Fourth regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The fourth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the second day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building, Hluttaw Complex, here, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 616 MPs.

At the session, U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu Constituency, U Aung Sein of Manaung Constituency, U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw Constituency, U Shwe Maung of Buthidaung Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, U Khin Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency and U Htay Win of Rakhine State Constituency No. 7 discussed in support of the declaring of the State of Emergency with ordinance No (1/2012) of the President.

Approval was sought from the Hluttaw about the ordinance and the Hluttaw approved it.

Next, with regard to relating to establishment of diplomatic relations with foreign countries presented by the President, U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. (2), U Win Swe of Nyaungshwe Constituency in their discussions, suggested that it was appropriate to establish diplomatic ties with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malawi, Bhutan, UAE, Luxemburg, Latvia, Estonia, and Dominican Republic and such establishment would be fruitful for Myanmar.

Today’s session came to an end at 3.55 pm and the third day session is reported to resume at 1 pm tomorrow.

At today’s session, State of Emergency declaration with the ordinance No (1/2012) of the President was discussed.—MNA

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is 1220 cm. It may reach its danger level 1360 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Donation of cash and kind for locals of Rakhine States continues

YANGON, 16 July—Cash and kind donation ceremony for locals of Rakhine State who lost their property and possessions due to various reasons occurred in Rakhine State took place at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here this morning.

On the occasion, Daw Kyi Kyi Mya and family donated K 300,000 and one bale of cloth, U Tin Tun Thein- Daw May San Myint and family four baskets of plates, two bale of clothes, one bale of blanket, one tea set, Dr Thein Tun-Dr Than Toe and family K 100,000 and one basket of plates, two bale of clothes, Ma Khine Thazin Oo K 15,000, U Myo Naing Oo- Daw Oo and Sons Maung Aung Myat Thu, Maung Thant Zin (Singapore) and family K 100,000, Dhamma Yadana Sayadaw U Nyakawbhatha from Bago K 50,000 and five sets of robe. Director-General U Tin Moe and officials of Fire Services Department accepted the donation and spoke words of thank. So far, the donation has amounted to K 291,320,523.—MNA

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-7-2012)

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Maungtaw (1.50) inches
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Children and toys

With the advent of a variety of toys, safety should be the first priority when selecting a toy, especially for children under five who may be curious but unable to sense the danger from toys.

A safe toy is the one that cannot get stuck in the mouth, nose or ear. Sharp edges should be avoided. Artificial colouring can also cause harm as the children often suck or swallow the toys and their wrappings, so parents should make sure that the toys are free from harmful substances and, preferably, are made from natural products.

Parents should select toys according to the age and developmental stage of the children in order to maximize the beneficial effects on emotions, social skills, intellect and imagination. A good toy should also allow multiple players or let the parents participate in some way. Board games and guessing games offer chances for interaction with other family members, something crucial to child development.

Some expensive toys may have benefits that are worth the price, but many can often be substituted with less costly options. Some parents can even make toys themselves, which can impress their children. Parents should remind themselves that price does not equal quality, love or parental understanding.

Meanwhile, parents should not give in to their children’s whims too often, by buying toys as that could spoil them. On the other hand, they should not be too strict either, or an unhealthy balance can be created. And don’t be more indulgent towards your children.

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The Myanmar delegation led by Dy health minister from Cambodai
No games security threat despite guards fiasco

Games presented an attractive target. While senior officials say there is nothing to indicate any attack is being planned, holes in the security apparatus have been highlighted before thousands of athletes and officials start arriving on Monday.

Back in Russia flood zone, Putin tries to protect image

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Two killed, 16 injured in Iraqi armed attacks

Two police officers stand on duty on the footbridge to the shopping centre adjacent to the Olympic Park in Stratford, the location of the London 2012 Olympic Games, in east London on 15 July, 2012.—Reuters

Russia’s President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with his Ukrainian counterpart Viktor Yanukovych in the Black Sea resort of Yalta, on 12 July, 2012.—Reuters

Putin visited our street but didn’t talk to us. He didn’t talk to any of the people here. He was surrounded by guards and he didn’t let anyone else in,” said Galina Matsko, a resident near him, Galina Matsko, a resident near him.

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Our friends’ weight influences our weight gain and loss

New York, 16 July — People who hang out with friends heavier than they are tend to gain weight. Those who socialize with leaner friends tend to maintain their weight, or even lose weight. To find out, researchers looked at students from two high schools. One school is rural and mostly white. The other is urban, with a racially mixed student body. The researchers analyzed the students’ body mass and social networks. They found that overweight students who had lean friends had a 40 percent chance of dropping weight within a year, versus only a 27 percent chance of gaining weight during that same period of time. — Internet

Microsoft, NBC dissolve MSNBC.com joint venture

In this 14 Dec, 1995, file photo, Robert Wright, president and chief executive officer of NBC, speaks in New York with Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, displayed on screen, speaks from Hong Kong, during a news conference announcing that NBC and Microsoft would form a joint venture to start a cable news channel and related online service called MSNBC.com. Microsoft is pulling out of the joint venture that owned MSNBC.com so it can build its own online news service. The breakup, announced late last July, 2012, dissolves the final shred of a 16-year marriage between NBC, MSNBC, and NBC News, which is now owned by Comcast Corp. — AP

China’s Lenovo inches closer to a global tech title

Lenovo Group Ltd is on track to overtake Hewlett-Packard Co as the world’s biggest PC maker by sales as soon as this year, making it the first Chinese company to grab the top spot globally in a technology sector. The ThinkPad maker’s rise highlights the advance of China’s technology firms on the world stage in recent years thanks to a combination of aggressive pricing, overseas acquisitions and their taking advantage of a fast-growing market at home. Now that the world has had a chance to analyze, however, also warn that Lenovo’s rapid gains in market share have come at the expense of profit margins, while the company faces slowing growth in the market for personal computers and tough rivals in the tablet PC space.

“If it’s just a matter of time before Lenovo becomes No 1 and it won’t be surprising at all if it’s out to corner against us,” said Frederick Wong, executive director at Avant Capital Management (Hong Kong) Ltd, which owns shares in Lenovo. He added, however, that competition in the PC market is tougher than ever and a weak PC market outlook could put pressure on Lenovo. Lenovo, which became the world’s No 2PC vendor in the third-quarter of 2011, had a 14.9 percent global market share in the April-June quarter this year, versus 6.6 percent in the same period of time from HP’s 15.5 percent, according to research firm IDC’s latest data. Figures from industry tracker Gartner show an even narrower gap, with Lenovo just 0.2 percentage point from HP.

In another technology sector, China’s Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world’s No 2maker of telecom equipment, has been expected to surpass Sweden’s Ericsson as the world’s No 2 maker of telecom equipment in 2011. Investors have rewarded Lenovo for its market share gains, sending its stock up by around 16 percent this year and outpacing rivals HP, third-ranked Dell Inc and No 4 Acer Inc, whose stocks have dropped. Lenovo is currently trading above a multiple of 12.5 times forward earnings, the second highest among the top-five PC makers and well above the 4.6 times multiple for HP, Thomson Reuters StarMine data showed. But profit margins have suffered. Lenovo had a 1.4 percent operating margin in the latest quarter, lower than HP’s 7.4 percent and Dell’s 6.2 percent.

“HP, Dell and Acer have switched lanes in the PC race the last couple of years. Lenovo is now in the lead,” said Hedi Elhage, analyst at IDC in Hong Kong. Another risk is slowing growth in the PC market as the global economy, including Lenovo’s home turf and stronghold China, eases. China accounts for about 42 percent of Lenovo’s total revenue, with the bulk of that coming from PC sales. — Reuters

Indian gov’t likely to give nod to Mars mission

New Delhi, 16 July — India’s state-owned space agency, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), has said that the government is soon going to give the green light for the country’s Mars mission, local media reported. “India’s much-awaited mission to Mars is in the final stage of approval,” said ISRO chief K. Radhakrishnan, quoted by The Times of India newspaper. The mission is likely to be launched from Sriharikota in the south.

The logo of Lenovo is seen on a computer monitor during a news conference in Hong Kong on 27 May, 2010. — Reuters

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This file image of a screen grab provided by Google Inc on 1 December, 2011 shows the YouTube website. — Reuters

Views turning to YouTube as news source

New York, 16 July — A new study has found that YouTube is emerging as a major platform for news, one to which viewers increasingly turn for eyewitness videos in times of major events and natural disasters. The Pew Research Centre’s Project for Excellence in Journalism on Monday released their examination of 15 months of the most popular news videos on the Google Inc-owned site. It found that while viewership for TV news still easily outpaces those consuming news on YouTube, the video-sharing site is a growing digital environment where professional journalism mingles with citizen reporting of video journalism on this platform, said Amy Mitchell, deputy director of the Pew Research Center’s Project for Excellence in Journalism.

“It’s a form in which the relationship between news organizations and citizens is more dynamic and more multiversal than we’ve seen in most other platforms before.”

YouTube’s肖 waters came from news organizations, but footage in those videos sometimes incorporates footage shot by YouTube users. The Japanese earthquake and tsunami was the most-viewed news event during the length of the study, which spanned January 2011 to March 2012. The top videos from Japan included footage of people with câmeras, a newsworth news and a Japanese Coast Guard vessel — a typical variety of news. Such dramatic events were often among the most watched news videos on YouTube. Other popular news events included the Russian elections, unrest in the Middle East, the collapse of a ferry in India and the crash of an Italian cruise ship.

“One of the things that emerges here is the power of bearing witness as a part of a newsgathering process,” said Mitchell. — Internet
Scientists see AIDS vaccine within reach after decades

Unlike many viruses behind infectious disease, HIV is a moving target, constantly splitting out slightly different versions of itself, with different strains affecting non-human populations around the world. The virus is especially pernicious since it attacks the immune system, the very mechanism the body needs to fight back. “The virus is far more crafty than we ever thought,” said Haynes, who outlined progress in vaccine research at the National Institutes of Health (NIAID), Immunology (CHAVI). The conference is being held in Washington from 22-27 July. Thanks to drugs that can control the virus for decades, AIDS is no longer a death sentence. New infections have fallen by 21 percent since the peak of the pandemic in 1997 and advances in prevention — through voluntary circumcision programs, prevention of mother-to-child transmission and early treatment — promise to cut that rate even more. Still, as many as 34 million people are infected with HIV worldwide. And with 2.7 million new infections in 2010 alone, experts say a vaccine is still the best hope for eradicating AIDS.

Teams have been working on a vaccine for nearly three decades, but it wasn’t until 2014, the 2009 clinical trial involving more than 16,000 adults in Thailand, that researchers achieved any kind of success. The test of a combination of two vaccines followed several big failures, including the stunning news that Merck’s vaccine may have increased the risk of infection among men who were both uncircumcised and had previous exposure to the virus used in the vaccine. “It had an extremely chilling effect on the whole field,” said Colonel Nelson Michael, director of the US Military HIV Research Program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, which led the RV144 trial.

New Zealand to clamp down on ‘legal’ highs

“Neither a borrower nor a lender be” is a well-known warning from Shakespeare’s “Hamlet.” PayPal, eBay Inc.’s online payment service, heed ed that advice for much of its existence, charging fees over once and for all,” he said. The department of health estimated that carrying out clinical tests would cost manufacturers up to NZ$2.0 million ($1.6 million) for each synthetic drug, effectively deterring them from trying to sell such substances in New Zealand.

eBay’s hottest business brings benefits, risks

BML is a potentially juicy new source of profit growth for eBay. The business also helps other parts of the company — for example, it could make PayPal more profitable by reducing funding costs, analysts say. “This is one of the most prominent and fastest-growing businesses eBay has, and I think this becomes more prominent going forward,” said Gill Luria, an analyst at Wedbush Securities. “BML is very important because it allows eBay to expand PayPal into a true financial product, as opposed to a purely transactional service,” Luria added.

BML gets big enough and expands, Luria warned. If more credit risk as BML grows, “But PayPal will take on more prominent going forward,” said Gill Luria, an analyst at Wedbush Securities. “BML is very important because it allows eBay to expand PayPal into a true financial product, as opposed to a purely transactional service,” Luria added.

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WASHINGTON, 16 July— The US Navy angered Republicans by spending $26 a gallon for biofuels for this week’s Great Green Fleet demonstration, but the Air Force received little attention when it paid twice as much per gallon to test synthetic jet fuel last month.

The Air Force bought 11,000 gallons of alcohol-to-jet fuel from Gevo Inc, a Colorado biofuels company, at $59 a gallon in a program aimed at proving that new alternative fuels can be used reliably in military aircraft — once, that is, their pricing is competitive with petroleum, which now costs $3.60 a gallon.

The cost of the Air Force demonstration — $639,000 — was far less eye-catching than the $12 million the Navy spent for biofuels to power a carrier strike group on $3.60 a gallon.

Pentagon spending at a time when federal funds builds a commercial-scale demonstration plant in Silsbee, Texas, which makes only 7,500 to 8,000 gallons of biofuel a month.

Once the company builds a commercial-scale refinery, expected around 2015, “we believe we can be cost competitive on an all-in basis with petroleum jet fuel over the life of a contract,” Scheib said.

Pentagon officials say alternative fuel development is strategically important because the United States relies heavily on fossil fuels from foreign sources, leaving it vulnerable to price shocks and disruptions.

The Air Force spends about $10 billion a year on fuel, nearly $9 billion of that being for jet fuel. Kevin Geiss, Air Force deputy assistant secretary for environmental protection, said.

Planning is done two years in advance, so officials in 2009 were expecting jet fuel to cost about $2.37 a gallon in 2011. Instead, prices rose as high as $3.96 a gallon.

“What that results in, for this year, was about a billion dollar shortfall from what we had anticipated for fuel,” Geiss said. Geiss said Air Force work on biofuels was focused on ensuring that products likely to achieve commercial-scale production are formulated correctly for use in aircraft engines. The Navy’s mission is much broader, he said.

The US Navy angered people dead over the rainfall that left at least 27 people missing in southern Nepal fell into a canal. Police said on Monday’s deaths occurred when the night-bus fell 200 metres (650 feet) down a ditch after the driver thought was to have fallen asleep.

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KATHMANDU, 16 July— A bus swerved off a road in central Nepal before dawn on Monday and plunged into a river, killing nine people, police said — the latest in a string of deadly accidents on the country’s highways. The incident came less than 24 hours after at least 39 pilgrims were killed when an overcrowded bus taking people to a Hindu festival in southern Nepal fell into a canal.

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An A-10C Thunderbolt II flies over Florida’s Gulf Coast on 29 June, 2012, marking the second flight of an aircraft powered solely by an alcohol-derived jet fuel blend. Gevo Inc recently sold the US Air Force 11,000 gallons of fuel at $59 per gallon to complete certification testing to ensure it can be used in military jets.—Reuters

Bus falls into Nepali river killing nine

Tokyo, 16 July— Most of the quarter-million people forced to flee massive flooding in southwest Japan were able to return home by Monday, but weather officials warned the danger had not fully passed from the record rainfall that left at least 27 people dead over the weekend.

Thousands of homes and hundreds of roads were damaged, and hundreds of floodwaters were reported. The military airlifted food by helicopter to stranded districts.

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In Yame, a city of 60,000 people in Fukuoka prefecture, 74 people in three separate areas were stranded by the flooding.

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“Rice paddies and roads all became water so you couldn’t tell what was what,” she said, adding that she had to wade in knee-high water, even near her home, which was not as hard hit as other areas.

Killed in Yame city were Katsutoshi Matsumoto, a 70-year-old who died when caught in a landslide while he was out looking at his rice paddies, and Shinobu Fueta, 83, whose home was buried in mud.

Weather officials warned people to be careful even in areas where rain had subsided because the land was still muddy and prone to landslides. Rain could start again later on Monday, further endangering the area, they said.

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Local residents watch as a rescue team searches for the people dead over the rainfall that left at least 27 people missing in southern Nepal.

PESHAWAR, 16 July— Pakistan on Monday postponed a polio immunisation campaign in parts of its tribal belt, jeopardising the health of more than 350,000 children after the Taleban banned inoculations.

Local Taleban and Pakistani warlord Haifz Gul Bahadar, whose followers are fighting Western troops in Afghanistan, banned the vaccinations in the northwestern region of Khyber to protest against US drone attacks.

They have condemned the immunisation campaign, which began nationwide on Monday, as a cover for espionage. Pakistan’s director Shakeel Afridi was jailed for 33 years in May after helping the CIA find Osama bin Laden using a hepatitis vaccination programme as cover.

Fighting between government troops and local warlord Mangal Bagh also made it difficult to inoculate all children in Khyber district, officials said.

The campaign has been postponed in North and South Waziristan and Bara (district) of Khyber,” Masdar Nisar, in charge of the polio monitoring cell at the prime minister’s secretariat, told AFP.

Polio campaign troubles imperil 350,000 Pakistani children

11 killed in high-rise collapse in Egypt

ALEXANDRIA, 16 July— An apartment tower under construction collapsed on adjacent buildings in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, killing 11 people, Egypt’s Health Ministry said on Sunday.

The ministry said five other people were injured and that search teams were searching for survivors buried under rubble.

The 11-story building in the poor Alexandria neighbourhood of al-Gomrouk collapsed late on Saturday onto three adjacent buildings, reducing much of the structures to rubble. All the dead and injured lived in the three smaller buildings.

Building collapses are not uncommon in Egypt, where shoddy construction is widespread in shantytowns, poor city neighbourhoods and rural areas. With real estate at a premium in big cities like Alexandria and Cairo, developers seek bigger profits frequently violate planning permits and exceed the number of stories allowed.

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### Constitutional Tribunal of the State hears enquiry

**Nay Pyi Taw, 16 July**—The Mon State Hluttaw Speaker has asked through the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to interpret the following: whether the legislation of the State Hluttaw in accordance with Schedule (2) of Section 188 of the Constitution under Section 326 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law is against the Section 446 of the Constitution or not, or whether the legislation shall be done without violation of the Section 446 of the Constitution; in case some existing laws and some provisions in the existing laws are different from and/or ambiguously confused with provisions in Schedule (2) of the Section 188 of the Constitution, whether these laws and provisions shall be still in effect as they are not revoked or amended yet; if some existing laws and some provisions in the existing laws are different from and/or ambiguously confused with provisions in Schedule (2) of the Section 188 of the Constitution, proceedings can be made only after revoking or amending in accordance with Section 446 of the Constitution.

The tribunal comprising Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and all its members heard the document No. 3/2012 at Room No. 1 at 10 am this morning.—MNA

### Plastic carpets placed on platform of Shwedagon Pagoda

**Yangon, 16 July**—With a view to ensuring smooth travelling of pilgrims during the rainy season, members of the Sangha and people, three-yard plastic carpets are placed on platforms of Shwedagon Pagoda as of June.

The Pagoda Board of Trustees and wellwishers donated 150 sheets of plastic carpets at K 22000 each for preventing slips of walkers. There needs about 350 more sheets of plastic carpets on the platform.

In the past, roles of carpets made of coconut fibre were placed along the platforms during the rainy season but these facilities were not in conformity with the image of the pagoda. Moreover, the coconut fire carpets soaked water with bad smell. Thanks to plastic carpets, the pilgrims can visit the pagoda conveniently and pleasantly.

The Pagoda Board of Trustees makes arrangement for visitors to donate three-yard plastic carpets per K 22000.

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### Over 400 vehicles allowed to be imported under permissions

**Nay Pyi Taw, 16 July**—The Vehicle Import Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Commerce issues import permits to the people to be able to import the vehicles as of 11 May 2012. Up to 12 July evening, import permits have been issued for 4115 vehicles.

The Ministry of Commerce issued an announcement on 7 May that it will allow the citizens who have opened the foreign exchange account at the Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank to import vehicles of above 2007 models (except buses) regardless of right and left drive.

Although the original announcement stated a point “except buses”, at present, the ministry allows imports of buses and wagons. However, import permits for over 4000 vehicles included saloon and private cars, and the citizens are not yet to import buses and wagons.

Before issuing the import licences, the programme is being realized for substitution of overage vehicles with new model cars. From 20-9-2011 to 12-7-2012, import permits have been issued for 46987 vehicles.

According to the individual vehicle import programme, every citizen of above 18 has the opportunity to import one each of car. If those wishing to import the cars do not have any foreign exchange, they may open the foreign exchange accounts without difficulty after buying foreign exchange at money changers in Yangon.—Tin Htwe (MNA)

### Books and TV donated to rural libraries in Myawmya Township

**Myawmya, 16 July**—With the aim of ensuring social economic development of rural people and widening of scopes, a ceremony to donate books and equipment to Tun Lin Library was held in Thayetkwin Village in Sakayma Village-tract in Myawmya Township on 2 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt made a speech. Next, Staff Officer Daw Hla Kyi of Myawmya Township District Information and Public Relations Department explained the durability of the library. Assistant Lecturer U Kyin Soe (Ming Hlin Thit-Chitashayamyo) of Myawmya Education College gave talks on knowledge in literature.

After that, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt donated one set of 15-inch LCD TV, Head of Myawmya Township IPRD Daw Yi Yi Lwin and U Than Win family donated books; library committee member U Myint Kyaw drew one drawing of chestnut and local people K 70,000. Members of the library committee accepted the donations.

The library was built at a cost of K 1.5 million; contribution by local people and K 900,000 by U Than Win and family in addition to the capital of the State.

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### School uniforms provided to offspring of vendors

**Danbu, 16 July**—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to students of vendors from Myoma Market under control of Danbu Township Development Affairs Committee was held at the office of the in-charge of the market in Danbu on 10 July.

The ceremony was held for 2012-2013 fiscal year. At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Htay Hlaing of Danbu Township Development Affairs Committee presented one set of school uniform to 11 offspring of vendors.—MMA

### Kawthoung owns Myanmar Women’s Day 2012

**Kawthoung, 16 July**—At Hantahwady Hall of Kawthoung Township General Administration Department on 13 July morning, the Myanmar Women’s Day 2012 was observed with an address by Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Cho Cho Thein.

Secretary of District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw San Myint read the paper on health sector. Chairperson of Township WAG Daw Khin Mar Kyon of environmental conservation and Headmistress Daw Mi Yi Yi of Basic Education High School gave talks on culture. At the ceremony, official presents were given to Ms Wai Lwin who secured one bronze medal in the sailing event of the XXVIISEAGames, Daw Nay Za Htaw who won the model trainee award in the Special Refresher Course No. 75 for Basic Education Teachers, 56th time blood donor Daw Gandama and 20th time blood donor Daw Lwin Lwin Oo, the aerobic team that stood third in the region aerobic contest, one four-distinction winner and two three-distinction winners in the 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination, three winners in the high school level essay contest to mark the Myanmar Women’s Day and three in the middle school level.—MMA

### MABD disburses agricultural loans to farmers of Ingapu

**Ingapu, 16 July**—Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank of Ingapu Township in Hinthada District held a ceremony to disburse agricultural loans to local farmers at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 6 July.

After making speeches, Township Administrator U Hllwan Moe Han and Manager of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank U Mya Kyay presented agricultural loans to the farmers.

At the ceremony, the bank disbursed K 82450000 for 1649 acres of farmlands to 231 farmers from two village-tracts.—Township GAD
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be taken to handle the cases of most of the farmers turning to the jobless, partner companies of government committing unlawful acts, educating companies to understand confiscation of farmland for K 35,000 compensation per acre is out of Land Confiscation Act. If there is any plan to let farmers who lost their farms in model mechanized farm special zone in Dagon Myothit townships to register as tenant farmers in line with law and if the Union government has any plan to let farmers who have lost the farms re-run the farms, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Oo than replied that complete explanation was given about the declaration of modern farmland in Dagon Myothit townships at the previous Hluttaw sessions. The farmers who primarily owned those farms could get relevant wages now, working at the mechanized farmland based on their skills with new job opportunities and incomes getting improved.

Region State governments can handle regional issues on the ground under the law. Current farmland by-laws have been formulated to enforce the enacted Farmland Act and the by-laws can be promulgated soon. Those issues can be handled in line with Farmland Act, farmland by-laws, based on objective conditions, in the long-term interests of the State.

Regarding the question of U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency about the strategic food management measures for food security of the State, the deputy minister replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Commerce are taking care of rice production and rice exports based on daily consumption of the people. The Commerce Ministry keeps rice reserve in support of the farmers. The Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry is working in partnership with private sector for establishing modern rice mills for increased production of rice in milling process. It is targeted to put 19.31 million acres under paddy this year, the second year of the fifth five-year plan, and to put 19.46 million of acres in 2015-2016. Only the surplus is exported abroad in line with trading policies ensuring food security. Mobilization is made at strategic level to call for active participation of the private sector for boosting rice productivity. In addition, Myanmar Rice Association and Central Cooperatives Association purchase monsoon and summer rice directly from farmers to ensure there is no shortage of rice. In addition, rice dealers and farmers are working in cooperation for a switch to high-yield monsoon paddy.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied the questions of two Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question of U Kun Thein Pe of Hponngon Constituency about if there is any plan to upgrade Kyuntaung, Kyauktalon-Saikaung-Honan-Maukme road into road of the Public Works or Union Highway, the deputy minister replied that the road in Shan State (south) is 88 miles and one furlong and its nine miles and one furlong Loisaisa-Saikaung section was undertaken by the Ministry of Border Affairs. But, the Construction Ministry has proposed to take over the road from the Border Affairs Ministry.

In 2010-2012 financial year, maintenance of roads and bridges was undertaken with the revenue maintenances funds. In 2012-2013 financial year, it would be carried out with the Shan State government’s fund. That road has been put on the road lists of Public Works managed by Union Government. Funds would be submitted in 2013-2014 financial year. With respect to the question raised by U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency on behalf of U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency, on “there is a plan to repair Nyaungdon road between mile post 1 mile and four furlongs and mile post two miles and six furlongs, in Hlinethaya Township, Yangoon Region”, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied: This road section includes in Aungzeya Bridge approach road (three miles and two furlongs long) implemented by Ministry of Construction. And Asia World Co has been allowed to build it through B.O.T system approach road (three miles and two furlongs long) implemented by Ministry of Construction. And Asia World Co has been allowed to build it through B.O.T system. The project has been completed tarmacking of it on 18 June. Ministry of Construction is pushing B.O.T entrepreneurs for following the direction instructions.

Regarding the question of U Myint Kyi of Latha Constituency on “there is a plan to abolish the notorious expense-sharing programme” Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency replied: “there is a plan in the current expenses-sharing health system to the lower level staff does not exist. Incomes of separate patient room, Lab, X-ray room and pathology departments in People’s Hospitals have to be paid as government’s revenue income, used in Hospital’s maintenance and in providing needy hospitalized patients with medicine.

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The date on which the above-mentioned proposals are discussed will be announced later. Those representatives who want to discuss it are to submit the name lists by 12.30 pm on 17 July. The meeting came to end at noon and will go on at 10 am tomorrow — MNA

Plants inspected in Mandalay, Magway regions

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Tun inspects plantations for greening of eastern part of Mt. Taikkyi in Pakokku Township. — MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Han Sein of Taikkyi Constituency on behalf of Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Constituency puts question. — MNA

to be shared to lower staff and repaid into the government budget in the name of other income. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied:

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He also inspected firewood plantations for greening of Sekpyu-Kawunuma region and Yenanyan youngplain. — MNA
Amyotha Hluttaw continues...

Regions and States are attending four-week course. The course achieve the objectives of the Ministry and to provide more for promoting the health care of people in Townships and rural development of health care. It needs to employ more qualified health staff, conduct the courses when an opportune situation will be accepted to attend the post-graduate doctors who are working at private hospitals due to training capacity. Still, there is no plan to assign a surgeon to Taninthayi Township Hospital due to its organizational set-up as it is the 50-bed one. However, one assistant surgeon and one township health officer will be assigned to the hospital when the number of patients increases in the future.

Regarding the fourth question, the deputy minister replied that the Health Department has already issued an order dated 13, January, 2011, to construct a 16-bed hospital in Hpakant Township, Kachin State and work on construction of the building for the hospital will start in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to the query raised by Representative Dr Myat Nyunt Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) on “whether or not there is any plan to take action against the buses lines running in town and express that break the bus time-laws and fail to meet the standard of a passenger bus”, and by Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10) on “when will the required gravel be used in repairing the remaining sections of Latpadan-Tharawar railway section delivered to the site”. He said that Road Transport Administration Department issued a license to a passenger bus only if it has acceptable capacity. But some bus owners added more seats than usual in their buses so as to get more profits. The Department did not give green light to such owners. For most of the buses plying in town were not made, the department issued licenses to them in accord with their type approval. Officials from the department together with officials from the Transport Planning Department and the Traffic Police Force continue inspecting buses at highway terminals and bus-stops before those buses were in operation. Effective actions would be taken against the buses that are not in conformity with the set standards with the notifications of the representatives and the public are to inform the department.

Regarding the query raised by Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10), the Union Minister said that Myanmar Railway was carrying out the maintenance of railways sections with the use of 19 gravel coaches. Filling of gravels on Yangon-Mandalay up/down (771 miles) and Yangon round railroad

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency (10) puts question.

MNA staff would explain the patients until they understand why they are sent to the People’s Hospital. Still, there is no plan to assign a surgeon to Taninthayi Township Hospital due to its organizational set-up as it is the 50-bed one. However, one assistant surgeon and one township health officer will be assigned to the hospital when the number of patients increases in the future.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Mya Ohn of Kachin State Constituency (8) asking question.

Up/down (59 miles) are on top priority. For Yangon-Pyay railroad section, only 1374.80 suds of gravel had been filled from June, 2011 to date. Latpadan-Tharawar railroad section would be supplied with gravels before the last week of August.

The meeting came to an end at 11 am and continues at 10 am tomorrow. At the today’s session, six questions were raised and answered.—MNA

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Tuesday, 17 July, 2012

Course (1/2012) for Township Health Department heads opens

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—A ceremony to open course (1/2012) for township heads of Health Department of Ministry of Health, was held at Ministry, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that Myanmar needed to promote health care system on a wider effective scale. As part of its effort to promote the health care system, it needs to employ more qualified health staff, conduct the courses with qualified staff with medical and medical equipment, thereby contributing to harmonious development of health care. Township Health Department heads are the key leaders for promoting the health care of people in Townships and rural areas. He urged the trainees to make strenuous efforts to achieve the objectives of the Ministry and to provide more health care to the national races. A total of 34 trainees from Regions and States are attending four-week course. The course covers knowledge on health care system, health policy, management, health economics, social dealing.—MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister attends provisions ceremony of locals in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July— A donation ceremony for locals who lost their property in recent riots in Rakhine State was held at the hall of Rakhine State Chief Minister on 14 July morning.

At the ceremony, U Aung Thu and wife Daw Li Swe Lwin of Lotay Township donated 500 bags of rice worth K 8,250,000, officers/staff families of officials in the regional control head (Sittway) 224 bags office worth K 3,700,000 and U Kyaw Myint of Kan Tar township company, U Kyaw Lwin and family 118 bags of rice worth K 3,000,000, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin accepted the donations. The region Chief Minister attended the meeting for uplifting of trade and industry on 12 July 2012 of Border Trade Department (Sittway) held at Rakhine State Merchants and Industries Association Hall and left the necessary instructions. Next the Region Ministers for Planning and Economic and Security and Border Affairs discussed boosting of trade and security matters.

Afterwards, the Deputy Director of Border Trade Camp (Sittway) and members of OSU, responsible persons from Rakhine State Merchants and Industries Association and entrepreneurs held discussion on booming of trade.—MNA

Czech delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 16 July— A goodwill delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister of the Czech Republic Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg arrived Yangon by special flight at 2:45 pm today.

They were welcomed by officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Yangon International Airport. The guests paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening.—MNA

Students in Mandalay get knowledge on revenue

MANDALAY, 16 July— Office of the Revenue Department under the Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue disseminated knowledge on revenue to students in the respective schools on 11 July.

Assistant Director U Aye Min of Township Revenue Department gave talks on the subject to over 1350 teachers and students led by Headmistress Daw Than Win at No. 27 Basic Education High School in Pyi Phyu Township, ADU. The Headmistress Daw Than Win over 1000 teachers and students led by Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Win at No. 13 BEHS in Maha Aungmye Township; Staff Officer U Sai Huy Aung of Township Revenue Department gave talks to over 1500 teachers and students led by Headmaster Dr Than Hlaik Soe at No. 26 BEHS in Chanmya Thazi Township; ADU Aung Tun Oo of Township Revenue Department gave talks to over 580 teachers and students led by Township Education Officer U Ne Win and Headmistress Daw Khin Nyo Aye at No. 1 BEHS in Amarapura Township.

After the talks, students were provided with books, pamphlets, comic books depicting knowledge on revenue.—Tin Maung (Myo)
Collection of tax explained in Bago Township

BAGO, 16 July—Bago Township Internal Revenue Department of Finance and Revenue held a talk on plan for collection of tax at its office in Bago on 6 July morning.

The talk included taxation over entrepreneurs of shops, department stores, hotels and inns, and restaurants in line with the prescription of commercial tax.

It was attended by 49 entrepreneurs from Bago. Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye Maw of Bago Township Internal Revenue Department explained matters related to collection of tax. A staff officer also explained tasks of the entrepreneurs.—IRD

Farmlands covered with thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy plantations

KUNGYANGON, 16 July—Palethwe hybrid paddy plantations are being cultivated across the nation thanks to high yield of per acre depending on weather and water. At the same time, Kungyang Township achieves success in growing of Palethwe paddies.

On 5 July, a ceremony to share cultivation technology for extended cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy was jointly organized by Yangon Region Agriculture Department and Sun Moon Star Company at the office of Kungyang Township Agriculture Department.

Deputy Head of Yangon Region Agriculture Department U Hla Hsan made a speech. Head of District Agriculture Department U Kyaw Kyaw and seed production expert from Sun Moon Star Co Ltd U Aung Myint discussed sharing of technology.

At the ceremony, Head of Township Agriculture Department Daw Than Than Hsint explained extended cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy in 2012-2013 rainy season. Later, the local farmers observed thriving of nurturing Palethwe hybrid saplings in the farmlands of farmer U Win Kyin in Kamapa Village.

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Citizenship scrutiny cards issued to local people in Monghsat

MONGSAT, 16 July—A ceremony to present citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people in 10-mile Changampa Village-tract in Monghsat Township of Shan State (East) was held.

At the Village Basic Education Primary School on 9 July morning, Deputy Director U Khin Sein, head of Shan State (East) Immigration and National Registration Department, explained matters related to registering Moe Pwint-3 Plan, and presented citizenship scrutiny cards to 64 local people.

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Ngaputaw Township

NGAPUTAW, 16 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on the land of Sappada Ordination Hall in Southern Ward of Ngaputaw Township of Ayeyawady Region on 3 July morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Win Ko Ko, Staff Officer U Haik Lwin Oo of Township Forest Department, departmental personnel and local people planted 1200 saplings including 300 ironwood, 600 mahogany and 300 eucalyptus species.

Blood donated at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The Blood Donation Association of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union organized the blood donation ceremony for the seventh time at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) on 13 July morning, attended by Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General Daw Khin San Oo of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union and officials, Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) and in-charges of the blood bank Dr Hein Win.

Altogether 40 blood donors of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union donated blood on the occasion.— Myanma Alin

Saplings planted in Pyinmana as monsoon activity

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area held the monsoon tree growing ceremony 2012 in the compound of Basic Education High School No 3 on 5 July.

It was attended by Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung Than, Deputy Director U Than Of of Nay Pyi Taw Forest Department, Assistant Director U Thein Toe, Township Administration Dr Kyaw Tint, members of social organizations, departmental officials and students.

They planted over 500 saplings.—Township GAD
Farnborough Airshow wraps up with 72-b-USD contracts

FARNBOROUGH, 16 July—

The Royal Air Force (RAF) Red Arrows perform during the Farnborough International Air Show in Hampshire, Britain, on 15 July, 2012. The air show was concluded on Sunday.—Xinhua

Two US states probing banks over Libor manipulation

New York, 16 July—

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched a probe into possible manipulation of the Libor benchmark international lending rates by global banks, his spokesman said on Sunday.

Schneiderman, along with Connecticut’s Attorney General George Jepsen started the investigation six months ago into the possible rigging of Libor, the London interbank offered rate, New York Attorney General spokesman James Freedland told Reuters.

Libor is compiled from estimates by banks of how much they believe they have to pay to borrow from each other. It is used for $550 trillion of interest rate derivatives contracts and influences rates on many long-term transactions, including mortgages, student loans and credit cards.

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New York, 16 July—

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Nokia’s phone is sold at AT&T Inc stores. Nowak said the price cut “is part of our ongoing lifecycle management and is jointly done between Nokia and carrier customers.”

Merkel urges more Europe, stresses conditioned aid

BERLIN, 16 July—

German Chancellor Angela Merkel reaffirmed her support for a closer and more centralised European Union on Sunday, which should be the price for Berlin’s continued aid for indebted neighbours.

“Without Europe, we cannot represent our values, our ideas and our ideals,” Merkel said in an interview with German public television ZDF that was aired on Sunday evening.

In the long run, the EU should be a closer political union, which has more binding force over member states and could discipline those who breach the rules, she said.

Merkel said the future of Europe would be the dominant theme in Germany’s federal election next year, when the chancellor is seeking the third term.

Voters have to answer these questions: “what is Europe and what we have of Europe,” she added.

Merkel stressed that Germany’s rescue efforts in the eurozone debt crisis are not without conditions. Those heavily-indebted nations which received lifelines from outside should keep their fiscal targets and accept more supervision from Brussels.

Any attempts “saying ‘let us show solidarity but meanwhile has no supervision and no conditions’ will have no chance with me or with Germany,” Merkel said.

For Thursday’s voting in the Bundestag, or the lower house of parliament, on a 100-billion-euro rescue package for Spanish banks, Merkel said she is confident on securing absolute majority from lawmakers.

Kathmandu, 16 July—

Significant numbers of Aedes-aegypti and Aedes-albopictus mosquitoes that spread dengue and chikungunya have been found in Nepal’s capital, Kathmandu in the recent surveillance carried out by District Public Health Office (DPHO), Kathmandu, local media reported on Monday.

According to Monday’s Republica daily report, the team led by entomologist Sishir Panta that conducted a week-long surveillance in various parts of Kathmandu last week, has submitted its report to DPHO on Sunday with proofs of vectors.

“They brought some Aedes-aegypti and Aedes-albopictus mosquitoes found in various locations of Kathmandu,” Chief of Kathmandu DPHO Mahendra Prasad Shrestha was quoted by the daily as saying showing the specimens.

Shrestha said that the report will be forwarded to the Department of Health Services and the Health Ministry.

The DPHO has deployed 70 health-workers in door-to-door awareness programs after learning about high prevalence of dengue vectors in Kathmandu.

Entomologist Panta said humidity and rising temperatures provide favourable environment for the vectors to spread. People store water in households due to water shortage providing habitat for dengue spreading Aedes-aegypti mosquitoes which live in clean water and bite during daytime.

Nokia Lumia 900 cell phones are shown for sale in Carlsbad, California on 11 April, 2012.—Reuters

Billionaires seek BP shareholder backing for TNK-BP resolution

KATHMANDU, 16 July—

New York and Boston with large institutions that own BP stock.

“The message Mikhail Fridman delivered was that the partnership in its current form has run its course,” AAR CEO Stan Polovets said on Sunday of the meetings this past week, which followed up on a series investor briefings in London in June. “The shareholders need to find a way to realign ownership interests and eliminate the internal contradictions that are tearing TNK-BP apart.”

Shareholder relations, which have often been rocky at TNK-BP since BP came in as an equal partner in 2003, worsened last year when the British major tried to reach a strategic alliance with state-controlled Russian oil major Rosneft.

AAR blocked the deal in the courts, successfully arguing that it violated an exclusivity clause in the TNK-BP shareholders’ agreement.

The ensuing fallout has left the company without a board and a press officer and its stake in TNK-BP for cash — at a current market price of around $10 billion (6.42 billion pounds). But AAR’s preferred option would be to exchange its stake in TNK-BP for cash and a stake of 10-12 percent in Rosneft. “It would make more sense for all parties involved,” Polovets told Reuters.

Such a deal would release BP from the obligations under the TNK-BP shareholders’ agreement barring it from partnering with other companies in Russia, such as Rosneft and gas export monopoly Gazprom, Polovets added.—Reuters

A man walks past a branch of Barclays bank in central London, on 28 June, 2012.—Reuters

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Nokia plans to sell its smartphone in 35 countries by the end of the year, including China, Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa. The Lumia 920, which will ship in November, is Nokia’s most ambitious phone yet, aiming to compete with Apple’s iPhone and Samsung’s Galaxy S III.

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

Invitation for Tender to Consultant companies/Organizations which have international experience to implement the process of tender preparation, tender bidding, scrutinizing and selection at international tender bidding in order to provide postal services by joint venture among Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, and domestic/foreign companies which are providing Postal services.

1. It is under process to bid tender and scrutinize Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Planning and Training Department with the goodwill of distribution international status of postal services to public in order to provide postal service by joint venture with domestic/foreign companies, which are providing Postal services.

2. In such an implementation, in order to comply with international rules and regulations for tender bidding, and international standards, to be transparent, it is intended to implement with the international experience and suggestions of Consultant companies and organizations existing with international experience which could conduct as Consultant in the process of tender preparation, tender bidding, scrutinizing and selection, thus Consultant companies and organizations which are interesting to implement these works are invited to submit the proposals.

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E-mail: myanmarpost@mpntmail.net

Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

Lemurs the world’s most threatened mammal

PARIS, 15 July—Lemurs, the furry apects brough to fame by the Disney animation film “Madagascar”, are the most endangered mammals on Earth, an International Union for Conservation of Nature conference found. An IUCN workshop met in Madagascar this week to discuss the world’s 103 lemur species as conservation deteriorates amid political turmoil that has lasted three years.

“Madagascar has, by far, the highest proportion of threatened species of any primate habitat region or any one country in the world. As a result, we now believe that lemurs are probably the most endangered of any group of vertebrates,” said primatologist Christoph Schwitzer, one of the conference organizers.

Over 90 percent of the world’s lemur species—found only on the island’s coastal islands—were upgraded to critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable on the IUCN’s Threatened Species List. The destruction of the primates’ tropical forest habitat and an upsurge in bushmeat hunting have depleted lemur numbers since conservation efforts broke down after a coop in 2009, the body said in a statement late on Friday.

INTERNET

Heavy rain plagues South, East China

BEIJING, 16 July — Heavy rain has swept across central and southern China, killing dozens and forcing thousands to evacuate. Rain-triggered floods have killed 10 people and affected over 2 million others in central China’s Hubei Province, local news reported. In Guizhou Province left at least 11 people dead and affected nearly a million others. And east China’s Anhui Province and central Hunan have also been badly affected. The toll of death from heavy rain over the past few days.

It’s not easy to live a normal life here when your whole city has been inundated in floods for days. Vendors in the central Anhui Province, hundreds of people are still trapped in their houses, waiting to be taken to safety. Meters-high water forced rescuers to try different ways of reaching to those trapped.

Two red Madagascar lemurs, an endangered species, frolic in a daisy bed at Doue-la-Fontaine zoo in western France.—Internet

1,500 aquarium fish, corals seized at Manila pier

MANILA, 15 July— Philippine authorities seized some 1,500 live aquarium fish and about 150 live pieces of ornamental coral at a Manila pier Friday just before they were to be shipped to Japan. The fish and corals in water-filled plastic bags stored in styrofoam boxes were seized by quarantine officers, said fisheries bureau law enforcement chief Andre Menguio.

He said the fish and corals were headed for Japan and likely being smuggled because there was no permit to export them. Nobody who had been transporting the aquatic species could be found. “The quarantine officers were able to inspect the cargo. Perhaps when the person in charge of the fish saw some quarantine officers were already inspecting, they disappeared,” Menguio told AFP.

The officer expressed hope a suspect could be traced through documents used to bring the fish, hidden inside some cartons, to the pier.

A visitor views the inside of an aquarium tank in Manila in 2009. Philippine authorities seized some 1,500 live aquariumfish and about 150 live pieces of ornamental fish and other marine resources from the Philippines could threaten the country’s fish stocks and other sea life.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DELIGHT VOY NO (159)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (159) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.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.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV OSSIAN VOY NO (1206) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.7.2012 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.

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Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 19th July (Thursday) 2012, Martyr’s Day being public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

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Woman receives ticket for cursing

A Grapevine, Texas, mother received a ticket for using profanity in an argument with another mother at a waterpark in front of children.

Kristy Dugray, 34, said she was talking to a woman when another mother interrupted their conversation, a heated argument requiring multiple officers to report to the water park, KXAS-TV, Dallas/Fort Worth reported. “I have a nice vocabulary,” Dugray said. “It’s just not the kind of language that we felt was appropriate,” Grapevine police Lt. Barry Bowling said. “The cursing was what was offensive to not only the victim but the bystanders who were in the area at the time.”

Dugray received a ticket for disorderly conduct. She said she plans filing her ticket in court without cursing at the judge.

New York dog wedding costs $250k

A New York woman said she is throwing a record-setting $250,000 wedding for her dog to benefit the Humane Society of New York.

Wendy Diamond, founder of AnimalFair Media, said Thursday night’s wedding of her rescued pooch, Baby Hope, and Chilly Pasternak, a Virginia dog chosen in an online matchmaking vote, will include a $15,000 seven-piece orchestra, a $6,000 custom wedding dress and $5,000 worth of sushi, the New York Daily News reported.

Diamond said about 250 humans and 50 dogs are expected to attend the ceremony, which will feature Triumph the Insult Comic Dog as a special guest.

“It’s going to be the sweetest wedding — and just one of the funniest even, ever,” Diamond said. “I never need to get married, now, because this wedding has everything.”

Police: Car theft tell asleep at the wheel

Hollywood, Fla., police said they arrested a teenager who passed out drunk behind the wheel of a stolen car. Police said Nicholas Jackson, 19, was spotted sleeping in the car, with the engine running, Tuesday, the South Florida Sun Sentinel reported.

Officers said Jackson was under the influence of alcohol. Jackson was charged with grand theft auto.

Ice Age beats Spider-Man to top North America box office

LOUISVILLE, Colo., July 16 — “Ice Age: Continental Drift,” the fourth of the successful “Ice Age” franchise, beat “The Amazing Spider-Man” to top the North America box office with better-than-expected $46 million US dollars at the weekend, according to studio estimates released by Hollywood.com Sunday.

“Ice Age: Continental Drift,” the family-friendly animation from the 20th Century Fox and went to $600 million in North America. The other three installments of the “Ice Age” franchise has raked in more than 2.1 billion dollars worldwide, including nearly 600 million dollars in North America.

The Sony’s reboot “The Amazing Spider-Man” was one of five kittens in his litter. He was tiny enough to fit in the palm of a hand. His owners in Providence say he had two tracheas going into one throat. They fed him by bottle because he ate very slowly.

Superwoman. Nolan delayed ‘Dark Knight Rises’ for Cotillard

New York, 16 July — It’s possible French actress Marion Cotillard could have been replaced as a love interest for Christian Bale in Nolan’s Batman in the movie, “The Dark Knight Rises”.

That’s because she was due with her first child, a son named Marcel, around the beginning of filming for the third installment in the franchise. Director Christopher Nolan tells the August issue of Vogue magazine he wanted to “figure it out.” Most of her scenes were pushed back month and Nolan made room on set for Cotillard’s family.

He marveled at the Academy Award winner’s ability to do her job so soon after giving birth, calling it “amazing to see” and describing her as “Superwoman.” Nolan and Cotillard also worked together on the 2010 film “Inception.”

The August issue of Vogue magazine hits stores on 24 July.— Internet

Springsteen storms through London marathon

unlike on other dates, when he has introduced new songs such as “Jack of All Trades” and “Shackled and Drawn” with comments on the economic crisis, he avoided political polemics for the most part in a city that has been rocked by a new round of banking scandals in the past month. The focus was on having a giant street party.

Springsteen opened with “Thunder Road,” standing alone at the microphone accompanied only by pianist Roy Bittan. He was, he noted, the first song he had played in his debut appearance in London at the Hammersmith Odeon in 1975. Reuters

Oscar-winning actress Celeste Holm dies at 95

New York, 16 July — Oscar-winning actress Celeste Holm—who was the original girl who couldn’t say no in the musical “Oklahoma”— has died aged 95, her family said.

Holm, who won the best supporting actress Academy Award in 1948 for “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes” and later appeared in “High Society” (1956), died at her home in New York. She was admitted to a hospital a week ago, said her niece Amy Phillips, cited by CNN. “She passed peacefully in her home in her own bed with her husband and friends and family nearby,” she said.

She also garnered Oscar nominations in 1950 for “Come to the Stable,” in which she played a French nun, and in 1951 for “All About Eve,” which starred Bette Davis. The New York-born actress made her professional debut in a production of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” starring Leslie Howard, and got her first big part on Broadway in 1940, opposite Gene Kelly. The role which really made her name was Ade Annie in the original production of "Oklahoma!" in 1943, in which she sang the showstopper, exclaiming: “I Cain’t Say No!”

She signed with 20th Century Fox and went to Hollywood to make a series of movies starting with “Three Little Girls in Blue” in 1946. “Gentlemen’s Agreement” was her seventh.

Celeste Holm attends The Academy of Motion Picture Art and Sciences Celebrates The 65th Anniversary of "Gentleman’s Agreement" at Lighthouse International Conference Centre in April 2012 in New York City.— Internet

The display windows of retail stores set a wedding atmosphere for Chelsea Clinton and Marc Mezvinsky in Rhinebeck New York City on 31 July, 2010.

2-faced kitten dies in RI; had 4 eyes, 24 toes

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US singer Bruce Springsteen performs with the E. Street Band during their European tour to promote their latest album “Wrecking Ball” in Frankfurt on 25 May, 2012.—Reuters

London, 16 July.— Epic Bruce Springsteen concert in London’s Hyde Park ended on Saturday with organisers pulling the plug with the singer and ex-Beatle Paul McCartney still on stage and playing at full throttle after more than three hours of music.

Springsteen had danced and worked the crowd with the energy of a man of half his 62 years, running through most of his classics before being joined by McCartney to rip through the Beatles’ “I Saw Her Standing There” and “Twist and Shout”.

The pair were still singing for 65,000 rapturous fans when the organisers turned off the microphones in line with an agreed 10.30 pm curfew.

The Hard Rock Calling festival was the New Jersey native’s 45th show in a 67-date tour of North America and Europe tied to “Wrecking Ball”, a new album full of angry songs about corporate greed and the plight of ordinary working men.
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WBA champion Amir Khan (L) of Britain battles with WBC champion Danny Garcia of the USA during their WBC/WBA 140 pound unification fight at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas, Nevada on 14 July, 2012.—Reuters

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Liverpool, 16 July — Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers says new signing Fabio Borini will be a great asset for the club in the future.

After the Italian international signed a long-term deal to move from Roma to Anfield, Rodgers said Borini’s versatility would make him a fans’ favourite. “I was very keen to bring him here. Fabio fits the model of what we’re trying to do in building not only for now, but also for the future,” he told Liverpool’s website.

“His a big talent, 21 years of age, he scores goals, and his passion, focus and concentration is a very important part of his game — and a big part of what you want from a player.” Borini previously worked with Rodgers in Chelsea’s youth set-up and more recently when he was on loan at Swansea City in 2011. Rodgers added: “[Chelsea] took him in from Bologna where he was 16 and he progressed incredibly well as a young player to go on to play for the first team at Chelsea.”

“His ability to work in terms of he couldn’t agree a contract, but before he left I took him on loan to Swansea and he made a big, big impression there and really helped us in our promotion charge that season. “He left and went away (to Roma) and in the last season he’s done incredibly well. I think the supporters will love him. As I said, he’s a goalscorer, but he’s a multifunctional player, who can play in a number of positions — and someone I believe has got great potential.”

Borini, 21, made four first-team appearances for Chelsea, before firing six goals in 12 appearances at Swansea.

Rodgers said: “He is arguably the best physical player I’ve worked with in terms of his pace, power and fitness. Mentally, he’s very strong. We’ve got a player who is on the up and someone who I think Liverpool will benefit from.” —INTERNET

Sara Errani, pictured in June 2012, captured the Palermo Open on Sunday to become the first Italian ever to win four WTA titles in a season. —INTERNET

Errani makes Italian history in Palermo

PALERMO, 16 July — Sara Errani captured the Palermo Open on Sunday to become the first Italian ever to win four WTA titles in a season.

Errani, who had already won claycourt events at Acapulco, Barcelona and Budapest this year, routed eighth seed Barbora Zahlavova Strycova in the final, 6-1, 6-3. “It wasn’t easy like the score looks — Barbora was playing very aggressively and it was tough for me,” said French Open runner-up Errani.

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Briton Khan knocked out in fourth round by Garcia

LAS VEGAS, 16 July — American Danny Garcia knocked out Britain’s Amir Khan in the fourth round to add the WBA light-welterweight crown to his WBC super-lightweight title in Las Vegas on Saturday, Khan, 26-3 (18 KOs), looked the superior fighter early on, showing vastly superior hand speed as he landed right hands behind a long jab and opened up a cut on Garcia’s eye with a left hook.

Garcia’s defence remained tight and effective, however, and in the third round began throwing thudding shots to Khan’s body and near the end of the round he landed a powerful counter left hook that dropped Khan hard on to his back. The Briton struggled to his feet, but was on shaky legs as the bell rang. Garcia dropped Khan again at the start of the fourth with a right hand and as he retreated, Garcia gave chase, launching huge punches as he did so.

A left hand put Khan down once more, and although he beat the count, referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight though the Briton thought the stoppage may have been premature.

“I was a little surprised the ref stopped it,” he said. He thought he was going to let it continue. His mind was clear, and I thought my legs were okay. “(But) it wasn’t my night. I respect Danny. He was countering very well against me. I got a little complacent and he took advantage and he caught me.”

Garcia said he had felt the Briton had underestimated him.

“We knew Khan was going to come out fast because he thought he had no power,” said Garcia who improved to 24-0 (15 KOs). “But I waited and stepped up and used the speed and power I have. And it worked.” The loss was Khan’s second successive defeat after he lost his WBA and IBF titles on a split decision to Lamont Peterson last December.

Peterson subsequently tested positive for synthetic testosterone, which he admitted he took before the Khan fight, and the WBA reinstated Khan as champion on Thursday.—Reuters

Spain’s Ferrer wins Swedish Open final

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, 16 July — David Ferrer has won his second Swedish Open title after defeating fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-2, 6-2.

The No.7-ranked Ferrer was never challenged during the clay-court match, which was his 11th career victory over the Spaniard.

“The victory is a good one, especially after my loss in Wimbledon,” said Ferrer, after defeating fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-2, 6-2. The No 5-ranked Ferrer was never challenged during the clay-court match, which was his 11th career victory over the Spaniard.

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Barcelona in 60 million-euro deal for Neymar

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 July — Barcelona has reportedly won the race to sign Brazilian sensation Neymar by securing a 60 million-euro deal for the striker.

The Catalan club is hoping of bringing Neymar to the Camp Nou after the Olympic Games although it is unlikely he will move before the 2013-14 season, Lanceset reported.

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Serena beats jet lag to win Stanford title

STANFORD, 16 July — Top seed Serena Williams overcame a week fighting jet lag to beat fellow American Coco Vandeweghe 7-5, 6-3 to retain the Stanford Classic title on Sunday. Just eight days after winning her fifth Wimbledon single title, Williams fought off a set point in the first set before overcoming big-serving Vandeweghe, who had reached her first WTA final.

The 30-year-old Williams used her experience and know-how to race past the 20-year-old, nailing 21 winners. Vandeweghe struck 26 winners but also committed 25 unforced errors.

Williams, who had been contending with jet lag much of the week after flying from London to prepare for the Olympics, where she will defend her doubles title with Venus and attempt to win the singles gold. “I played well enough to win, but I can do a lot better and play stronger,” she said. “But there are a lot of positives and I was fighting and I didn’t quit. I survived and didn’t play my best, but mentally I was there and that really helped me a lot.” Vandeweghe served for the first set at 5-4 but could not convert her only set point when Williams ripped a cross court backhand return off a second serve. It took Williams six break points to break back to 5-5, but the 20-year-old Vandeweghe finally handed it to her when she double faulted.

“I been serving well all week and still feel like I served in the set and Williams sealed the title with a formidable winner down the line. Williams won her 43rd career title, tying her with her older sister Venus for the most titles among active players on the WTA tour. The world number four has now also

Bahrain’s traditional market in Isa Town gutted by massive fire

MANAMA, 16 July — Firefighters are trying to control a fire that spread Sunday across a traditional market in Bahrain’s Isa Town and destroyed several shops. The fire has been continuing for over six hours and roads leading to the area were blocked by the police as a precautionary measure.

It resulted in major losses, but no casualties were reported. The Interior Ministry said civil defense teams were present at the site to extinguish the fire.

This is the second fire in almost five years that has destroyed the row of shops in the area, which is popular for its flea market and shops selling furniture and rugs.

Serena Williams of the US poses with the trophy after defeating compatriot Coco Vandeweghe during the finals of the Stanford Women’s tennis tournament on the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto, California on 15 July, 2012.— Reuters
Fourth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw continues for ninth day

Six questions answered, two new proposals discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the ninth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building, Pyithu Hluttaw Complex, here, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 407 MPs.

Six questions were answered and two new proposals discussed at the today’s session.

First, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker explained his actions in response to the urgent proposal of Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunhein Constituency on 13 July and the decision of the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw approved to coordinate with whoever can get sanctions lifted anyhow. In response to the decision, the Speaker met a delegation led by Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs Mr Robert D Hormats on 14 July. During the meeting, the Speaker expressed his thanks to US government for relaxing the economic sanctions. But the reliable sources said Mc Cornell and Mrs Feeinstein submitted the proposal to congress for replacement of the nine years (period) in 108-61:50 USC letter No 1071 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, for two times on 12 July and then the proposal was handed to the financial committee. If the proposal was approved, the period of economic sanctions against Myanmar would reach 2015. So, the Speaker requested the US under secretary to assist as possibly as he can in dissuading the proposal. In addition, the Speaker told the delegation that the releasing of economic sanctions was just for US firms only, excluding Myanmar businessmen, exports and foreign exchange, which was viewed as one-sided action. The Speaker said he requested the US delegation and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell to review the case and to take interests of Myanmar citizens and national race people into consideration before Hluttaw representatives.

The Speaker in all seriousness urged the MPs to dissuade the US government from extending the term of sanctions against Myanmar but persuade it to lift sanctions both for two sides and for regular currency exchange in the interests of the nation and its people, if possible.

Regarding the question of Daw Su Su Hlaing of Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency about what measures would...

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Amyotha Hluttaw continued its meeting for the ninth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 representatives.

In the question and answer session, U Myint Htun of Bago Region Constituency No.11 asked a plan to build a 16-bed hospital in the Village of Zibyugon in Latpadan Township, Bago Region; Dr Myat Nyanna Soe of Yangon Region constituency No. 4 asked if there is a plan to allow out-service doctors to join post-graduate courses as in-service doctors; UThan Myint of Taninthayi Region constituency No. 10 asked if there is a plan to help the situation that Taninthayi Hospital is not reliable for patients and to send a surgeon to the hospital and U Mya Ohn of Kachin State constituency No 8 asked matters related to upgrading of hospitals in Hpa-kant Township.

Regarding the first question, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied that the dispensary at the Village of Zibyugon Village has been promoted to a 16-bed hospital. Though the village has agreed to build the building for the hospital on self-reliance basis, the plan has not yet came into take shape.

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The attendees seen at ninth day of Pyithu Hluttaw session.

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attending meeting.

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