Nay Pyi Taw, 5 July—The Waso robe offering ceremony organized by the Union government took place at Sasana Maha Beikman Pagoda, here, this morning.

At first, President U Thein Sein paid homage to the Buddha Image at the Beikman after offering flowers, water and fruit.

At the ceremony, Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotiika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarambhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Next, venerable Sayadaws recited Metta Sutta.

The President offered Waso robes and alms and U Nyan Tun and wife presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Abbot of Dhamma Paragu Pali Tekkatho Monastery of Monywa Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ariyalankara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the President and party offered day meals to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadacaraya Sayadaws, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Tipitakadahara Tipitaka-kovida Sayadaws, Ovadacaraya Sayadaws of Uppatasanti Pagoda, and members of the Sangha from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Chief Justice of the...
Marketability of fruit and vegetables calls for organic farming

Myint Swe said that Myanmar, a developing country with need for infrastructural and economic development, that there had been a surge in interest in organic farming due to its potential for increased demand in the market. Great strides are necessary to grow plants without using artificial chemicals for the market.

The primary aim of organic farming is to ensure ecosystem and fertile soil sustainable and protect the environment. Nonetheless, organic farming needs high demand in the market. Great

Agriculture sector reform is accompanied by cutting-edge technology and that he would like leading companies of France to share this new trend with local and foreign investments.

Plans are underway to install modern devices to be able to produce Sein-ta-lone mangos as value-added ones. World people have been concerning over dangers of chemicals. So, it is needed to develop public awareness of impact of chemicals and to educate them to practice organic farming on a commercial scale so that people will be dangers of chemicals free.

Chemical-free systematically-packaged agriculture produce under the practice of organic farming are in good demand in the market. The agriculture produce are being produced in international in accord with international standards and food safety measures.

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 July — A store called “Father to Love” on Bo Min Yaung Street in Kamar Kasit Ward of Dala Township, here, had got caught in burglary on 3 July, and nearly K 2.2 million worth of handsets and prepaid cards were stolen in the burglary at the shop.

Police said that U Yu Lwin, 56, owner of the store, was informed on 3 July morning by his one of female shop assistants that she found a back door of the shop broken when she came into the shop to do the cleaning. So, the owner rushed there and checked the shop. As he noticed handsets and prepaid cards kept in a drawer of the counter were stolen and discovered a six inches long knife on a cupboard, he reported to Dala police station.

The police conducted necessary investigation at the shop and confiscated a broken back door that carries fingerprints, a lock, a screwdriver and a knife. Dala police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing to expose the suspects.

Yangon, 5 July — A man was caught while he was stealing metal bars fixed at Pylon No (134) of Shweli-Manhcan-Shesaway power grid, one-mile west of Khalein village in Mante village-tract of Hsipaw Township in Shan State (South) at about 8 am on 2 July. The man who tried to steal more Buttha images in the cave at about 3 am, they ran and drove off on a motorbike.

According to U Aye Lwin of the village, a Buttha Image wrapped with two sarongs (longyis) was found left out of the cave. It was learnt that Lathoke villagers were giving voice to their concerns over possible recurrence of theft as many Buddha Images of Bagan era still remain in the cave at the village and calling on officials concerned to protect ancient artefacts against theft.

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Aid worker killed in fighting in biggest city in Darfur

KHARTOUM, 5 July—One aid worker was killed and three others wounded when a grenade hit their office during a gunfight between competing security forces on Thursday in the biggest city of Sudan’s Darfur region, the United Nations and witnesses said.

Clashes between the army, rebels and tribal militias have surged in the vast and mostly lawless region in recent months, but had until now been confined to rural areas. Residents said heavy gunfire could be heard for hours near the security headquarters in Nyala, the capital of South Darfur state and the second-biggest city in Sudan.

Men dressed in military uniform were seen exchanging fire with people inside the security compound.

A Sudanese aid staff person working for an international organization was killed and three colleagues were wounded when a rocket-propelled grenade hit an office in Nyala, the UN said in a statement, without naming the employer. Two of them were treated with critical wounds in a hospital.

“There are also reports that some offices and premises of international organisations in Nyala were looted today,” the United Nations said in a statement.
Deep-space flashes of radio energy may open up a new area of astrophysics

Canberra, 5 July—Australia’s national science agency CSIRO’s Parkes radio telescope in eastern Australia has detected mysterious ‘flashes’ of radio energy from the distant universe that may open up a whole new area of astrophysics, a statement from CSIRO said on Friday.

This finding, made by a team of scientists from ten institutions in Australia, the USA, UK, Germany and Italy, is published in Friday’s issue of the journal Science.

According to the statement, four flashes were detected, each from a different direction and each lasting for only a millisecond (a thousandth of a second). The characteristics of the radio signal —how it is ‘smeread out’ in frequency from travel through space—indicate the flashes came from ‘ling through space—indicate the flashes came from long distances, the astronomers have ruled out ‘smeread out’ in frequency from travel through space—indicate the flashes came from ‘ling through space—indicate the flashes came from long distances, the astronomers have ruled out

Washing No7, 5 July—Fossils and artifacts unearthed in the foothills of the Zagros Mountains in Iran reveal that the early inhabitants of the region began farming cereal grains, like barley and wheat, sometime between 12,000 and 9,800 years ago, US journal Science reported on Thursday.

The discovery implies that the transition from foraging to farming took place at roughly the same time across the entire Fertile Crescent, not in a single core area of the “cradle of civilization”, as previously thought.

Until recently, excavations of archaeological sites in the eastern Fertile Crescent, or modern-day Iran, have been limited, while findings to the west, at sites in Cyprus, Syria, Turkey and Iraq, for example, provided detailed clues to the origins of agriculture.

“For some time, the emergence of agriculture in Iran was considered as part of a cultural transfer from the west,” Simone Riehl from the University of Tubingen in Germany said in a statement.

But “during the last few decades, numerous archaeological excavations were conducted in the Near East that led researchers to consider the possibility that multiple regions in the Fertile Crescent began cultivating cereal grains roughly at the same time, rather than just a single core area,” said Riehl.

Australian researchers use computer modelling to help locate oil and gas resources

Canberra, 5 July—Australian researchers have used computer modelling to correct the understanding of the ancient movements of tectonic plates, which will help accurately locate oil and gas resources in Australia region, a research statement from Australian National University (ANU) said on Friday.

Approximately 165 million years ago, the Australian, Indian and Antarctic plates drifted apart from the super-continent Gondwana, but up until now there has been uncertainty as to the exact position and movements of the plates in the past.

“We used a simple technique of matching geological landmarks on each plate, a technique that hasn’t been used by many of the modern scientists studying this problem,” explained Dr Lloyd White, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow from the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences and Royal Holloway University. And the location of oil and hydrocarbon resources is determined by the tectonic architecture of the Earth, according to Professor Gordon Lister of the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences.

“We’ve brought geology back into the equation, making our understanding of the underlying processes that build the Earth’s architecture much more accurate,” he said.

“This information can help us understand where and how sedimentary basins containing oil and gas are formed, such as those that are found along Australia’s southern margin,” said Dr George Gibson from Geoscience Australia.

Farming in southwestern Asia dates back to 12,000 years

Soul, 5 July — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd missed already modest expectations for its quarterly earnings guidance on Friday, deepening worries that its smartphone business may have peaked, as growth in sales of its blockbuster Galaxy phones begins to wane and new rivals emerge to eat away at its market share.

The Galaxy S, powered by Google’s free Android platform, propelled the South Korean firm into the top rank of smartphone makers in 2012, overtaking Apple Inc whose iPhone had set an industry standard five years earlier.

Now investors fear Samsung may also follow in the footsteps of Apple and other once-mighty players that are struggling with shrinking margins, in an industry where companies live and die by their ability to stay ahead of the innovation curve.

Is Samsung’s smartphone story over now? Not quite yet. It’s growth is indeed slowing due largely to disappointing sales of the S4, said Jung Sung-jin, a fund manager at Dongbu Asset Management, which owns Samsung shares. “Yet I think Samsung has some exciting stuff up its sleeves. The problem is no one is sure whether these products can really wow investors and consumers.” The disappointing earnings estimate by Samsung, which has had a track record of beating even the most bullish forecasts, sent its shares down more than 3 percent on Friday.

They have dropped 17 percent since early June, hit by a series of brokerage downgrades. The share price reflects concerns about Samsung’s handset margins, with its mobile business generating 70 percent of the tech giant’s total profit.

The fall in the share price equates to a drop in market value of 39 trillion won ($34.2 billion), or worth the combined market capitalisation of Sony Corp and LG Electronics Inc. “One of the biggest risks for Samsung Electronics going forward is that 70 percent of total operating profit comes from mobile business. Diversification is key. Samsung needs to engage in active business transition until end-2014,” said Jeff Kim, an analyst at Hyundai Securities.

Samsung Electronics’ second quarter misses forecast as smartphone worries deepen

A man uses his mobile phone in front of a Samsung mobile shop in Seoul on 4 July, 2013. —Reuters

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Osaka, 5 July — Panasonic Corp will close its solar cell factory in Hungary next March and dismiss some 550 workers there, sources familiar with the plan said on Friday.

The struggling Japanese electronics maker will end production at its only European solar cell factory in September, leaving it with solar factories in western Japan and one in Malaysia, the sources added. While the solar energy market in Europe has been flagging and Japanese solar cell makers have been facing fierce competition there with Chinese makers, sales of solar panels in Japan are expected to grow, after a system that obliges electric utilities to purchase all electricity generated from renewable sources, such as solar power, came into effect July.

Kyodo News

Study finds MERS virus has not yet reached pandemic potential

London, 5 July — The Middle East coronavirus that has killed 40 people since emerging last year has not yet reached pandemic potential and may simply die out, according to new estimates of how easily it is transmitted.

In a study in The Lancet medical journal, researchers from France’s Institut Pasteur in Paris analyzed data on Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) clusters and found its likelihood of developing into a SARS-like worldwide epidemic was low.

The MERS coronavirus, which can cause coughing, fever and pneumonia, emerged last year and has spread from the Gulf to France, Germany, Italy, Tunisia and Britain. The World Health Organization puts the latest global toll at 40 deaths from a total of 77 laboratory-confirmed cases. It is related to SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, because the virus that causes it is from the same coronavirus family. SARS emerged in China in 2002 and then spread around the world, killing about one in 8,000 people it infected.

But Arnaud Fontanet, who led the latest published research on MERS, said despite sharing “many clinical, epidemiological, and virological similarities with SARS, the two viruses have different biology.” He said one distinction was their use of different receptors to infect cells in human airways — a key factor in how easily a virus is passed from person to person. To analyze whether MERS poses a similar threat as SARS did, Fontanet’s team looked at data from 55 cases of MERS infection and calculated something called a basic reproduction number, or R0. The basic reproduction number of an infection is the average number of secondary cases a single infected case will cause in a population with no immunity to the disease. Even in their worst case scenario, MERS had a lower R0 (at 0.69) compared with pre-pandemic SARS (at 3.0). When the R0 is above 1.0, epidemic potential has been reached, the researchers explained in their study. And the R0 for pandemic SARS was estimated to be between 2.2 and 3.7. “MERS has not spread as rapidly or as widely as SARS did,” Fontanet said in a statement. “SARS’ adaption to humans took just several months, whereas MERS has already been circulating more than a year in human populations without mutating into a pandemic form.” — Reuters

Three million Europeans catch infections in hospital annually

London, 5 July — On any given day, some 80,000 patients in Europe are fighting an infection they picked up in hospital, often while in intensive care, the EU’s disease monitoring agency said in a survey published on Thursday.

Although some of these infections can be treated easily, others — like the superbug MRSA and other drug-resistant bugs — can be fatal or affect patients’ health very seriously, taking several months of costly hospital care and medication to beat. A survey by the European Centre for Diseases Prevention and Control (ECDC) found that on any given day, one in 18 patients in European hospitals has at least one hospital-acquired infection — amounting to around 3.2 million patients per year. “Healthcare-associated infections pose a major public health problem and a threat to European patients,” said Marc Sprenger, Director of the Stockholm-based ECDC. He said many of these infections could be prevented by well thought-out, sustained and multi-pronged prevention and control programs and he urged hospitals to step up the fight.

“Such programmes, as well as prudent use of antibiotics, will help all actors involved to protect patients of European hospitals,” he said in a statement.

The ECDC warned last year that doctors are increasingly having to turn to last-ditch antibiotics due to growing drug-resistant superbugs in Europe — prompting hospitals to refer more patients to specialist centers.

The latest survey, which covered 1,000 hospitals in 30 European countries, found the highest rates of hospital-acquired infections were among patients admitted to intensive care units, where 19.5 percent of patients had at least one bug they had picked up from the hospital. — Reuters

A doctor holds her stethoscope in an outpatients ward at a hospital in west London on 4 April, 2011. — Reuters

Mitsubishi Heavy to build second aircraft component plant in Vietnam

Tokyo, 5 July — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd will build a second aircraft component plant in Vietnam by next summer, company officials said on Friday.

The new plant will be adjacent to the existing facility in Hanoi and will produce components for the Boeing 777 jumbo jet that are currently turned out at the company’s Nagoya Aerospace Systems Works in central Japan.

The Nagoya facility will focus on producing components for Boeing Co.’s newest model of 787.

Retail industry to see steady growth

Shanghai, 5 July — Despite China’s slowing economic growth, the retail industry in the world’s second-largest economy will maintain sustainable growth in the medium and long term, commerce officials said on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the industry is undergoing a transformation and the government will make more efforts to enhance its quality and efficiency and to optimize its structure.

“Following the restructuring process of the economic growth model, the improvement of the consumption structure, the advancing urbanization, and especially the development of e-commerce, China’s retail industry in the remainder of the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15) will keep steady growth,” Wang Desheng, deputy director of the department of circulation industry development at the Ministry of Commerce, told a news conference on Thursday.

Guo Geping, President of the China Chain Store & Franchise Association, echoed that view and said that the country’s retail industry will maintain “sustainable and rigid growth in the medium and long term, driven by a huge market.” “The future development of the industry will focus on innovation, structural optimization and enhancements in quality and efficiency,” Wang said.

“The retail industry will see faster transformation and upgrading, including the integration of online and offline retail channels, mergers across regions and brand building.” — Xinhua

People eat less after harder workouts

New York, 5 July — High intensity workouts may curb people’s appetite by Afterwards, about an hour later, the researchers offered the participants oatmeal and told them to eat until they were “comfortably full.” — Reuters

Mitsubishi Heavy's second Vietnam plant

Shoppers choose vegetables at a supermarket in Huabei, Anhui province. China aims for 15 percent annual growth in retail sales to reach a value of 32 trillion yuan ($5.22 trillion) in 2015, compared with 18.12 trillion yuan in 2011. — Xinhua

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Union Peace-Making Central Committee reconstituted

The Union Peace-Making Central Committee which was formed with President Office’s order No.11/2012 dated 3 May, 2012 and order No.17/2012 dated 16 August, 2012 has been reformed with the following persons:

(1) U Thein Sein Chairman
    President

(2) Dr Sai Maik Kham member
    Vice-President

(3) U Nyan Tun member
    Vice-President

(4) Thura U Shwe Mann member

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Union Peace-Making Work Committee reconstituted

“Union Peace Making Work Committee” which was constituted with the Order No 12/2012 dated on 3 May, 2012, of the President Office has been reconstituted as follows:

(1) Dr Sai Maik Kham Chairman
    Vice-President

(2) Dr U Tin Zaw Vice-Chairman
    Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(3) U Ohn Myint Member
    Union Minister

(4) U Soe Thane Member
    Union Minister

(5) U Than Htay Member
    Union Minister

(6) U Khin Yi Member
    Union Minister

(7) U Win Tun Member
    Union Minister

(8) U Aung Min Member
    Union Minister

(9) U Maung Soe Member
    Union Minister

(10) Region or State Chief Ministers Members
    Chief Minister

(11) Kayah State Government (a) Chief Minister
    Kayah State Government (b) Chief Minister
    Kayah State Government (c) Chief Minister
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    Kayah State Government (j) Chief Minister
    Kayah State Government

(12) Commanders from the Tatmadaw Members
    (a) Commander, Northern Command
    (b) Commander, North-East Command
    (c) Commander, Eastern Command
    (d) Commander, Central-East Command
    (e) Commander, Triangle Region
    (f) Commander, South-East Command
    (g) Commander, Coastal Region
    (h) Commander, Western Command
    (i) Commander, North-West Command
    (j) Commander, Southern Command

(13) Deputy Minister Members
    (a) Deputy Minister, Minister of Home Affairs
    (b) Deputy Minister, Ministry of Border Affairs

(14) Maj-Gen Zaw Win Member
    Deputy Minister

(15) U Tun Tun Oo Member
    Chief Minister

(16) Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of National Races Members
    (a) Daw Dwe Bu
    (b) U Soe Ye
    (c) U Saw Thein Aung
    (d) Dr Tun Shin
    (e) U Hla Tun
    (f) U Ba Shein
    (g) U Stephen
    (h) U Hla Tun
    (i) U Kyin Wam
    (j) U Saw Tun Mya Aung

(17) Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives of National Races Members
    (a) U Zakhon Ting Ring
    (b) U Hsan Ye
    (c) Kayah National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
    (d) Kayah National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
    (e) Kayah National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
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Appointment of Kayah State Minister for Security and Border Affairs

Kayah State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Soe has been reassigned to discharge his previous military duties, and Col Zaw Lin Myo Tin from the Regional Control Command (Loikaw) has been appointed as Kayah State Minister for Security and Border Affairs in accord with Section 262 (a) (ii), (b) and (c) and (f) and Section 264 (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) and Section 82 (c) of the Union Government Law and Section 8 (a) (ii), (b), (f) and (g) and Section 56 (a) of the Union Government Law.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Appointment of Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs

Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Arnt Zaw has been reassigned to discharge his previous military duties, and Lt-Gen Ko Ko of No.88 Light Infantry Division has been appointed as Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs in accord with Section 262 (a) (ii), (b) and (c) and (f) and Section 264 (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) and Section 82 (c) of the Union Government Law and Section 8 (a) (ii), (b), (f) and (g) and Section 56 (a) of the Union Government Law.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
MCDC clears fallen Bo Tree in pagoda precinct

Mandalay City Development Committee clears a fallen Bo Tree in the precinct of Paungde Shwethalyaung Pagoda.

Sailors get life jacket drill

Sagain, 5 July—Workers of vessels and boats in Mingan village-tract in Sagaing Township got life jacket drill by Township Fire Services Department on 3 June.

Head of District Fire Services Department U Saw Lwin Myint and firefighters instructed the drill.

“We organize the drill for vessel workers to prevent local and foreign visitors from any unprecedented disasters,” U Saw Lwin Myint said.

“They would be able to overcome any dangers easily. The will to take preventive measures is positive.” MMAL-Zaw Myint Naung (Sagain)

Authorities meet local people in Thabyaygon ward

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 July—Authorities consulted with local people at the village-tract administrator in Thabyaygon ward in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 23 June.

Commander of Zabuthiri Township Police Force Police Major Nyi Win elaborated on activities and future programmes of the township police force and Police Inspector Win Nyunt Oo of No (1) Myoma Police Station on the activities of the station in the area.

Thabyaygon ward administrator U Khin Maung Win and townselder U Zaw Win discussed the activities of the ward. The meeting was attended by 35 residents of the ward.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

Transport

Navigation system in Myeik airport checked

BEECHCRAFT conducts check for navigation system installed at Myeik Airport.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Toungoo University organizes talks on traffic rules

Toungoo, 5 July—An educational talk on prevention against natural disaster and traffic rules was carried out at convocation hall in Toungoo University in Bago Region on 28 June morning.

Rector of Toungoo University Dr Aung Thu delivered a speech at the ceremony. Commander of Toungoo District Police Force Police Li-Col Khin Aung, head of Toungoo District Road Administration Directorate U Thaung Myint and Head of District Transport Planning Department U Win Myint gave talks on curbing traffic accidents, traffic rules and rules for motorbike riders with Power Point presentations.

The talk was attended by the rector, professors, lecturers and some 500 students of the University.

MMAL-Thura (Toungoo)

Kyaukme marks Myanmar Women’s Day

Kyaukme, 5 July—A ceremony to launch the commemoratory signboard of Myanmar Women’s Day was held in front of Myitta Mon Hall in Kyaukme on 3 July.

The ceremony was attended by Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Yi Yi Lwin and Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Moe Hein of Kyaukme.

Chairperson gave a brief account of the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation’s background history. At the ceremony, outstanding ladies who excelled in Buddhist literature exam, performing arts competitions and matriculation exams were honoured.

Prizes were also presented to winners of essay contests in commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Kyaukme)

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One BEMS upgraded in Myingyan Tsp

Myingyan, 5 July—A ceremony of upgrading Kunsite Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region was held in front of the school on 1 July.

At the ceremony, Myingyan Township Pyithu Hlutaw Representative U Win Myint, Myingyan District Education Officer U Shwe Kar Lyan and Myingyan Township Administrator U Tin Htoo Maung cut the ribbon to open the school.

After that, the Pyithu Hlutaw Representative gave a speech and the Education Officer explained the education development tasks and requirements. Then, Kunsite Village townselder U Thaung Hoke spoke words of thanks.

The ceremony was attended by Myingyan District Deputy Commissioner U Hla Win Tin and staff, townsselders, social organizations, the Headmaster, teachers and students, members of the school board of trustees and local people.

Kyemon-Zaw Min Naung

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)
Cooperatives

Today marks the International Day of Cooperatives which came into existence on the first Saturday of July, 1993. Some countries have expanded their economies through the strength of cooperatives which the civilian government in office considers the first important step toward rural development and poverty reduction.

It is obvious that the wind of change is blowing all over the country after the re introduction of parliamentary democracy which had failed to take root in the face of political infighting and power struggle five decades ago. Nonetheless, there remains a certain gap between the pace and extent of ongoing changes and the level of public expectations.

Rome wasn’t built in a day. More haste, less speed. There is a number of proverbs one can quote to defend himself against other’s criticism of his slowness, but we are supposed to be in a catching-up process and we need to act with speed though we cannot get things done overnight. Unless and until we have a sense of emergency, our hopes for better future would still be castles in the air.

In fact, the public perception of cooperatives has not been so positive and thus it needs to revive public confidence in cooperative works which if under proper management can ensure win-win situation for all the members. While the agricultural cooperatives are a fundamental requirement to improve the productivity of farmers by facilitating access to markets, credit and technology, financial cooperatives are to be strengthened as part of microfinance works to provide the poor with access to interest-free loans to run their own businesses.

Meanwhile, it needs to assure farmers receive tangible benefits from loan and other welfare programmes of donor countries and organizations. There have been many success stories of cooperatives in many countries and thus it is worthwhile to strengthen cooperatives at different levels in striving for better economic performance.

Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-32) launched free distribution

Tourist maps of Myanmar include detailed map of Myanmar and maps of Yangon, Mandalay, PinyOoLwin, Bagan, MraukU, Taunggyi, Inlay, Kyaukhtiteyo, Myiek, Ngwehsaung, and Chaungtha. The newly-issued TMM-32 are widely distributed at home and abroad and sufficiently delivered at ITB Berlin-2013 held in Berlin of Germany from 6 to 10 March. Systematic distribution is being carried out by overseas Myanmar embassies in cooperation with the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moreover, the maps are daily distributed to the visitors who enter Myanmar through Yangon International Airport, Mandalay and NyaungU Airports.

The services concerning hotels and tour agencies and tourist guides can take Tourist Maps of Myanmar by showing their company registration copier and general power letter at either Myanma Tourism Services or Design Printing Service Co Ltd during the office hours free of charge.

Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo presents Waso robes and offertories to member of Sangha.

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Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives German guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 July—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa met a delegation led by MP and former federal Minister for Economics and Technologies of Germany Mr Michael Glos, at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall here this evening.

The meeting focused on amity and cooperation between Hluttaws of the two countries and economics and technology.—MNA

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Vocational opportunities at Education & Career-2013

Yangon, 5 July—Education & Career Exhibition-2013 was launched at Myanmar Convention Center on Mindamma Road in Mayangon Township.

The participant universities and job opportunities by Dr Aung Tun Thet, Dr Myint Oo (GP), Writer Chit Oo Nyo, U Kyaw Thu (PMC). The participant universities also give presentations on respective subjects at the expo from 9 am to 5 pm on 5 to 8 July.—Kyemon
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Myanmar-China investment hits USD 20.7 billion

YANGON, 5 July—“Total investment between Myanmar and China has reached USD 20.7 billion. The businesses are being run with more than 15,000 Myanmar workers,” said Mr LV Dexing, Chairman of Chinese Companies Association at the press meet between Myanmar media and Chinese companies at the Chinese Embassy today.

Over 135 Chinese companies have invested in Myanmar-China investment sector, especially in oil, mining, generation of electricity, communication, agriculture, construction and fishery sectors, he added.

As part of cooperative social responsibility, these companies have donated USD 70 million, he said. He also quoted the former UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan, saying that according to a globally-accepted agreement, running a business is to be in accord with international standards and take socioeconomic development into consideration. It needs to put a spotlight on the fruitful results of the agreement.

He continued that China’s foreign investments policy is to follow respective countries’ laws and rules, and to take responsibilities for their socio-life development, to establish a better relation and ensure environmental conservation.

Mr Jin Honggen, the economic and commercial counselor of the Chinese Embassy called for following China-Myanmar laws, tax payment, trust-building with Myanmar civil societies and people, environment assessment, safety and health care of workers and staffers, transparency, China-Myanmar culture and technology exchanges and assistances to social organizations. Officials from CPI Co, CNICO Co, Myanmar Wenbao Co clarified their works and replied to the queries raised by media.—MNA

JICA grants technical and machinery assistance for seed production

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—It was attended by the directors-general, rector of Agriculture University and Agriculturist Dr. Suji, Dr. Okada, Mr. Tanka Masahiko and Mrs. Yamazaki (JICA Project Formulating Officer).

They took part in the discussion and Japan International Cooperation Agency offered technological assistance and modern machinery for seed production in Myanmar. Then, the Union minister and party observed high quality pilot research plantation at 65-acre paddy research farm of Ngakike irrigated area, 440-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation in Alynbo Village in Pyinmana Township, thriving dragon fruit farm of Shwe Than Lwin Co near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township and farmer’s educative 10-acre groundnut plantation. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing called for making concerted efforts for agricultural development to serve interest of the farmers.—MNA

Narcotic drugs seized in Kyanikan Cemetery in Patheingyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—They made a thorough search of that place and seized four packs of ephedrine powder weighing 15 kilos and five kilos each totaling 40 kilos, Solkuf brand 352,000 tablets of pseudo-ephedrine weighing 35.2 kilos, COOLACT brand 7000 capsules of pseudo-ephedrine weighing 7 kilos worth over K 210 million. Patheingyi Police Station filed a lawsuit against those who threw drugs away and the case is under investigation to arrest the culprit in cooperation with the combined teams.—MNA

A map shows Kyanikan cemetery yard where ownerless pseudoephedrine tablets and powder seen in north-west angle of it on 3 July.
**Local News**

**Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador, Iranian Deputy FM**

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 July—Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsint received Chinese Ambassador Mr Yang Houlan at his office, here, at 10 am today and discussed Myanmar-China’s economic, political and cultural affairs and exchange of delegations here, at 10 am today and Houlan at his office, Ambassador Mr Yang Hsint received Chinese Religious Affairs U Hsan July—Union Minister for

**MAPT goes to Trade Promotion Department**

Meiktila, 5 July—A ceremony to erect the signboard of Meiktila District Trade Promotion Department under the Ministry of Commerce was held at the district office of the department in Meiktila on 4 July morning.

The Ministry of Commerce has reconstituted the Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading to the Trade Promotion Department. The new signboard was erected by Staff Officer U Soe Than Naing of the District Trade Promotion Department, in-charges of the townships and staff of the district office.

**Use of stoves for saving firewood talked**

Mornvin, 5 July—Educative talks were given on use of stoves that can save firewood, in the east village of Indawgyi Lake in the month of July.

The environment and bird conservation section of Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, BANCA and FFI conduct the educative talks. The talks are intended to reduce wood burning so as to conserve Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary and its environs.—NLM-001

**School uniforms, stationery provided to students**

Singaing, 5 July—UHla Din-Daw Tin Sein family provided school uniforms and stationery to students from Kyethmyar Basic Education Middle School in Singaing Township on 1 June morning. The family has donated 166 sets of school uniforms to 166 students, 70 dozens of exercise books and 17 dozens of ball-pens to 152 students.

The BEMS has been opened in 1958. In 2013-2014 academic year, the school admits 117 primary students and 201 middle school students.

**Child Rights Committee holds coord meeting**

Haka, 5 July—Chin State Committee of the Child Rights held the coordination meeting No. 2/2013 at the office of State Government in Haka on 3 June morning.

On behalf of the Chief Minister of Chin State, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo and Chairman of Chin State Committee of the Child Rights State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Ba Maung made speeches on the occasion.

In-charge of UNICEF for Chin State U Pyong Swam Mon replied to questions raised by those present. After that, members of the Chin State Committee of the Child Rights adopted eight future tasks for protection of children.

Also present at the meeting were Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Hauk Khin Kham, Chief Justice of Chin State High Court U Win Myint Kyaw, state ministers, the advocate-coordinator for the Chin State Committee of the Child Rights Protection system, and linkage with Child Rights Committees.

Secretary of the Chin State Committee Assistant Director U Chan Pe of State Social Welfare Department submitted the reports on linking with Child Rights Committees.

**Malaysia University scholarship for Myanmar**

Yangoon, 5 July—UCSI University of Malaysia will present cent per cent scholarship to Myanmar students as the third time depending on their matriculation marks and the viva result of UCSI University. The students wishing to apply for the scholarship are to contact JENKO Education Consultants Ph 09-5062891, 09-420079631 and 09-421092220.

**Environmental Conservation**

**International Day of Co-operatives**

6th July, 2013 (Saturday)
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The Cabinet has approved the food security ordinance unanimously," said Food Minister KV Thomas told the media after a Cabinet meeting chaired by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The Food Minister said that the ordinance would be sent to Indian President Pranab Mukherjee for his approval, as required under the Constitution. Later, the Parliament will also have to pass it. The Food Security Bill proposes to provide a kilo of rice at three Indian rupees (six US cents), wheat at two rupees (four US cents) and millet at one rupee (two US cents).

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While the Congress says the bill aims at combating hunger, the opposition parties claim it’s a poll gimmick, with barely a year to go for the general elections. —Xinhua

Half of the 242 seats in the upper house are up for grabs every three years under a combination of constituencies and proportional representation. The latest election, 433 people filed their candidacies for the 121 seats at stake.

The LDP and its junior coalition partner, the New Komeito party, will have to win a total of 63 seats to secure an overall majority, as they already hold 59 seats that will not be contested this time.

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Xinhua

Bangladesh gets membership of Egmont Group

DHAKA, 5 July — The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of the Central Bank of Bangladesh has obtained membership of the Egmont Group at its recent annual meeting held in South Africa’s Sun city, an official said here on Thursday.

AFM Asaduzzaman, senior spokesman of Bangladesh Bank (BB), told Xinhua that the annual general meeting of the Egmont Group, which was held on Wednesday, made the decision to offer membership to Bangladesh for which the South Asian country awaited for about six years.

He said Bangladesh is now in a position to get information from the group on money laundering and terrorist groups-linked financing spontaneously.

Bangladesh reportedly applied for Egmont Group membership in 2007, but did not have a positive response from the network of FIUs because of its inability to meet previously some legal and infrastructural conditions.

Xinhua

Abenomics at stake as campaign starts for Japan upper house race

Tokyo, 5 July—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Thursday the Japanese economy is recovering after he took office while opposition parties warned of the downside of his policies, called “Abenomics,” as official campaigning began for the 21 July upper house election, a key test of his leadership over the past seven months.

“We are at the entrance of economic recovery. If we change this, we will lose everything,” Abe said in a stump speech in Tokyo.

He aims to regain control of the House of Councillors and solidify his power base to pursue key policy objectives, such as revising the nation’s pacifist Constitution to enhance its defence capabilities.

“We cannot proceed with reconstruction as well as economic revival if the Diet remains divided. I want to end it,” he said, referring to the dominance of opposition parties in the upper house.

But Banri Kaieda, leader of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, criticized Abenomics, aimed at turning nearly two decades of deflation into mild inflation through monetary and fiscal stimulus and private-sector investment.

“If the LDP wins this election, your livelihoods will be endangered,” Kaieda said in a speech in Iwate Prefecture, also located in quake-hit eastern Japan.

“We must face off against the Abe administration, which will destroy people’s lives.” —Xinhua

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe makes a stump speech in Fukushima City on 4 July, 2013, the day official campaigning started for the 21 July upper house election that will be a key test of Abe’s leadership over the past seven months.—Kyodo News

Thai prime minister visits Poland

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**Announcement to be known by Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko - Russian Passport 64 no. 5559064 and the personnel concerned**

1. Under the instruction of U AUNG THEIN (12/MaYaKa (Naypyidaw) 84-00032), the landlord of the land, together with 2 storyed RC building on the land in the address of No.1000/C, Shwe Hninshu 5th Lane, Ward (5) Mayangone Township, Yangon Region.

2. My client leased the house mentioned above for one year from 27-6-2012 to 26-6-2013 to Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko, his cook returned the said land and house in vacant position on 27-6-2013 into the hands of U AUNG THEIN as lease period was over and my client has accepted it back.

3. Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko went back to Russia about 3 months ago and he has not appeared any time since on Thursday, according to a statement from district gov.

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**New law in China focuses on social care for senior citizens**

BEIJING, 5 July—The new Chinese Elderly Protection Law came into effect recently, sparking hot debate in China, be regulated by law? CRI's Xu Fei takes a closer look.

Reporter: Family members should care about the psychological needs of their elderly relatives, and visit them or send greetings on a regular basis. Is this according to Clause 18 of the newly-amended Chinese Elderly Protection Law which took effect on Monday. And it applies not only to those who live apart from their parents to visit them more often or regularly contact their families.

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Those who don’t visit their parents, and don’t care about their elderly parents, but how about if they fail to do this? Without this, the clause becomes impractical and un-able to direct people. However, according to Li Jianfei, a professor at the Law College of China’s prestigious Renmin University, the law is ambiguous, the fact that the government is using the law to force people to fulfill their filial duties is worthwhile as young Chinese people become busier and as a result show less concern for their ageing parents...—Xinhua

**Brazil’s VP reaffirms government pledge to hold referendum**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 July — Brazilian Vice President Michel Temer Thursday reaffirmed the government’s intention to hold a referendum on political reform, reversing his statement that there was no enough time to do so.

Temer said parties belonging to the ruling alliance would have to be postponed until next year, because the constitutional term was impossible to meet. Brazil’s Supreme Electoral Court Tuesday set an early-September deadline for the referendum, saying the time limit is set to allow Congress to have enough time for the approval of any proposed political reforms by Oct. 5, a year before next general election, which is stipulated by Brazilian law.

Minister of Justice Jose Eduardo Cardozo said the ruling alliance of political parties was very united in its support for a referendum on political reforms. “We will have a new model of the political system. The people are going to decide how they want their decisions to be represented in the future, and it is a step forward in the nation’s history,” he said. —Xinhua
Sandra Bullock changes priorities thanks to ‘dictator’ son

Los Angeles, 5 July—Actress Sandra Bullock says she would love to perform on stage with her star cousin Priyanka Chopra. "I would love to perform with her. She is one of the best dancers we have," Parineeti Chopra said.

The 24-year-old, who is here for the 14th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards, says she grew up watching Priyanka and other celebrities attending award functions and is now thrilled to be part of the festivities.

“It just used to be a distant dream at one point when I used to see stars go abroad and attend these awards and be on the biggest stage of Bollywood. I feel blessed to be a part of that entourage,” she said.

Parineeti will be seen performing with Vicky Donor fame actor Ayushmann Khurrana at the IIFA awards night. Praising IIFA organisers, she said: “It is exciting as always. I have said it before that IIFA was the first one to do it. They were the reason that Bollywood came closer to global fans. This time I have been offered to be on their main stage,” she said.

“It’s a romantic act with Ayushmann. I will be performing on slow songs,” added the actress.—PTI

Parineeti Chopra, who will perform at the IIFA awards night, says that she is excited and nervous about her performance.

Taylor Swift plays Cupid for Selena Gomez?

Los Angeles, 5 July—Singer Taylor Swift, who is a good friend of Selena Gomez, is reportedly trying to push the latter to start a relationship with Austin Mahone.

“It was (Taylor’s) idea to push Austin and Selena together because she really likes Austin and thinks he would be a good distraction for Selena right now. She did the same with Ed (Sheeran) and Selena, but so far Selena is keeping it strictly friends with both of them,” entertainmentwise.com quoted a source as saying.

“But Taylor is going to keep trying, she loves hooking up her friends and especially Selena, because she wants to see her with anyone but Justin (Bieber)! Selena has a bad habit of taking Justin back again and again so even though she swears it’s over for good I’m sure Taylor’s a little worried that she’ll cave in again,” the source added.

Selena had earlier denied having relationship with 17-year-old singer Mahone. She was earlier in a relationship with Justin Bieber.—PTI
United names Giggs and Neville as coaches

LONDON, 5 July—Manchester United appointed Ryan Giggs as player-coach and Phil Neville as first-team coach on Thursday to ease pressure on new boss David Moyes. Giggs, 39, has been taking his coaching diplomas and is due to attain the UEFA Pro Licence. Giggs spent his entire career at United since making his debut in 1991. He played in more than 1,000 senior competitive matches, and his titles include 13 English Premier League titles, four FA Cups, and two Champions League titles.

Neville ended his playing career at Everton last season. The former England fullback played for United from 1995 to 2005 and has recently worked with England Under-21s. "Moyes has already brought in three coaches from his former team Everton. Steve Round will be his assistant, replacing Mike Phelan, after being the Scot’s No 2 since 2009. Former England international Chris Woods will be goalkeeping coach, and Jimmy Lumsden another coach on United’s books."—Xinhua

Djokovic and Murray face giant challenges

LONDON, 5 July—Wimbledon 2013 will be remembered as a tournament of shocks but unless giants Juan Martin del Potro and Jerzy Janowicz will be goalkeeping coach, and Jimmy Lumsden another coach on United’s books.—Xinhua

LONDON, 5 July—French striker Nicolas Anelka signed a one-year deal with Premier League club West Bromwich Albion, the club said. The club has an option to extend the contract for another year.

Anelka, 34, is going to play for his sixth Premier League team after he turned out for Arsenal, Manchester City, Bolton and Chelsea and had a loan spell at Liverpool.

Anelka signed for Chinese side Shanghai Shenhua at the start of last season but finished the campaign back up in Europe with Italian giants Juventus.

He has also played for Paris St Germain, Real Madrid and Fenerbahce and won 69 caps for France scoring 14 goals. However, he has not played for Les Blues since the 2010 World Cup.—Xinhua

Buenos Aires to host Youth Olympics in 2018

LAUSANNE, 5 July—Buenos Aires will host the 2018 Youth Olympic Games after beating the Colombian city of Medellin in an International Olympic Committee vote on Thursday. Glasgow was eliminated in the first round of voting and the Argentine capital won 49 votes to Medellin’s 39 in the second round. Four Buenos Aires bids for the senior Olympics, the most recent for the 204 Games, have ended in rejection.

"We won on our experience in staging major sporting events and the compactness of the venues," Gerardo Werthein, president of the Argentine Olympic Committee, told reporters. "We have bid four times for an Olympics, this event is tailor-made for our country," he said. "The choice of Buenos Aires appeared to break with an unwritten principle that the youth games should be staged in cities which are too small to have any hope of staging the senior Olympics. Medellin, home to the notorious Medellin drug cartel in the 1980s, had been hoping to be awarded the games as recognition of its recent transformation. Known as the city of eternal spring thanks to its balmy Andean climate, it has a thriving cultural scene and its innovative urban projects, including cable cars to the hillside shanty-towns, have been copied elsewhere in Latin America. Colombia’s President Juan Manuel Santos took part in Medellin’s presentation.

"Colombia and Medellin have moved forward in an amazing way from very difficult times," he said during the presentation. "It’s a new Colombia, a nation that likes to think big." Medellin’s mayor Anibal Gaviria added: "I believe this would be an opportune symbol of this reconciliation." The Youth Olympic Games were first held in Singapore in 2010 and the next edition will be hosted in Nanjing, China, next year.—Reuters

Nicolas Anelka

The German 23rd seed showed why she had an 18-4 win-loss record at the All England Club—but 16-15 at the other slams—as she clawed back from 3-0 down to win the longest third set in a women’s semi-final here since Conchita Martinez squeezed past Lori McNeil 10-8 in 1994.—Reuters
French court says Sarkozy overspent state funds in 2012 campaign

In France, election funding is capped, large donations are banned and the state subsidises campaign spending. The council, which counted 12 members including Sarkozy, upheld a December 2012 decision by the national campaign financing watchdog that Sarkozy’s campaign spending during his run-off against Hollande went over an allotted budget of 22.5 million euros.

Whereas the watchdog calculated the overspending at 300,000 euros ($389,000), the court said that Sarkozy overspent by 466,118 euros, or 2.1 per cent above the ceiling. UMP party leader Jean-Francois Cope said he would convene his team next week to examine any possible recourse.

Sarkozy is grappling with a host of legal problems, including scrutiny over the funding of his 2007 campaign. He also faces a fraud investigation over political favours, a campaign funding scandal involving France’s richest woman and another involving possible kickbacks for submarine sales to Pakistan in the 1990s when he was a government minister.

Gunman shoots two, commits suicide in Texas

Houston, 5 July—A gunman shot two neighbours and then killed himself in the US state of Texas Thursday night, authorities said.

The shooting happened around 8 p.m. CST in the Cypress area, 40 km north-west of Texas’s largest city Houston, local TV ABC13 reported.

Investigators said there was a fight between two different homes, and one homeowner grabbed a gun, walked to a house across the cul-de-sac and shot two men. One was shot in the neck, the other in the torso.

One of the victims was taken to a hospital in a private car, while the other was transported via Life-Flight to another hospital. Both are in serious conditions, the report said.

Investigators said the suspect gunman later returned to his home, where he shot and killed himself.

It wasn’t immediately known whether the two victims were residents in the neighbourhood or just visiting the house and what their relationship is. Authorities are trying to learn the history between them.—Xinhua

Grondona says FIFA wants Argentina-Uruguay 2030 World Cup

Buenos Aires, 5 July—FIFA wants the centenary World Cup in 2030 to be jointly staged by Uruguay and Argentina, who met in the final of the inaugural tournament, Argentine FA (AFA) president Julio Grondona said on Thursday. In 1930, Uruguay, the then double Olympic champions, beat Argentina 4-2 in the showpiece match at the Centenario stadium in Montevideo in front of a crowd of more than 80,000.

“FIFA wishes to celebrate the World Cup’s 100 years in Argentina and Uruguay, I can confirm that,” said Grondona, the senior vice-president of world soccer’s governing body. “(An agreement) has been signed by the two associations (AFA and Uruguay’s AUF). What will we do?... We’ll see but surely something of quality,” Grondona told Argentina’s Radio 10.

The only co-hosted World Cup finals so far were organized by Japan and South Korea in 2002. Any future joint bid must have one organizing committee, unlike the 2002 Asian World Cup which had separate Japanese and Korean committees.—Reuters
Name addition in CSC aimed only for students and staff

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint replies to queries.—MNA

Dr Tin Maung Kyaw of Kyangin Constituency asking question.  
MNA

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint, 5 July—Ten questions were answered and one bill, submitted at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw Session.

With regard to the question on laws, procedures, directives and documents for the addition and change of name in Citizenship Scrutiny Card (CSC), Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint replied that the ministry is carrying out the addition of name in line with the 1982-Myanmar Citizenship Law, but has not allowed change of card holders’ names so far. The addition of name is aimed only for students and staff.

Regarding the question of Dr Tin Maung Kyaw on drugs control measures, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied that nobody can buy medicines that can be used only with prescriptions, except for purchase of these medicines along with prescriptions from registered doctor, dentist or veterinarians.

He also touched upon FDA’s supervision, dissemination of knowledge on health, action taken in cooperation with other departments, conducting regular courses for doctors, nurses and health staff and compilation of health handbooks.

“Minister’s reply is a bit complete. It is found that there are weaknesses in implementation. As a matter of fact, all citizens should participate in this matter. Some said that as there is no outpatient department at the hospitals as people cannot afford to charge high costs there due to cost-sharing system,” Dr Tin Maung Kyaw said.

The meeting came to an end at 1.20 pm today.  
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Transport Ministry to issue Air Operation Certificate
Amyotha Hluttaw approves proposal to save Indawgyi Lake

Deputy Minister U Han Sein replies to questions.  
MNA

Union Minister Dr Myint Aung responds to questions.  
MNA

Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung said: “The Indawgyi Lake is the biggest lake in Myanmar and in the south-east Asia. He also urged ministries concerned to carry out a survey and to plan a budget in attempts to save the lake and the farmland.”

The proposal was put to a vote and approved by the Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung. He also touched upon the importance of the lake and farmland damaged by illegal gold mining in Kachin State.

Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung replied that measures to conserve the ecological system including the lake and farmland damaged by illegal gold mining were being carried out and he also called on local authorities, related ministries, regional MPs and people to cooperate with each other in making efforts for saving the lake and the farmland.

The department of Civil Aviation issued the Myanmar Civil Aviation Requirement (MCAR) Part-2 regarding the Air Operator Certificate (MCAR) Part-2 regarding the General Aviation on 17 May 2012.

During the session, four MPs discussed a proposal to protect the Indawgyi Lake which is being silted up and farmland damaged by the illegal gold mining in Kachin State.

U San Pyae of Kachin State constituency No. 7 called on the Union Government and the Kachin State government for conserving the lake which is the biggest one in Myanmar and in the south-east Asia.

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First day session of Magway Region Hluttaw held

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 July—The first day of the fifth regular session of first Magway Region Hluttaw was held at the Hluttaw Hall of Magway Region at 10 am yesterday.

It was attended by Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, Speaker U Ye Myint and the deputy speaker of Magway Region Hluttaw, Magway region ministers and representatives.

At first, the Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw representatives took affirmations. Then, five representatives raised eight questions and the responsible persons replied to them.

The session submitted the freight handling bill.  
MNA

U Tun Nay Linn presents credentials to Chilean President

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 July—Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Chile, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Sebastián Piñera Echenique, President of the Republic of Chile, on 28 June 2013 in Santiago.—MNA

Hluttaw Complex welcomes visitors

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 July—A group of 425 members comprising (Army, Navy and Air) soldiers who passed the Matriculation Exam with distinctions, outstanding students, the Commandants of Tatmadaw Education Schools and the Staff Officer (Grade-I) (A) visited Hluttaw Complex where the eighth day seventh regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was being held today.—MNA