Pyidaungsu Hluttaw suspends discussion on recall bill

MP criticizes suspension of recall bill

**Nay Pyi Taw**, 20 Aug—A well-known member of parliament at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on Thursday criticized the decision to suspend the recall bill, complaining that the parliament is heavy with self-seekers.

In an interview, MP U Hla Swe said that voters do have the right to recall the representatives who fail to bring about development in their region.

“The law is essential for the electorates to punish their representatives,” he said, adding that it is awful that the suspended bill will not be able to bring back silent parliamentarians.

The motion to enact the bill to recall members of parliament was defeated by 264 votes to 235.

Money Expo 2015 commences at Tatmadaw Convention Hall

**Yangon**, 20 Aug—With the aim of helpful for Myanmar economic development, Myanmar Promotional Services Co., Ltd. organized the Money Expo 2015 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Thursday. U Myint Swe, Chief Minister of Yangon Region and party visited the shows.

A total of 30 local companies from financial sectors showcased service documents and machinery on banking insurance, stock exchange, credit card, debit card, point of sale, automated teller machine, tele-banking, M-banking, e-Banking, digital banking, banking software, securities at 130 showrooms.

The expo will run up to 23 August.

Spouses of ASEAN Navy Chiefs observe maternal, child development activities

**Nay Pyi Taw**, 20 Aug—The spouses of ASEAN Navy Chiefs and party on Thursday visited Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association’s office here to observe the programmes run by the association.

During their visit, Secretary of MMCWA Daw Tin Tin Win clarified the functions and duties of the association as well as its wide range of development programmes for maternal and child.

They also visited a clinic established by the association to improve maternal and child health care.

Irrawaddy dolphin spotted outside normal habitat range

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“The Irrawaddy dolphin can be seen upper in parts of Myanmar such as Tagoaung and Katha,” he said.

“It is not normal to see him there. We need to take care of him and promote local awareness for dolphins.”

According to records, there were only 60 Irrawaddy dolphins left in Myanmar in 2014.

A 72-kilometre stretch of the Ayeyawady River from Mingun in Sagaing region to Kyaukmyaung is a designated dolphin protection area.

Thibha Thu

No extension of pension scheme planned: Ministry of Finance

**Nay Pyi Taw**, 20 Aug—The government has no plans to extend the pension payment scheme for civil servants who retired as of 1 April 2015 to those who retired before the date, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung told the Pyithu Hluttaw on Thursday.

The deputy minister made the statement in response to a question raised by Dr Soe Yin of Kamayut Constituency during the 12th regular session of the Lower House.

Workshop teaches techniques for counselling flood victims

**Yangon**, 20 Aug—The Myanmar Psychology Association opened a workshop Thursday for local social organizations and charity workers supporting flood victims.

The psychosocial support training workshop will run for two days, and will be one of six such workshops conducted by the MPA.

Led by Prof Dr Nilar Kyu, 30 teachers and students from the psychology department of Yangon University and two teachers from Magway will conduct field visits in Sedoktara and Pwintbyu Townships from August 23 to 29.

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