

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Crossing guards guided motorists though an intersection where traffic signals failed in power outages caused by heavy storms last week in Bethesda, Maryland on 5 July, 2012.—Reuters

People clean sludge and rubbish on the road in South Jingxi Street of Baokang County, central China’s Hubei Province, on 5 July, 2012. Torrential rains hit Baokang county from late Wednesday to early Thursday, inundating roads and causing traffic jams.

Italy cuts spending to delay increase in sales tax

ROME, 6 July—Italy’s cabinet after an almost seven-hour meeting on Friday approved the state spending cuts worth €4.5 billion euros (3.58 billion pounds) this year, by halving the sales tax by 2 percentage points as part of the country’s efforts to reduce the public sector by 10 percent, to achieve a balanced budget by 2013 and to reduce state managers by 20 percent, according to a government statement.

“The cuts will in no way reduce the quality of public services provided to citizens, and instead aim to improve quality and efficiency,” Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti told reporters after the marathon meeting.

Job reductions in the public sector have already drawn fire from unions, who have threatened a nationwide general strike.

The plans do not envisage significant lay-offs and will be achieved mainly through hiring freezes and schemes to encourage early retirement.

Indonesia to produce locally-made bird flu vaccine in 2013

JAKARTA, 6 July—Indonesia’s Research and Technology Minister Gusti Muhammad Hatta said on Thursday the country’s state-run medical firm PT Bio Farma will commence mass production of prophylactic vaccine for the bird flu virus by 2013, local media reported.

“We are glad for this breakthrough. The bird flu vaccine will soon be produced on a large scale,” he said in Makassar South Sulawesi.

Gusti said tests on the bird flu vaccine for infants and elementary school-aged children have been carried out.

“We know that every year minimum of 5-7 million vaccines for infants and school-age children are purchased from abroad, which costs the country a lot. Therefore, we have been constantly making efforts for the vaccine to be produced in the country,” he said, quoted by the Antara news agency.

The ministry has also established a consortium of research centres, which are focusing on developing vaccines against hepatitis B and C, he added.

The production of the locally-made bird flu vaccine resulted from good coordination between seven research centres under the supervision, the minister said, adding that the Indonesian Institute of Sciences and the National Nuclear Energy Agency were also provided much assistance towards the production of the vaccine.

Meanwhile, a senior official at the health ministry said on Thursday that an eight-year-old girl died from bird flu on Tuesday.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TAMPAN VOYNO (453)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (453) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T (9) 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
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SANG THAI IRIS VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI IRIS VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W (1) 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.
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
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Phone No: 256924/256914

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: FORTUNE SHIPPING AGENCY PTE LTD
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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 11 / 2012
11th Waxing of First Wazo 1374 ME
(29 June 2012 )

1. The Hydropower Generation Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No.1 has issued an announcement for the following positions:

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2. The applicants -
(a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
(b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 27 July 2012.
(c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 27 July 2012.

4. Applicants who wishes to apply for more than one position there must pay extra examination fees and submit the application forms separately for respective positions.

5. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached mode of payment of Ks 500/- for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Notice No. 1 (Substitution) dated 2 January 2012.

6. For service personnel, his or her original application(s) together with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to the Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 27 July 2012. An extra copy of the application, together with photo must also be attached.

7. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 15 September 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 16 September 2012 (Sunday).

8. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examinations will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 13 September 2012.

9. The Ministry of Electric Power No.1 has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further informations may contact in person or by phone to Office No. (30) of the Hydropower Generation Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 667-411073, 667-411173, 667-411494).

10. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw or by phone (667-400902, 667-409630).

11. This announcement is available on the website: ucsb.mininw.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER
TENDER NO(4) (ES) A.M.D (2012-2013)

1. Open Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following items (in Myanmar Kyats).

LOT No.: 6711/007 1 Tractor Spare Parts 18 Items
8011/103 1 Tractor Spare Parts 18 Items

2. Tender Closing date: 23-7-2012, 16:00 hrs

3. Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following items:

4. Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.

5. For more details, Contact: 667-431243

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

Southeast Asia to be declared as nuclear weapon-free zone by signing protocol

Ponnya Pein, 6 July—After years of negotiations, the five recognized nuclear-weapon states (P5) finally agree to sign on the protocol to the treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) next Thursday here, Cambodian senior officials said on Thursday.

The P5, included the United States, the United Kingdom, France, China and Russia. They are all going to sign the protocol on 7 July here during an ASEAN foreign ministers’ meeting with those countries’ foreign ministers, Koy Kuong, spokesman for Cambodia’s ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation, told Xinhua.

“As the chair of 2012 ASEAN, Cambodia is pleased to see all the five recognized nuclear-weapon states to sign the protocol,” he said. “Their upcoming signatures reflect their support for the SEANWFZ.”

The protocol requires the P5 not to contribute to any violation of the treaty and not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons within the SEANWFZ. In addition, the P5 would commit to stopping nuclear weapon proliferation and testing in the Southeast Asia.

ASEAN leaders signed the SEANWFZ Treaty in Bangkok, Thailand on 15 Dec, 1995 and it took effect two years later. The negotiations between the ASEAN and the five recognized nuclear-weapon states on the protocol have been held since May 2001.

Passengers injured in New Zealand tourist bus crash

WELLINGTON, 6 July — A tourist bus carrying 30 people crashed on icy roads in New Zealand’s Southland on Thursday, injuring some passengers, police said. The World Away tourist bus slid and landed on its roof on the Te Anau-Mossburn Highway (State Highway 94) just before 9 am on Thursday.

One passenger was airlifted to Invercargill hospital, four have minor injuries and 20 people, some with cuts and abrasions, were taken to Mossburn fire station. Police cannot yet say what caused the crash, but said roads in the area are icy and there had been two other crashes on Thursday in the same area. Police Senior Constable United Commercial Vehicle Investigation Unit officers were to examine the crash scene.

Farm cattle are gathered to perform a “bull fight” at a farming village in Gaoan County, Guanzhou City of east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 3 July, 2012. The traditional event, listed as one of Jiangxi’s intangible cultural heritage, has a history of over 200 years.—Xinhua
Doctors remove 51-pound tumour from New Jersey woman

New Jersey surgeons removed a rapidly growing, 51-pound (23-kg) cancerous tumour from a woman who had delayed treatment for more than a month until she became eligible for health insurance, her doctor said.

“She was a skinny lady with a huge belly. I mean it looked like she was literally pregnant with triplets,” said Dr. David Dupree, who led the surgery on the 65-year-old woman, at Riverview Medical Centre in Red Bank, New Jersey.

“She was just all belly,” he said in describing his first meeting with a homemaker from nearby Union Beach, New Jersey, who asked to be identified only as Evelyn, her first name.

About six to eight weeks before she showed up at the hospital, Evelyn noticed discomfort in her abdomen and that her normal 120-pound frame was rapidly ballooning.

Dupree said she sought medical help on 4 June, just days after her 65th birthday, when she would qualify for Medicare, the US healthcare programme for seniors.

“The reason she didn’t go earlier was because she had no insurance,” he said.

By now, she weighed more than 170 pounds, her legs were swollen with trapped blood, she was badly dehydrated, and, scans showed, the tumour— a malignant sarcoma — was crushing her inferior vena cava, one of the main veins returning blood to the heart, and putting her life in danger.

“We are not in the habit of operating on a patient who has no insurance, but because of her age, we decided to go,” he said.

Dupree immediately, Dupree scheduled surgery for the following Monday, allowing time for her to become rehydrated and for her blood pressure to be brought under control.

But after she became short of breath on Sunday evening, Dupree brought the surgery forward.

“I knew that she wasn’t going to make it through the night,” he said. “Either she would pass away at the operating table, or she would pass away the next morning,” he recalled thinking.

Opening her up, Dupree and his team found the tumour, which appeared to have originated out of the fatty tissue around her large intestine, had engulfed many of her internal organs, and had to be sliced away “millimetre by millimetre” over the course of the five-hour surgery.

Evelyn was still recovering from the operation in a rehabilitation Centre on Tuesday, Dupree said. She declined to be interviewed.

Digital album sales up; Adele’s ‘21’ still No 1

LOS ANGELES, 6 July—Overall US music album sales dropped slightly in the first six months of the year, but digital album sales are up more than 13 percent over a year ago.

Tracking firm Nielsen SoundScan said on Thursday that 57 million digital albums have been sold so far in 2012, compared to 50 million during the same period last year.

The two hipsters decide to take up arms and launch a merciless fight against the cartel with the help of a dirty drug enforcement agent played by John Travolta.

Everything is going swimmingly until a cartel run by Ben and Chon refuse, prompting heavies played by Benicio Del Toro and Demian Bichir to kidnap Ophelia.

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“Traffic” was a wonderful movie but it’s much more than that, Dupree said on Monday that her 51-pound, cancerous tumour was removed.

A 51-pound cancerous tumour is pictured after it was removed from a patient, in this handout photo from Riverview Medical Centre, in Red Bank, New Jersey received by Reuters on 3 July, 2012.

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24 aces help Serena Williams reach Wimbledon final

WIMBLEDON, 6 July — Serena Williams wins with so much more than serving, of course. Her groundstrokes are intimidating. Her superb speed and anticipation fuel unparalleled court-covering defence. Her returns are outstanding, too.

When that serve is on-target, though, it sure is something special, quite possibly the greatest in the history of women’s tennis. Lashing a tournament-record 24 aces at up to 120 mph, and doing plenty of other things well, too, four-time Wimbledon champion Williams overpowered No 2-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 7-6 (7) Thursday to reach her seventh final at the All England Club. “Isn’t that something?” said Williams’ father, Richard, after watching her daughter win on Centre Court. “She was really trying, you know. Maybe she was trying to impress the neighbours back home.”

On Saturday, the 30-year-old Williams will try to become the first woman at least that age to win a major tournament home.

Serena Williams of the United States serves to Victoria Azarenka of Belarus during a semifinals match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 5 July, 2012.— Internet

Lincicome, Kerr and Salas share Open lead

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

Hulk, Silva and Marcelo make Brazil Olympic squad

Brazilian striker Hulk, pictured in May 2012, AC Milan’s Thiago Silva and Real Madrid defender Marcelo are to be among the three over-age players in Brazil coach Mano Menezes’s squad for the Olympic Games.

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Federer, Djokovic poised for first clash on grass

LONDON, 6 July — Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic are poised to meet in the first clash of the Olympic era after the Swiss star’s record now stands at 64 wins against just seven losses in his 14 visits. “Maybe he uses the grass court better because of his slice. He has a really smart game for this surface,” said the Serb. “But I have improved so much playing on grass in the last couple of years, I won the title here last year, got to another semi-final this year, so I’m feeling good about this surface, about myself on the court. I really have nothing to lose.” Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer have met 26 times, but Friday’s potentially epic Wimbledon semi-final will be a first clash on grass in their rollercoaster, six-year rivalry.

Defending champion Djokovic has won the pair’s last three meetings, in straight sets on clay this year in Rome and in the semi-finals of the French Open. Those wins followed a morale-sapping semi-final loss for Federer at the US Open where the Serb, for the second successive year, saved match points before driving another dagger into the great Swiss. Both men go into Friday’s clash having racked up impressive numbers. Djokovic, the US Open, Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, is in a ninth successive Grand Slam semi-final and has played in four of the last five at the majors.

Although Federer is in record 32nd semi-final of a Grand Slam. On paper, the grass of Centre Court should favour Federer, the six-time champion desperate to equal Pete Sampras’ 14 Grand Slam title record now stands at 64 wins over 11 losses. “I have definitely put in the work and it’s something that I believe so strong that I know I can make this happen.”

Lochte unfazed by challenge of tackling Phelps

OMAHA, 6 July — Ryan Lochte is either a man on a mission or a masochist. The London Olympics will decide which of those is right. The American is undoubtedly one of the world’s fastest and most versatile swimmers and perhaps the most ambitious. Not only will he compete in four energy-draining individual events in London, he is taking on Michael Phelps in two of them. His mission is to bring down the greatest Olympian of all time and show the world he is the best swimmer on the planet. By even attempting the feat, the 27-year-old from Florida is running the risk of burning himself out by taking on too much, but insists he will not back down the challenge.

“In 2008, Michael Phelps set the limit, eight gold medals. That’s amazing,” Lochte said. “But he’s human. He’s not a fish or anything like that. He’s just like all of us, and he trained really hard to get there. Honestly, I feel like this is my time. I have definitely put in the work and it’s something that I believe so strong that I know I can make this happen.” Lochte’s confidence is not based on any fanciful whim or the American public image, MLS said in a statement. With under a minute remaining in stoppage time, an impatient Beckham kicked a ball San Jose’s Sam Cronin, who was lying on the pitch. The ball hit Cronin and referee Hilario Grajeda, resulting in the player being separated from opposing players after the final whistle, an automatic one-game ban for yellow card accumulation, which he served this week. The 37-year-old former England captain, who has been omitted from Britain’s squad for the London Olympics, will serve his one-game ban on Sunday when the Galaxy visit the Chicago Fire.

Run to end a marathon day led by fellow Americans Cristie Kerr and Lizette Salas.

“I was very in control of everything, which is a nice feeling, obviously,” a beaming Lincicome told reporters after recording five birdies and two bogeys. I knew exactly where my tee shots were going. I knew exactly where my irons were going. “The puts, even if I read them wrong, I still kind of got back on track, and I was making them. It was one of those days where you were like, ‘That was great.’” Kerr, winner of the 2007 US Women’s Open, parred her final 13 holes after recording three birds in her first seven while LPGA rookie Salas mixed four birdies with a lone bogey as the trio took joint control of the year’s third major.” Her goal is to kind of play like this consistently for the rest of this week and “I feel when it falls,” said world number eight Kerr, who has not triumphed on the LPGA Tour since her second major victory at the 2010 PGA Championship.

“I’ve been pretty inconsistent this year, but I’ve found that determination, that fire in my belly today. You never know when the light switch turns on, and I feel like it.” Japan’s Ai Miyazato, who clinched her major PGA Tour title at the NW Arkansas Championship on Sunday, was among a group of four players one stroke off the pace after she opened with a four-birdie 70.

Beckham banned for ‘provocative behavior’

TORONTO, 6 July — Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder David Beckham has been suspended for a game for “confrontational and provocative behavior” near the end of last week’s loss to the San Jose Earthquakes, Major League Soccer (MLS) said on Thursday. The actions by Beckham, who was also fined an undisclosed amount, occurred during and immediately after his team’s 4-3 loss and were considered unacceptable and detrimental to the league’s public image, MLS said in a statement. With under a minute remaining in stoppage time, an impatient Beckham kicked a ball San Jose’s Sam Cronin, who was lying on the pitch. The ball hit Cronin and referee Hilario Grajeda, resulting in a yellow card for Beckham. The infractions earned Beckham, who had to be separated from opposing players after the final whistle, an automatic one-game ban for yellow card accumulation, which he served this week. The 37-year-old former England captain, who has been omitted from Britain’s squad for the London Olympics, will serve his one-game ban on Sunday when the Galaxy visit the Chicago Fire.

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Thura U Htin Kyaw Moe and Deputy Head of Region
Revenue made clarifications on collection of tax over hotels,
Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and

Workers are busy at a construction site of
indemnificatory housing in Hefei, capital of east China’s
Anhui Province, on 4 July, 2012. An orange alert for
high temperature was released by the local meteorology

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Six questions answered, two proposals submitted

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends third day session of Amyotha Hluttaw meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — The Fourth regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the third day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 211 representatives.

First, Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced that Chairman of Mines and Mineral Resources Affairs Committee of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Nay Win Tun contributed K50 million and representatives their three-day per diem to the fund for rehabilitation of refugees who lost their properties in Rakhine State and Amyotha Hluttaw put the donation on record.

Afterwards, the question and answer session continued and U Nu of Yangon Region constituency No. 10 asked if there was a plan to construct a new building for Myanmar Economic Bank branch in Insein District. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than replied that it is true that the bank branch building is not big enough for the staff and banking services, causing troubles for customers.

Staff of the bank branch are working their best to provide banking services to the customers, he said.

The deputy minister continued to say that the ministry would seek the allotment for the new building when it found a site at a strategic location which can provide security to the building.

Afterwards, U Nu of Yangon Region constituency No. 10 asked if the Ministry of Sports had a plan to upgrade the township sports grounds owned by the ministry with the aim of uplifting sports standard of the people.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyun replied that the ministry had given priorities to sports grounds and stadiums and a sports athletes village at present as part of efforts for hosting the XXVII SEA Games in Nay Pyi Taw in December 2013.

Besides, the ministry had planned to upgrade township-level sports grounds, considering that building sports grounds is an important part for promoting the sports standard in the country. For hosting the XXVII SEA Games in 2013, the ministry had to spend financial allocation for building the sports grounds meeting international standard.

Only after the XXVII SEA Games, the ministry would make arrangements in coordination with Region governments for upgrading sports grounds in townships.

Afterwards, U Kyaw Tun Aung of Rakhine State constituency No. 5 asked if Ministry of Construction had a plan to continue the construction of Pauktaw-Minbya Road which is 20 mile and six furlongs long in Rakhine State, Dr Sai Hsa Kay Aung Hmaw of Shan State constituency No. 6 asked if Ministry of Construction had a plan to upgrade Naung Hpar Bridge on Kengtung-Monghkat-Mongyan Road to IRC one and U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region constituency No. 3 asked if cooperative societies would get land grants and U Tin Maung Win of Mandalay Region constituency No. 3 asked a question related to collection of fees at toll gates.

Regarding the first question, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin replied that Pauktaw-Minbya Road is 20 miles and six furlongs long and one mile and one furlong long section of the road has been paved with tar and the remaining section is a gravel one.

In 2011-12 fiscal year, the ministry spend K539.40 million on construction of an earthen embankment which has a distance of 4 miles and four furlongs, on paving the road with gravel which has a distance of four miles and two furlongs, on earth works on approach roads to Hsinkhontaing Bridge and Sonye Bridge and on building three iron reinforced concrete bridges.

Spending the allocation for maintenance of roads and bridges for the 2011-12 fiscal year, the ministry had carried out road works maintaining a total distance (See page 9).

Midwifery course opens in Aunglan

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — The opening ceremony of midwifery course No.1/2012 was held at the hall of Sangha Township’s Sangha Hospital on 2 July morning.

Township Administrator U Khin Maung Win and Township Medical Officer Dr. Ko Ko Lay gave speeches. Altogether 20 trainees from villages are attending the six-month theoretical and practical course.—MNA

Arsenal’s Denilson extends Sao Paulo loan spell

LONDON, 6 July — The 24-year-old spent the past 12 months at his boyhood club and opted to continue his loan spell for the 2012-13 season.

“Denilson has extended his loan spell with Sao Paulo for the 2012-13 season,” Arsenal said on their website (www.arsenal.com).

“Everyone at Arsenal wishes Denilson well for his continued spell with Sao Paulo.”

Denilson, who made his first team debut for Arsenal in October 2006 in a League Cup match against West Bromwich Albion, made 153 appearances for the London side and scored 10 goals. After establishing himself as a regular in the 2008-09 season, he struggled to remain in the plans of manager Arsene Wenger and returned back to his homeland.

Denilson, who hails from Sao Paulo, played 47 times last season helping the club to finish sixth in the Brazilian championship.

Outstanding students honoured in Hsihseng

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — The honoring ceremony for outstanding students who passed 2011-2012 matriculation examination from Hsihseng Basic Education High School of PaO Self-Administered Zone in Shan State (South) and teachers took place at the school hall here this morning.

Social incharge of Leading Body of PaO Self-Administered Zone U Khun Maung Pal and Hsihseng Township Administrator U Soe Lwin delivered addresses.

Administered Zone U Khin Maung Win and Hsihseng Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than replied that it is a plan to construct a new building for the Myanmar Economic Bank branch in Insein District. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than replied that it is a plan to construct a new building for the Myanmar Economic Bank branch in Insein District.

Official concerned presented K 580,000 stipends to 64 students from basic education level to university level for 2012-2013 academic year.—MNA

Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) holds a welcoming ceremony for Raul Castro Ruz, president of Cuba at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 5 July.

Solar, wind energy a missed opportunity for Cuba

In this 18 June, 2012 photo, Yusmikel Portales cleans the solar panel on the roof of his grandfather’s house in Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (6-7-2012)

Kyaikhami (6.54) inches
Hpa-an (5.35) inches
Paung (4.61) inches
Namhsan (2.83) inches
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24 aces help Serena Williams reach Wimbledon final

Serena Williams of the United States serves to Victoria Azarenka of Belarus during a semifinals match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 5 July, 2012.