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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for third day

Questions raised and answered, proposals and bills submitted for approval



Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the third day at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at

10 am today, attended by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 387 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, Union Minister for Border

Affairs Maj-Gen Thein Htay replied to the query on Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College raised by U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Tok of Momeik Constitu-

ency. The Union Minister said that Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College prioritizes the eligible national race youths from border areas with lack of development to attend the courses. The degree college is striving for nurturing more youths year after year. Priority is given to selection of the youths who passed matriculation examination from remote areas and from 29 national youths and border region development training schools.

The degree college prescribes the qualifications for the youths who must be national race and is fluent in ethnic language, must pass the matriculation examination. They must not be over 20 years on 30 June in academic year. They must be single. They must be citizenship scrutiny card holders. The

candidate to the degree college must not be pursuing higher education of universities including University of Distance Education. They have to enter the personal test of the scrutiny board. The students must pass the medical test. The entrance scrutiny board chaired by the Deputy Minister for Border Affairs is systematically carrying out the tasks. In 2011-2012 academic year, arrangements have been made to admit 200 more arts and science students and 200 more engineering students.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to two queries on Myanmar Railways raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

With regard to the question on Gokhtaik railroad viaduct raised by U Kyaw Myint of Nawngkhio Constitu-

ency, the Union Minister replied that according to the inspection of JICA and Myanmar Railways, the bridge is in good condition. If the bridge is maintained regularly, the facility can be used for the long term. Myanmar Railways is carrying out annual inspection and maintenance for the bridge. Moreover, specific technician teams of Myanmar Railways check the bridge. Not to be stopped the runs of train, a reserved railroad has been constructed downstream of the Gokhtaik Viaduct. Yearly, funds will be allotted for the facility and regular inspection and maintenance will be undertaken.

The Union Minister then replied to a query raised by U Myint Thu of Dagon Myothit (East) Constituency on upgrading passenger coaches, (See page 8)

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River in Myitnge (877) cm has exceeded by (7) cm (about 0.2 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (24) hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Sittoung River in Madauk (1125) cm has exceeded by (55) cm (about 1.8 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung (1166) cm has exceeded by (36) cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (72) hours commencing this noon.—MNA



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Know your responsibilities, Know your rights

The second regular sessions of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and the first Amyotha Hluttaw are going on at respective Hluttaw Halls of Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw. Hluttaw representatives raise questions, reply to queries, present reports and submit bills at the regular sessions.

Hluttaws are bodies with all characteristics and essence of democracy and power sharing among themselves. Hluttaw representatives submit people's desire as questions, proposals and bills for discussions.

They have the opportunity to raise questions at the Hluttaws in the interests of their constituencies. Likewise, they may raise queries on emergence of good governance and clean government and strengthening of judicial body without personal attack. Hluttaw representatives are to serve the interest of the people and the nation without sectarianism, dogmatism, localism, racism and religionism.

As Hluttaw system is in its infancy as a form of democracy, all the Hluttaw representatives are the pioneers of the Parliamentary democracy. They must show good examples for next generations. Taking lessons from the past events, they bravely and unitedly carry out the tasks that should be undertaken at present.

The main duty of Hluttaw representatives is to create legislation. The executive and judicial bodies are to follow the laws enacted by the Hluttaw. Putting public interest first, it is necessary to enact laws on protection of interests of nation and its citizens and protect rights of citizens, democracy and human rights.

Hluttaw must be efficient and strong. Unity and understanding among Hluttaw representatives is a must. They are to do their best knowing their rights and responsibilities while listening to the voice of people.

New library commissioned into public in Thayetchaung Township

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—An opening ceremony of Bawa Alinyaung library took place in Paingtaung Village, Paingtaung Village-tract in Thayetchaung Township, Tawei District on 17 morning.

Regional government, District Information and Public Relations Department, Township Information and Public Relations Department donated publications to the library.

It's reported that the library constructed with Government's fund and public fund is one storey building with 24 feet length and 14 feet width.

MNA

Union FM receives Vice-President of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries President of China-Myanmar Friendship Association



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Vice-President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and President of China-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Feng Zuoku.

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Vice-President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and President of China-

Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Feng Zuoku at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 2 pm today. During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on strengthening friendship between the two countries.

MNA

Religious Affairs Ministry sets sight on English proficiency

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The Ministry of Religious Affairs opened English Proficiency Course No (1) for Officers on 22 August.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung addressed the opening ceremony which was attended by Deputy Minister Dr Maung Htay, departmental heads, lecturers and trainees. A total of 28 trainees will complete the six-week course.—MNA

Opening ceremony of English Proficiency Course No (1) of Ministry of Religious Affairs in progress.

MNA



Thudhamma public rest houses under renovation

MANDALAY, 24 Aug—Of the 33 Thudhamma public rest houses donated by King Mindon at the foot of Mandalay Mountain in 1864, the remaining 19 ones are being renovated: 6 with the State funds and 13, with public donations.

Renovation of public rest house No. 5, 10 and 11 with departmental funds has been completed by about 65 percent; and that of public rest house No.

7, 8 and 17 with public contributions, by about 60 percent. Of the public rest houses to be renovated with public contributions, No. 9, 15 and 19 are being rebuilt speedily to complete the process as soon as possible.

Under the super-vision of experts, the paintings in those public rest houses donated by Hermit U Khanti in 1907 are being renovated and maintained with scientific methods with an allotted budget.

MNA

Course on Young People and SRH held

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Jointly organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, a course on Young People and Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) (MYA/09/A1) is opened at the MMCWA in Dakhina-

thiri Township on 22 August.

A total of 30 trainees from Kachin and Shan states are attending the course which will be held till 26 August.

Vice-President of MMCWA Dr. Daw Wai Wai Tha delivered

opening address and Executive Director of the IPPF Project Dr. Ko Ko Maw explained SRH projects.

Secretary of the MMCWA Daw Thazin Nwe presented cash assistance for the project to responsible personnel from Mogaung, Myitkyina, Bhamo, Taunggyi, Shwenyaung

and Nyaungshwe townships.

Dr. Thein Thein Htay, Deputy Director-General of the Health Department and Secretary of MMCWA Daw Thazin Nwe gave talks on millennium goals of SRH and roles of MMCWA in the project.

MNA



Palestinian civil defence officers look over a destroyed car following an Israeli air raid in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, on 24 Aug, 2011. An Israeli airstrike killed a Palestinian militant in Rafah town in southern Gaza Strip early Wednesday, witnesses and security sources said.

XINHUA

Afghan police kill 14 militants, detain 35

KABUL, 24 Aug—Afghan police backed by the army and NATO-led troops have eliminated over a dozen anti-government militants and captured nearly three dozen others, the Interior Ministry of

Afghanistan said in a Press release issued here on Wednesday.

“Afghan National Police with the assistance of the Afghan army and Coalition forces have killed 14 armed militants and captured 35 others

during 16 joint and independent operations across the country over the past 24 hours,” the statement asserted.

Three more militants sustained injuries, it said. However, it did not say if there were any casualties on the troops.

These operations had been carried out in Parwan, Kandahar, Helmand, Maidan Wardak, Logar, Khost, Ghazni, Paktiya and Herat provinces during which a large number of light and heavy weapons had also been sized, according to the statement. Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.—*Internet*

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 24 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 34260 Afghan people were killed and 41979 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 24 Aug.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	34260
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41979

Internet

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 24 Aug reached 706913 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1280936, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	706913
2.	Seriously injured people	1280936

Internet

Israeli airstrike kills Gaza militant after ceasefire

GAZA, 24 Aug—An Israeli airstrike killed a Palestinian militant in Rafah town in southern Gaza Strip early Wednesday, witnesses and security sources said.

The missile attack killed a member of the military wing of the Islamic Jihad movement and wounded two others, said Adham Abu Selmia, a spokesman for the medical services.

The incident came a day after the Islamic Hamas movement, which controls Gaza, announced that a ceasefire has been reached with Israel. The agreement aimed at ending four days of cross-border violence that flared up after Israel accused Gaza militants of being behind deadly attacks in the Red Sea resort of Eilat Thursday. By this strike, the number of Palestinians killed since Thursday rises to 16.—*Xinhua*

Forest fire in Turkey's Aegean region



Smoke and flames are seen in the mountains of Izmir, Turkey, on 24 Aug, 2011.

The fire in Izmir is one of the forest fires broke out in western and southwestern Turkey.

XINHUA

ISTANBUL, 24 Aug—Fire-fighting teams on Monday managed to extinguish a forest fire in Turkey's Aegean Province of Denizli, a local news agency reported.

A team of 100 people assisted by 3 helicopters and 3 bulldozers managed to put out the blaze that

began nearly 24 hours earlier on Sunday, the *Turkish DHA* news agency reported.

The forest fire broke out near coal mines in the area and caused damage to 5 hectares of agricultural land and 15 hectares of nearby pine forests.

An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the fire. Operations are ongoing to further cool the area by spraying water and a team of fire fighters will remain stationed in the area for 2 further days, the Denizli forestry region manager said.

Forest fires are a regular occurrence in the southern Aegean and Mediterranean regions of Turkey and neighbouring countries during the hot and dry summer season.—*Xinhua*

Teheran displays new made-in-Iran cruise missile



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, right, stands next to a Ghader, or Capable, a new Iranian-made cruise missile, in Iran, on 23 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

TEHERAN, 24 Aug—Teheran has put on display a new Iranian-made cruise missile, which it says has a range of 124 miles and is capable of destroying a warship.

The cruise missile, designed for sea-based targets, is the latest addition to Iran's growing arsenal.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad attended a ceremony

Tuesday that showed off the weapon, dubbed “Ghader,” or “Capable” in Farsi.

Iranian State TV says it can travel at low altitudes and has a lighter weight and smaller dimensions.

Iran has an array of short and medium-range ballistic missiles capable of hitting targets in the region, including Israel and US military bases in the Gulf. In 2010, Teheran displayed other Iranian-made cruise missiles but with a shorter range.

Internet

Briefs

Housing curbs in smaller cities to be announced

BEIJING, 24 Aug—Prompted by the government's decision to extend its house purchasing limit to second and third-tier cities, property markets in small Chinese cities have witnessed a speculative rush of late.

Industry insiders say the list of cities included in the new policy could come out as early as end of this month. The list will be based on the cities' growth rates in housing prices and trading volume in the past months.—Xinhua

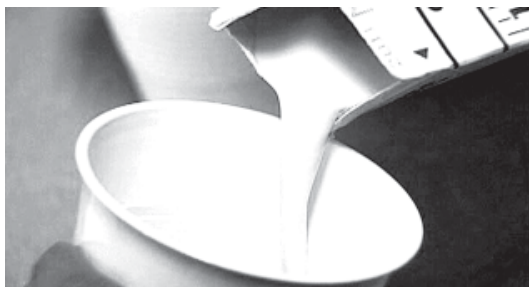
Risks of investing only in gold

BEIJING, 24 Aug—Enthusiasm for gold seems to have no limit these days, but analysts say there is no permanent safe haven, and warn Chinese investors against blindly investing in the precious metal.

They say that diversification is important—so if a portfolio covers stocks, bonds and real estate. However, they say it would not be wise to invest only in gold, without investing in other channels. They point out that domestic bullion prices follow the international market.

Xinhua

Milk is better than water for keeping busy children hydrated, especially during the dog days of summer, according to a new Canadian study.



HAMILTON, 24 Aug—Milk is better than water for keeping busy children hydrated, especially during the dog days of summer,

according to a new Canadian study.

Researchers at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont, say milk is even better than

between the ages of eight and 10 to exercise in a climate chamber. They were then given a drink before researchers measured their level of

Why so many kids are near-sighted

BEIJING, 23 Aug—Too much school work, TV and digital gadgets can cause squinting and near-sighted children. Giving tiny kids iPads with Tang poems and fairy tales is bad for them too. Zhang Qian takes an up-close look at the problem.

For children who haven't been chained to schoolwork, it's been a summer of watching TV, playing video games, surfing the net and tinkering with iPhones and iPads. Now, with school around the corner, eye doctors are seeing children who have been using their eyes too much.

Lin Zimin now finds her 11-year-old son often squints when he watches TV or looks at something in the distance. An eye exam showed he is seriously near-sighted.

"The two weeks before school opens is the peak time for parents to take their children for eye



Children play on a computer. In the summer vacation, children tend to overuse their eyes in watching TV, playing online games, surfing the net and tinkering with iPhones and iPads, resulting in an increasing report of near-sightedness.—INTERNET

checks," says Dr Ji Guifang, director of the Ophthalmology Department of Shanghai Children's Hospital. "When they finally got permission to watch TV and play video games in summer, many children just couldn't tear themselves away from the screen. And that often contributes to a quick deterioration in eyesight."

Near-sightedness, or myopia, is a serious problem for many children and teenagers in China.

Xinhua

S Korea, China, Japan to meet over feasibility study on three-way trade pact

SEOUL, 24 Aug—South Korea, China and Japan are scheduled to hold their sixth meeting aimed at assessing the feasibility

of the potential trilateral free trade agreement, the trade ministry said here on Wednesday.

During the three-day meeting opening next Wednesday in the northeast Chinese City of Changchun, representatives from the three Asian countries will discuss a draft of the joint report.

They will also hold a series of working-level meetings on issues including customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) barriers and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), according to the ministry.

The three countries launched the joint project last year. Seoul had been in talks with Tokyo over a separate bilateral trade accord, but negotiations made little progress due to their differences over tariff issues.—Xinhua

Senior Chinese official discusses economic cooperation with Tajik PM

DUSHANBE, 24 Aug—Zhou Yongkang, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), held talks Tuesday with Tajik Prime Minister Akil Akilov on bilateral economic cooperation.

Noting the two countries' economies are highly complementary and share a broad prospect, Zhou said China has become Tajikistan's most important trade partner and investor as their bilateral trade has increased by 14 times during the past five years.

Zhou, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau



Zhou Yongkang (R), a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and also secretary of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CPC Central Committee, meets with Tajik Prime Minister Akil Akilov in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on 23 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

of the CPC Central Committee and also made four proposals to secretary of the expand bilateral economic cooperation.

Xinhua

Milk beats water, sports drinks at rehydrating kids

electrolyte-rich sports drinks at staving off dehydration among the little ones. For their study, the team asked a group of children

hydration.

According to the findings, milk is best for replacing the sodium that gets lost with sweat. It also provides the protein, which is not found in water or sports drinks, that kids need for muscle development.

"Milk is better than either a sports drink or water because it is a source of high quality protein, carbohydrates, calcium and electrolytes."

Xinhua

Global market to be volatile for years: Australian MP

CANBERRA, 24 Aug—Uncertainty and volatility are likely to feature in global financial markets for years to come, Australian federal Treasury secretary Martin Parkinson warned on Wednesday.

Dr Parkinson addressed the University of Western Australia outlining Treasury's vision for Australia's economic future.

He said the troubles facing Europe and the US would weigh on the world economy, and domestically, for many years. "Unfortunately, recurrent episodes of volatility are likely to be a feature of our global financial marks over the next few years," he said.

Xinhua

Android becoming most attacked mobile platform in Q2

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Aug—The amount of malware targeted at devices based on Google's Android platform surged 76 percent in the second quarter over the previous three months in 2011, making it the most attacked mobile operating system, computer security firm McAfee said on Tuesday.

A new McAfee study found that in the second quarter, Android-based malware surpassed Nokia's Symbian as the most popular target for mobile malware developers.

While Symbian and Java ME, a platform designed for mobile devices and other embedded systems, remain the most targeted



to date, the rapid rise in Android malware indicates that the platform could become an increasing target for cyber criminals McAfee said.

It warned that the attacks on Android

platform could affect everything from calendar apps, to text messages, and even a fake Angry Birds updates.

According to the study, malware on mobile platforms is

increasing steadily, often mimicking the same code as personal computer-based threats, as vast amount of personal and business data are now found on user's smartphones and other mobile devices.

"This year we've seen record-breaking numbers of malware, especially on mobile devices, where the uptick is in direct correlation to popularity," Vincent Weafer, senior vice president of McAfee Labs, said in a statement.

"Overall attacks are becoming more stealth and more sophisticated, suggesting that we could see attacks that remain unnoticed for longer periods of time," he noted.

Models pose with the new Samsung Galaxy S Android smartphone during its launch ceremony at the headquarters of Samsung Electronics in Seoul in this 8 June, 2010 file photograph. —XINHUA

Xinhua

Facebook to let users pre-approve photo tags

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Aug—Drunken revelers rejoice: Facebook will now let you decide whether your friends can attach your name to a photo before it is circulated.

Currently, your friends can add your name to a photo on Facebook without your consent or knowledge. You can remove it later, but only after lots of others may have seen the embarrassing shots. Now, you can insist on pre-approval.

This won't affect whether your friends can add a photo of you, only whether your name is attached to it. Still, not having the name, known as a tag, can make it more difficult for people to find a potentially embarrassing photo in a search.

Facebook said on Tuesday that the change is in response to user requests. Pre-approving photo tags has been the most requested change, said Kate O'Neill, product manager for Facebook. The pre-approval process

will also apply to written posts that others tag you in. In addition, you have the option of pre-approving what others tag on your own photos and posts.

The company is making other changes to its privacy controls, too. These changes won't affect what information will be made public or private. Rather, they will affect how users can control what they are sharing in an effort to make the process simpler.—Internet



In this screen shot provided by Facebook, a photo pre-approval feature is shown.

Samsung joins Apple in emerging markets smartphone push



SEOUL, 24 Aug—Samsung Electronics unveiled four new smartphone models under its flagship Galaxy line on Wednesday, expanding its offerings of cheaper phones to tap growth in emerging markets.

Samsung will enter a lower-end market ripe with cut-throat competition from Chinese producers including ZTE Corp and Huawei Technologies, as well as a host of no-brand producers pumping out hundreds of millions of phones for consumers in China, Africa and other developing economies. The move also signals an intensifying battle with Apple, Samsung's biggest competitor and customer, as the US firm is set to launch a lower-cost version of the iPhone 4 and its much-anticipated iPhone 5 soon, according to sources.

"Smartphone makers are increasingly moving down the value chain to target the low-end segment and attract mass customers, especially those in China and India," said Lee Seung-woo, an analyst at Shinyoung Securities. "It's an inevitable trend but will at the same time lower margins. Only a handful of top-tier manufacturers can survive in that end."

Reuters

Beer-brewing yeast found

LONDON, 24 Aug—Scientists have identified a new species of yeast from forests in South America that was behind the discovery of lager, a type of beer brewed and stored at low temperatures.

The species was isolated from a beech tree in the frozen forests of Patagonia, where the minimum temperature hovers around minus-2 degrees Celsius.

The new yeast species has been named "Saccharomyces eubayanus", says the report in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Usually, the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is used across the world to ferment fruit and grains to make wine, cider and beer.

Lager—which is fermented slowly and at lower temperatures than beer—is believed to have been discovered when German monks moved beer barrels into caves to store it.

Saccharomyces cerevisiae, which grows just above room temperature, was believed to have been out-competed in the fermenting beer by a species that thrived at cooler temperatures.

The "modern-day" lager-brewing yeast—*Saccharomyces pastorianus*—is probably a hybrid of this "cool-loving strain" and the beer-brewing species, and survives because brewers keep back a little of the lager each time to develop the next batch with the same yeast, the report said.

Internet



A woman receives physical examination in a mobile clinic vehicle at an activity centre for senior citizens in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 24 Aug, 2011. The vehicle will go to other places such as Ngari, Xigaze and Nyingchi to offer physical examination service for more Tibetan people.—XINHUA

Indian IT industry to grow 16-18 percent, market cautious

NEW DELHI, 24 Aug—Software industry body Nasscom Tuesday said it is confident about its projection that the IT industry in India will continue to be on the growth trajectory of 16-18 percent during 2011-12 fiscal even as the industry maintains a cautious outlook due to the economic uncertainty in US and Europe.

"There is no reason for us to be worried. We have spoken to customers and they are looking at expanding into geographies and bringing newer solutions to the market," Nasscom president Som Mittal told reporters on the sidelines of the Nasscom BPO strategy summit 2011.

Earlier during the month, the association had sought to clear the air about any possible impact of the ratings downgrade of US, the world's largest economy, on India's software and outsourcing exports.

Nasscom had said that the crisis in the US did not have any major bearing on the country's private sector. Although the global economic environment was a cause for concern, it was not likely to impact the Indian IT industry, in the near-term future. The international credit rating company Standard and Poor's earlier this month downgraded the top notch AAA credit rating of the US government's ability to pay back its creditors and investors to AA+.—Internet

A man takes photos of Russian painting works during a China-Russia cultural festival in Heihe City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 22 Aug, 2011. A series of cultural activities, including exhibitions on painting and handicraft works as well as art performance will be staged during the five-day festival, which kicked off in this border city between China and Russia on Monday.—XINHUA



US carrier Sprint to sell iPhone 5 in mid-October

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Aug—Sprint Nextel, the third largest wireless carrier in the United States, will begin selling Apple's new iPhone 5 in mid-October, US media reported on Tuesday.

Sprint will also carry iPhone 4, the current generation of Apple's hot-selling smartphone, starting at the same time, *The Wall Street Journal* said in a report, citing people familiar with the situation.

Getting the iPhone is a big win for Sprint, whose results have suffered without being able to sell Apple's popular device, and it will also benefit Apple with the addition of another marketing channel in the United States.

AT&T, the second largest US wireless carrier, has relied on previous versions of iPhone to drive its sales since 2007.

Verizon Wireless,

the country's No 1 wireless carrier, began selling the iPhone 4 this February.

Numbers showed that Sprint had more than 52 million subscribers at the end of the second quarter, compared with 106 million for Verizon and nearly 99 million for AT&T.

It was reported that Verizon and AT&T will also begin selling the iPhone 5 in mid-October.

Xinhua

Russia's Progress spaceship undocks

Moscow, 24 Aug—The Progress M-11M spacecraft undocked from the International Space Station Tuesday, said the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow.

The spaceship will remain in orbit for a nine-day mission before falling into the Pacific, according to a statement by the mission control centre.

The ISS crew has loaded the spacecraft with waste products from the orbiting station.

UK family threatened with eviction over 'fire hazard' doormat

LONDON, 24 Aug—A British family was left stunned when an eviction notice was issued to their doormat after their housing association said it was a health and safety hazard.

The offending mat was covered in warning tape and plastered with a sign reading 'move it or lose it'.

Lubin Reyes, 37, termed the move as 'ridiculous' and refused to remove the rubber mat from outside the first-floor flat where he has been lodging for 10 years.

"Someone is being paid to walk around and do this. It's ridiculous. I can't understand what they are thinking. It's my doorstep and my doormat," the *Daily Mail* quoted him as saying.

"I need to wipe the soles of my shoes dry or I might fall over in my house, then that would be a health and safety issue," he added.

When an astonished Reyes contacted Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association, which issued the notice, it

said inspectors had ruled the mat was a fire hazard.

However, Reyes was undaunted by the notice and insisted on keeping the mat. "It's right at the end of a corridor so it's not like people will be rushing past it," he said. "It had 'move it or lose it' written on it, that's like a threat."

"It's like they are saying 'don't mess with us'—but it's only a doormat. I was very shocked that they would act in this way for something as minor as a doormat," he added.

Internet



Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute* is performed on the pyramidal stage beside the Wannsee lake in Berlin, Germany, on 21 Aug, 2011. The masterpiece is the most famous and most performed German opera for more than 200 years.—XINHUA

World's best vampire-spotting locations!

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—The world's best vampire spotting location is said to be set at Wallachia, now a part of Romania, where you can tour to learn more about these creatures of the night. Another place, where Irish author Bram Stoker put these blood-sucking creatures while writing his novel, is Costa Rica, especially within Santa Rosa National Park and Corcovado National Park, reports *Fox News*.

An enigmatic museum - Le Musée des Vampires in the Les Lilas district of Paris, which is devoted to the vampires, and has a Gothic garden at the back of it, is said to be one of the creepiest places in the world.

Apart from these places, Forks in Washington, where 'Twilight' is set, has become a famous vampire tourism spot.

One can also visit historic Nob Hill of San Francisco, which covers the documented history of the City as well as speculative supernatural events, and where attendees are also encouraged to dress spookily.

Internet

During the following nine days, the Progress will conduct an experiment aimed at defining the density, sizes and reflectivity of the ionosphere environment around the station, said the statement.

After that the spaceship will be de-orbited and burn up in the Earth's atmosphere. Its fragments will fall into the remote area of the Pacific ocean.

The launch of next Progress cargo ship is planned on 24 Aug from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan. It will dock with ISS on 26 Aug.

Xinhua

Delta Capital exports rice directly first time in 15 yrs



Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung views sample rice to be exported from Wedaunt Port in Patheingyi to the Philippines.—MNA

Sagaing eyes golds in performing arts competition

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — Sagaing Region working committee for winning victory in 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts yesterday met at Town Hall in Monywa.

Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye delivered an address and Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw Myint Oo submitted reports.

Officials talked about claiming golds by the Region's contingent in the competition at the coordination meeting.—MNA

Bangladeshi delegation arrives Yangon

YANGON, 24 Aug—A delegation led by Mr. Mohamed Mijarul Quayes, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, this morning arrived at Yangon International Airport where they were welcomed by Director-General Daw Yin

Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials concerned, Bangladeshi Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Major

General Anup Kumar Chakma and officials concerned.

In the evening, the guests paid respects to King Zafar Sheh's Tomb and visited Shwedagon Pagoda.

MNA



Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh Mr. Mohamed Mijarul Quayes and party being welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials.

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Banks in Mandalay distribute notes of small denomination

MANDALAY, 24 Aug—With the aim of getting rid of worn-out bank notes and ensuring smooth circulation of currency notes of smaller denomination in the hands of the people, the Central Bank of Myanmar (Mandalay Branch) since this March has been monthly distributing each of 46,812 civil servants of 319 urban departments 20 200-kyat, 100-kyat and 50-kyat bank notes. On the pay day for July, those civil servants were issued with a wad of 200-kyat bank

notes each. This month, a wad of 200-kyat and a wad of 100-kyat bank notes each will be issued to them.

In addition, bank notes in bad conditions can be exchanged for good ones in equal amount at Branch (1) and Branch (2) of Myanmar Economic Bank in Mandalay and the Central Bank of Myanmar (Mandalay Branch) during banking hours, and at Branch (3) of Myanmar Economic Bank in Mandalay on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.—MNA

Chairman of UEC and all members hear Election Objection Amendments No. 6/2011, No. 10/2011

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Chairman U Tin Aye and all members of the Union Election Commission heard the case of Election Objection Amendment No. 10/2011 at 10 am and of Election Objection Amendment No. 6/2011 at 1 pm at UEC Office today.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The Union government, as a token of its encouragement to boosting the nation's export, has granted tax exemption from rice, beans and pulses, corn, sesame, rubber, freshwater and saltwater goods, animals and animal products (except prohibited items) in accordance with Section 8 (d) of Commercial Tax Law for a period of six months from 15 August 2011 to 14 February 2012. Ayeyawady Region, the granary of Myanmar, embraced the unique opportunity, exporting rice directly through Patheingyi Port on the morning of August: the first time in 15 years.

Under the close supervision of the Ayeyawady Region government and arrangements of Hinthada Rice Co, Ayeyawady Patheingyi Rice Co and Ayeyawady Dipa Rice Co, 3100 metric tons of rice were exported directly to the Philippines via Wedaung Port in Patheingyi. Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and

officials inspected the process.

Exporting rice through Patheingyi Port in Ayeyawady Region costs less, but ensures greater profits for farmers. More than that, milling and exporting rice directly saves warehouse charges and maintains the quality of the agricultural product, thus helping local farmers compete with foreign partners for bigger share in the international market. Arrangements are being made to keep exporting rice through Patheingyi and export steamed rice through Patheingyi Port when Ayeyawun Rice Co and Hinthada Rice Co put into action the programme to jointly produce steamed rice. Patheingyi Port occupies a strategic position, coping with local and international cargo vessels. So, the Delta is gearing up for dealing with a greater number of seagoing vessels in its bid to export regional goods on a larger scale including such agricultural products as rice and peas, along with salt and marine products.—MNA

Human Rights Special Rapporteur Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana observes Insein Jail



Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party visit Insein Jail.—MNA

YANGON, 24 Aug—Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana and party met six male inmates and one female inmate at Insein Jail this morning.

He and his delegation member then met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party at her house on University Avenue here this afternoon.

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China's FAW rolls out first batch of new energy vehicles

CHANGCHUN, 24 Aug—Major Chinese auto-maker First Automobile Works (FAW) on Monday launched the first batch of its independently-

developed new energy vehicles.

The first 20 new-energy vehicles include the

company's Besturn plug-in hybrids (PHEV) and pure electric vehicles (EV).

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A staff member is seen at the office building of China FAW New Energy Vehicle Branch in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 22 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA





**Union Minister for Finance and Revenue
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railroads and stations. He said that arrangements have been made to buy passenger coaches and these facilities will arrive here within two years. At that time, the passenger coaches, railroads and stations will be of higher standard. At present, efforts are being made for betterment of passenger coaches, railroads and stations year by year. If fares of passenger ticket and charges of



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commodities can be increased reasonably, Myanmar Railways can earn increased income to be able to upgrade train facilities. Private entrepreneurs are invited to carry out sanitation of railway stations through tender. Priority is being given to maintenance of railways built before independence era.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung also replied to the question raised by Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Constituency on **construction of quarters for workers who are discharging duties at Yangon Port and keeping Yangon River and Port pleasant for environmental conservation.** The Union Minister said that if the ministry receives funds from the State, plan will be adopted to build worker quarters in the vacant lands of Myanmar Port Authority. Yangon Region government assigned Yangon City Development Committee to keep Yangon River pleasant and beautiful. Other necessary organizations will be formed for pleasantness of the port and environmental conservation.

U Aung Kyaw Khin of Kyauktan Constituency asked about **upgrading the remaining 15 miles and 6 furlongs long section of Pandaw-Kamakalok-**

Mingalun-Khanaung-Tadamyo Road of Kyauktan Township, Yangon Region, to asphalt or concrete facility. His one more question was to **construct 8 miles and 7 furlongs long Pandaw-Bawgaluk-Chaungwa-Meepya-Zwebakondan-Thande road section as gravel or concrete facility in Kyauktan Township.** Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied that Kaddapana-Khanaung-Kamakalok-Pandaw Road was paved on the seawater embankment. Due to heavy rains, infiltration of water into the embankment and weak foundation of road, if the road is built as asphalt facility, it will be damaged in a short time. Moreover, there is no plan to build it as concrete one because of large amount requirement of funds. Gravel roads in model villages will be upgraded to the asphalt sections and wooden bridges to RC facilities depending on the allocation in 2012-2013 financial year.

Being a seawater embankment, Pandaw-Meepya-Kamakalok road will be built as a road for all season use facility. There is no plan to build it as concrete road. Upgrading of gravel roads and bridges to RC ones will depend on the funds in 2012-2013 financial year.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied to two questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

With regard to question on **reopening of Myanmar Economic Bank in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region** raised by U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency, the Union Minister said that the ministry would demand the funds. If the fund is received, the MEB will be rebuilt in 2012-2013 financial year.

He replied to the question raised by U Tha Win



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of Yankin Constituency on **raising basic salary of State service personnel** that considering the circulation of money, inflation rate, price of commodity and GDP, the basic salary of the personnel will be raised at an opportune time.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye also replied to four questions raised by four Hluttaw repre-

sentatives.

With regard to a question on **requirement of 890 sets of desks at basic education primary schools in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region** raised by U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency, the Union Minister said that a total of 890 sets of desks will be shared to 12 BEHSs in Hlinethaya Township within 2011-2012 financial year.

The Union Minister replied to the question on **extending one more academic year for existing basic education high school** that although curriculum of basic education school is being compiled to meet international standards, assessments are being made where academic years should be set three years. It is necessary to take two and a half years for making preparation to extend one more academic year at the basic education high school level. As the funds for such work will be contributed by the State, the question can be replied after holding coordination in the Union government by calculating the tasks and costs.

Regarding the question raised by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency about **reading and discussing poems and biographies of martyrs in basic education schools**, the Union minister replied that preliminary activities were reduced as propaganda campaigns regarding the martyrs' day were conducted in order to damage the stability of the State in 1988 and later years; though, background event of martyr's day and independence struggle are still included in Myanmar and history lessons; and activities in advance of martyrs' day such as poem recitations, essay contests and talks will be encouraged.

Regarding the question raised by U Kyi Myint



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of Latha Constituency about the **interruption of lessons for matriculation on MRTV-4**, the Union minister answered that lectures on MRTV-4 were of big name tuition teachers who are working as private teachers and instructors in private schools and training centers and not from the Ministry of Education; if the television

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Photo shows arrival of Pyithu Hluttaw at Hluttaw Building to attend the Hluttaw.—MNA



Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun replies to two questions.

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Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe replies to questions.

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and related power stations was started in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

He added that construction of Gangaw-Haka, Haka-Falam-Thaingngai-Kalay-Kalewa, Kalay-Tamu, Pauk-Mindat, Mindat-Matupi (66) KV power lines and related power stations is under way as special projects and upon completion of those projects and Myitha and Manipura hydropower projects, Chin State can enjoy more electric power.

He noted that on completion of Laymyo and Saidaing hydropower projects, power can be supplied to Paletwa of Chin State via Kyauktaw

of Rakhine State, and Kanpetlet of Chin State can also use power from the national grid via Saw of Magway Region on completion of Pauk-Mindat-Matupi power lines.

Next, U Zaw Naing Oo from Mon State Constituency No. 12 asked **issue on illegal cutting-down trees and illegal cultivation on the 50-acre firewood plantation in chaungpyan village.**

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun replied that Chaungpyan Village in Kazai Village-tract, Bilin Township, Mon State is located in No. 13 Block of Bilin Reserve and covers an area of 70 acres; out of firewood plantations in the



U Win Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency (2) submitting proposal.

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U Mana Nai from Chin State Constituency (10) raises question.

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reserve, a total of 40 acres of were handed over to Kyaungpyan Village; that Kyaungpyan villagers had used up the woods and thus the 40-acre land was handed back to the

Department of Forestry; that no private company has so far been permitted to use the land; that in accord with the forest laws, action will be taken against cultivation of crops in that

of families residing in forest reserves at yesterday's session and change it as a question.

Next, Dr Myint Kyi from constituency No. 8 of Yangon Region

proposed that **Union government should consider for promoting standards of universities that confer Ph.D degrees to be able to meet the standard of South East Asia as the first phase and of world as the second phase.**

U Win Maung from Constituency No. 2 of Mandalay Region proposed that **Myanmarsar should be taught in not only first year but also second year at arts and science universities, degree colleges, and colleges.**

Dr Mya Oo from constituency No. 9 of Bago Region proposed that **Union government should invest more in the health sector for national economic development and promotion of healthcare services for poverty alleviation and economic development.** The Hluttaw agreed to put the proposal on table and the Speaker announced that if any representatives wishing to discuss the proposals may register.

Then, the third-day second regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw came to an end at 1.50 pm and the fourth-day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

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channels want to air lectures, those should be from the Ministry of Education; broadcasting TV programmes will have to be coordinated with the Ministry of Information; and it will go on as the decision of the two ministries.

Regarding the question raised by Hsai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency about smoking cigarette and tobacco-related products restriction law, Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin replied that education building, classroom, office, school compound and other buildings in the compound except gymnasiums, playgrounds, staff quarters and bed rooms in the school compound are places where smoking is prohibited; abiding the prohibition not to smoke in no smoking areas will make the areas with no smoke, so that there is no need to include "No smoke area" in the law; Cigarette and tobacco product factories are subjected to Provision 7 (b) like others factories and workshops which have to designate smoking sites; the Industry

Supervision and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry-1 is conducting fieldtrips to ensure private industries are atiding the private industry law regarding public health, environmental pollution and depletion; related ministries are drafting environmental conservation law; and after completion, the environmental conservation measures will be more effective.

Six Hluttaw representatives discussed the report of Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee submitted to the Hluttaw yesterday. The Hluttaw approved the report presented by Committee Chairman U Win Sein.

Three Hluttaw representatives discussed about the proposal regarding **"tax exemption from all exports for boosting import and export and speeding up economic growth"** and three Hluttaw representatives discussed about the proposal regarding **"establishing a watchdog to replenish the budgets in the same fiscal year"** submitted by U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency yesterday. Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun made clarification.

As U Kyi Myint requested the withdrawal of the proposals, the Hluttaw agreed the withdrawal.

Three Hluttaw representative discussed about the proposal regarding **"an order to be issued for the**

Myanmar Medical Council as a professional body" and six Hluttaw representatives discussed about proposal **"promulgation of necessary laws and rules to form Medical Protection Society"** made by Dr Maung Maung Wint of Bahan Constituency. Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin made clarification.

The Hluttaw approved the proposals of Dr Maung Maung Wint.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency submitted proposal "establishment of education funds by parents and wellwishers Region-wise, State-wise and Township-wise in implementing compulsory primary education system as prescribed in Section 28, Sub-Section (c) of the Constitution" and U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency submitted proposal "revoking the Contempt of Courts Act, Act XII, 1926".

As the Pyithu Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal, the date 25 August (Thursday) was set for discussion and Hluttaw representatives who want to participate in discussions were to enlist this evening.

The third-day First Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session was concluded at 4.10 pm today and the session continues for fourth-day on 25 August (Thursday).

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Union Minister receives Australian Ambassador to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug— Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Industry Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received Australian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ms. Bronte Moules at his office here this afternoon.

Both sides discussed boosting bilateral relations between the two countries, win-win opportunities for cooperation, and aid programme for education of national races in the border areas.—MNA

***The best time to plant a tree was 20
years ago. The second best time is now.***

Self-reliant hydropower...

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I saw that the road section from Sawbwa Yayshin is smooth and straight. After entering Khampat of Tamu District, I proceeded to Kanan Village that shares border with Tiddim Township of Chin State. The village is located as a big village beside Kalay-Tamu Road. The village formed with over 1000 houses is home to Falam, Haka and Tiddim Chin national races.

I had an opportunity to visit the water inlet canal and self-reliant hydropower station in Kanan Village of Khampat Sub-Township. The canal, 200 feet long and six feet wide, is made of bricks. The canal takes water from Tioh Creek that flows from Tiddim Township of Chin State.

When a responsible person of the hydropower committee opened the bar, water fell to the turbine. The water pump linked with the turbine was switched on to light the hydropower station.

"Kanan Village Hydropower Station of my all works has the highest capability to supply electricity. In the past, water propeller could supply 500 fluorescence tubes. This facility can supply 800 two-

foot fluorescence tubes," explained U Sein Toe and the head of the village.

The water propeller is located beside the hydropower station. However, the village is being supplied electricity by the hydropower station.

Many turbines installed by U Sein Toe are located in Kalay region. Moreover, turbine electrical generators installed by U Sein Toe, U Maung Win and U Kyaw Shwe are scattered in Kalay region. Hydropower is being generated from creeks that originate at Chin mountain range for supplying electricity to the local people. As such, the rural areas are enjoying fruits of electricity like urban regions.

The villages in Gangaw, Htilin and Saw townships are also supplied electricity through turbine hydropower stations. In Lonhaw Village, west of Zahaw Village, sponsors supply of electricity to the local people.

On my trip, I saw Tawma and Wethet villages in Htilin Township illuminated with hydropower. Thanks to self-reliant hydropower facilities, villages in Kalay and Tamu districts and Yaw region are enjoying fruits of development through electricity. The local people have easy access to TV programmes of Myawady TV and MRTV daily. Moreover, some local people can watch international TV channels through satellite dishes. In fact, self-reliant hydropower supply programme

contributes a great deal to ensuring development and prosperity of the State.

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**Self-reliant hydropower station seen at Kanan
Village of Khampat Sub-Township in Tamu
District.**

Munching cakes, biscuits 3 times a week 'may up women's womb cancer risk'

LONDON, 24 Aug— three times a week could Women beware. Eating give you womb cancer, biscuits, buns or cakes says a new study.

The 10-year study from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden looked

at the eating habits of more than 60,000 women and found that those who gave themselves such a treat regularly were 33 percent more likely to suffer the disease.

And for those who indulge more than three times a week, the risk jumps to 42 percent, reports the Daily Mail.

The Swedish scientists wanted to see if there was a direct link between the amount of sweet foods eaten and the onset of cancer.

They studied data from thousands of women who, between 1987 and 1990, had answered dozens of questions on diet, lifestyle, weight and general health.

Ten years later, those



**Photo taken on 23 Aug, 2011 shows the model bullet
trains in the China International Rail Transit
Show(CRTS China 2011) in Shanghai, east China.
The CRTS China 2011 kicked off here Tuesday,
where over 400 global manufacturers show their
latest technology and equipment in rail transit
industry.—XINHUA**

still alive answered an even more extensive battery of questions on their eating habits.

In 2008, the researchers matched up the women's answers with their medical records,

specifically looking for diagnoses of endometrial cancer—the most common form of womb cancer. They found 729 cases out of the 61,226 women studied.

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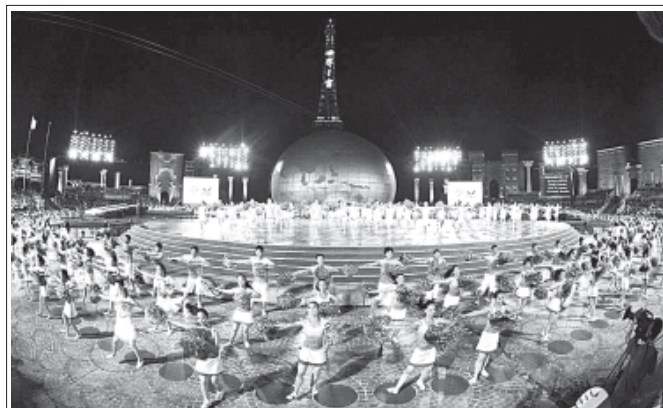


**Photo taken on 23 Aug, 2011 shows the closing ceremony of the 26th Summer
Universiade held at the Window of the World theme park in Shenzhen, a city of
south China's Guangdong Province. —XINHUA**



Russian actresses greet guests with flowers during a China-Russia cultural festival in Heihe City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 23 Aug, 2011. The five-day China-Russia cultural festival kicked off in Heihe, a border city between China and Russia on Monday.

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Venezuelan flight makes emergency landing

CARACAS, 24 Aug—A Venezuelan flight with 95 passengers was on Tuesday forced to return to the airport of Maiquetia, north of the capital Caracas and made an emergency landing shortly after take-off, transportation authorities said.

Venezuelan Ministry of Transportation and Communication said the flight, a DC9 aircraft from the local Laser airline, declared a state of emergency because of "electrical problems" in the cabin when the plane was traveling at an altitude of just over 6,000 metres.

The aircraft, which was heading for El Vigia airport in Venezuela's western state of Merida, returned to the airport at 0705 local time (1135 GMT), half an hour after its departure from Maiquetia.

Venezuelan authorities said the plane landed without any problems and all passengers were transferred to another aircraft that belongs to the same airline. No further details were immediately available.—Xinhua

Magnitude 5.8 earthquake hits US east coast

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—A magnitude 5.8 earthquake struck US east coast on Tuesday afternoon and was felt in Washington D C, New York City, North Carolina and even in Toronto, Canada.

The quake that lasted up to 45 seconds occurred at 1:51 pm local time (1751 GMT), 135 km southwest of US capital Washington DC, at a depth

of six km, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported on its

website.

The quake was also felt as far away as Martha's

line near quake site in Virginia. NRC officials are assessing the situation and



People evacuate from an office building following an earthquake tremor in Manhattan, New York, the United States, on 23 Aug, 2011. A 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck around US Capital on Tuesday afternoon, the United States Geological Survey reported on its website.—XINHUA

Pilot arrested in Madrid for smuggling cocaine

MEXICO CITY, 24 Aug—An Aeromexico co-pilot was arrested at the Madrid-Barajas International Airport on charges that he smuggled 42 kg of cocaine into Spain on a flight from Mexico City, officials said Tuesday.

Ruben Garcia Garcia was arrested last week by Spanish authorities for allegedly trying to smuggle the cocaine into the country, the Mexican Embassy in Spain said in a statement.

The Spanish Interior Ministry, Police General Administration and Civil Guard notified the embassy of the Aeromexico co-pilot's arrest.

Garcia arrived in Madrid 18 Aug aboard Aeromexico's flight AMX-001 from Mexico City.

The Aeromexico employee appeared before a judge and is being held at the Soto del Real prison.

"Mexican consular authorities met with the detained man and were able to verify his identity, state of health and to confirm that he has an attorney for his defense," the embassy said.

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26 trapped in NE China coal mine flood

HARBIN, 24 Aug—Twenty-six miners were trapped underground when an illegal coal mine in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province flooded Tuesday, the local government said.

The flooding happened mid-day, when 45 miners were working in a pit of the Hengtai Coal Mining Co Ltd in Boli County in the coal-rich City of Qitaihe, a spokesman with the provincial work safety administration said.

He said 19 miners escaped and 26 others were stranded in the pit.

Rescue efforts are underway, he said.

The flooded pit, with an annual output of 30,000 tonnes, was one of the small mines that should have stopped production and been



Photo taken on 23 Aug, 2011 by a mobile phone shows people carrying out rescue operation at Hengtai Coal Mine in Boli County of Qitaihe City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. A flooding happened around noon Tuesday when 32 miners in Hengtai Coal Mine were working underground. Six miners were lifted out of the shaft while 26 others were still trapped. Rescue efforts are underway.

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integrated into larger mines, the spokesman said.

He said the mine was

operating illegally when the accident happened.

China in recent years has moved to close down

small collieries to improve safety and efficiency in the mining industry.—Xinhua



A worker walks towards the tunneling machine used in the subway construction under the Yangtze River in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 21 Aug, 2011.

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Wild fire destroys 170-hetare forest in southern France

PARIS, 24 Aug—A wild fire starting Sunday in southern France was finally put under control on Tuesday after destroy-ing about 170 hectares of forest.

The fire in the east of Lozere Province was under control Tuesday early morning, but some 200 firefighters working there remained on alert during the day in case the fire flares up again.

Local media said the fire started Sunday afternoon in the less populated Province of Lozere in southeast France. Recent hot and dry weather increased the difficulties in extinguishing the fire, the cause of which is under investigation but human-related factor is said very likely to be the reason.

During the past days, a total of over 200 firefighters and 13 aircraft were mobilized in the operation against the fire. The accident didn't left heavy casualty except five firefighters suffering slight injury.

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Human fertilization process discovered

BEIJING, 24 Aug—Researchers have discovered how a human egg captures an incoming sperm for fertilization, paving the way to help couples suffering from infertility, according to media reports on Monday.

An international team of researchers found that a sugar chain known as the sialyl-lewis-x sequence (SLeX) makes the outer coat of the egg "sticky," which has proven to be helpful in binding the egg and the sperm.

As a result, this observation has filled in a huge gap in the understanding of fertility and provides hope for ultimately helping couples who currently cannot conceive.

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Raimundas Labuckas (R) and Tomas Gadeikis (L) from Lithuania compete in the men's C2 200m final of the 2011 ICF World Canoe Sprint Championships in Szeged, Hungary, on 21 Aug, 2011. They claimed the title in 37.101 seconds. —XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV DALMATIA VOY NO (01)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DALMATIA VOY NO (01) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on ETA 27.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Visitors view ink-and-wash paintings by Yu Xiaoyang, a prominent Chinese artist, in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 Aug, 2011. A painting exhibition featuring Yu Xiaoyang's abstract ink-and-wash works kicked off here Sunday. —XINHUA

Finland develops disposable heart rate indicator

HELSINKI, 24 Aug—The Finnish company Spektikor has recently developed a novel type of disposable heart rate indicator, local media reported on Sunday. Different from a conventional heart rate monitor, it is a speed heart rate indicator designed for first aid professionals and specially used in first aids in major accidents, disasters and other crises.

According to Spektikor, the product is consisted of a heart rate sensor with two EKG elec-

trodes and a LED indicator, which are connected by a 35-cm-long wire. In operation, the sensor is placed on a patient's chest and the LED indicator is stucked to the patient's cheek. If the heart rate is within the normal range, the LED indicator will flash green with each beat. If the heart rate is dangerously low or high, the light will turn red. —Xinhua

Women get fatter after marriage... men after divorce

EDINBURGH, 24 Aug—Marriage and divorce are both bad for your waistline, new research suggests. But while women tend to gain weight after their wedding day, men are most affected by marital breakdown. Both kinds of "marital transition" can act as "weight shocks" that put on the pounds, a study has found. "Divorces for men and, to some extent, marriages for women promote weight gains that may be large enough to pose a health risk," said study leader Dmitry Tumin, from Ohio State University in the US.

The likelihood of major weight gain after marriage or divorce increased most for people past the age of 30. "For someone in their mid-20s there is not much difference in the probability of gaining weight between someone who just got married and someone who never married," said Mr Tumin, a doctoral student in sociology. —Internet



Passengers buy tickets through automated ticket vending machines at Nanjing South Railway Station in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 21 Aug, 2011. High-speed rail lines in China will adopt a new run chart as from 28 Aug, 2011, with slower operational speeds and cheaper train tickets. Beijing-Tianjin intercity high-speed railway, Hainan east ring line and Guangzhou-Zhuhai intercity rail have already shifted to new schedules. —XINHUA

'Simple bacteria' key to blocking breast cancer

LONDON, 24 Aug—A naturally occurring molecule in bacteria can block the development of breast cancer, scientists have discovered, paving the way for the design of more potent and selective drugs.

The molecule, thiostrepton, clamps FOXM1, a cancer-causing protein present in greater amounts in breast cancer cells. It switches on genes regulating the growth and division of cells, causes tumours to spread and triggers the growth of blood vessels.

Blocking this protein may prevent the development of cancer at an early stage as well as blocking its growth and spread according to the study published in 'Nature Chemistry'. Its lead author, Professor Shankar Balasubramanian, based

at Cancer Research UK in Cambridge, said: "Before this research we weren't aware of any natural product which could directly target a protein that controls gene activity. Yet intriguingly a molecule in bacteria -- which also has strong antibiotic effects -- does this very well, switching off cancer-causing genes in breast cancer cells."

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Fossil find reveals when life began

LONDON, 24 Aug—The fossilised remains of the oldest known lifeforms on earth have been discovered in samples of rock collected near a remote watering hole in the middle of the Australian Outback. Scientists said that the microscopic fossils belonged to primitive bacteria that lived more than 3.4 billion years ago, when the earth had emerged from a period probably too hostile for life.

The primitive microbes used sulphur instead of oxygen to generate energy from food and, the scientists said, could be the closest that science will ever get to the mysterious origin of life on earth.

The fossils were found in rocks formed in shallow seas near a coastline and suggested that beaches may have been the key habitat where the earth's first lifeforms thrived, said David Wacey, of the University of Western Australia.

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Mario Entrolizo, a trainer, gestures next to a Philippine Eagle "Mindanao" inside a Philippine Eagle compound in Davao City, southern Philippines on 21 Aug, 2011. The Philippine Eagle Foundation conservation center in Davao City breeds the endangered Philippine Eagle or "Monkey-eating Eagle" and reintroduces them to their natural environment. —XINHUA

"Mommy Tummy" lets men feel pregnant

BEIJING, 24 Aug—The best way for men to truly understand the sensations of being pregnant is not hearing sensational describing for hours but experiencing it just in two minutes.

"Mommy Tummy" suit, an invention by Japanese researchers, makes it possible for guys to feel what it feels like to carry a child. The suit, displayed at Vancouver's SIGGRAPH 2011 interactive technology conference, simulates nine months of weight gain, breast enlargement and baby kicking, allowing men to feel the physical sensations of pregnancy. —Xinhua

Baby delivered with brother's help

A 12-year-old Canadian boy says he was able to adroitly help deliver his baby brother because he watched "a bunch of medical shows" on television.

Danielle Edwards of Campbell River says she woke up "in hard labour" about 2 am Saturday and realized she wasn't going to make it to a hospital, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported Tuesday.

"I couldn't even get up. I was already in the process of pushing," she told the news network. "There was nothing I could do."

Her son Gaelen was awakened by her calls for help and when the 12-year-old walked into her bedroom he saw the baby coming out of her womb.

"I grabbed him by the shoulders and his head was resting on my wrists," he said. "Then I gently pulled him out and laid him on the bed."

Next, he went to the kitchen to grab scissors to cut the umbilical cord. He clamped off the cord and cut it himself, the CBC said.

How did he know what to do?

"I watch a bunch of medical [TV] shows," Gaelen explained.

The boys' father, Kendall Strong, called his older son a hero.

"He saved his brother's life," Strong said. "He was calm. He didn't freak out. It was awesome."

The mother and newborn were then taken to the hospital where both were doing fine. The baby weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.



Photo taken on 23 Aug, 2011 shows a motorbike-shaped craftwork made of lobsters on a seminar on cooking art at the Fuzhou Hotel in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province.

Hawk flies into NY apartment building

Animal rescuers in New York said a red-tailed hawk that entered an apartment building through an open third-story window has been released. Joe Moderski, a resident of the West 80th Street walkup, said he found the hawk in the hallway outside of his fifth-floor apartment when he arrived home at about 3:30 pm Sunday. He said it apparently had flown in through a third-floor window and been flying around the hallways, the *New York Daily News* reported Tuesday.

"I thought I missed a pillow fight in the hallway or something," Moderski said. "There were feathers everywhere." Rita McMahon of the Wild Bird Fund, which rehabilitates wild animals found injured in the city, said the hawk was found to be "in fine fighting shape," the *New York Post* reported. McMahon said the bird was released Monday in Central Park.

Mom makes boy wear 'thief' sign

Residents of an Australian city said a mother forced her young son to sit in public wearing Shrek ears and a sign proclaiming him to be "a thief."

Witnesses said the boy, who appeared to be about 10 years old, spent nearly an hour Sunday sitting near a Townsville water park wearing the ears and the sign while his family ate lunch nearby, *The (Sydney) Daily Telegraph* reported Monday.

"Do not trust me. I will steal from you as I am a thief," the boy's sign read.

Diane Mayers, who has worked with Child Safety Services in the past, said she was so "horrified" when she saw the boy that she immediately notified the department.

"A lot of people walked past and were laughing at him, including boys who would have been his age," Mayers said. "At one point, the boy had taken off the Shrek ears. My daughter walked past and heard the mother say, 'Put them back on or I'll smack your head in.'"

Mayers said she feared the long-term effects from the public humiliation would be worse than the potential effects from physical abuse.

News Album

Leonardo DiCaprio woos girlfriend Blake Lively with eco-friendly car



Leonardo DiCaprio

LONDON, 24 Aug—'Titanic' star Leonardo DiCaprio has taken his relationship with

girlfriend Blake Lively a step further by buying her an eco-friendly motor. DiCaprio, 36, who is known for pushing green causes, is said to have been horrified to learn Lively, 23, was driving a Range Rover, the *Sun* reported.

So he has given the actress a 25,000 pounds black Prius. The hybrid petrol-electric car gets 50 miles to the gallon compared to 20 for a Range Rover.—*Internet*



Nick Ashford and his wife Valerie Simpson. Ashford, who suffered from throat cancer, died at the age of 70.

INTERNET

Lindsay Lohan dazzles in a Pippa-inspired white plunging dress at Kim's wedding

LONDON, 24 Aug—After serving a 35-day house arrest, Lindsay Lohan has officially made her red carpet comeback when she attended Kim Kardashian's wedding in Los Angeles in a plunging white dress.

She looked stunning in the dress and posed a great threat against the bride herself as well as celebrity guests such as



Lindsay Lohan

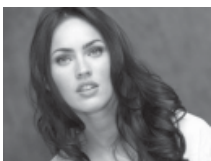
Eva Longoria and Demi Lovato.

Lohan took a fashion cue from none other than Pippa Middleton and wore the exact same Temperley gown that

Pippa chose for the evening party after her sister Kate married Prince William.

The 'Mean Girls' star teamed the gown with a chic up 'do, sky-high heels and diamond jewellery, reports *The Daily Mail*. Lohan was accompanied by her mother Dina and sister Ali, who are all close family friends of the Kardashians.—*Internet*

Megan Fox removing Marilyn Monroe tattoo to avoid 'negative energy'



Megan Fox

LONDON, 24 Aug — Megan Fox has decided to remove the tattoo of

Marilyn Monroe from her right forearm, as she feels that the inking is drawing 'negative energy' to her. The 25-year-old actress, whose acting career has been on the rocks in recent years, has been undergoing laser treatment on the tattoo since earlier

this year. "I'm removing it. It is a negative character, as she suffered from personality disorders and was bipolar," the *Daily Mail* quoted her as telling Italian magazine *Amica*.

"I do not want to attract this kind of negative energy in my life," she added.—*Internet*



Sarah Jessica Parker

Sarah Jessica Parker tackles working mom blues

LONDON, 24 Aug—Actress Sarah Jessica Parker says that she tries not to feel guilty about being a working mother and makes sure that her children get a lot of love when she's with them.

Parker has three children - James, 8, and two-year-old twins - Marion and Tabitha - with actor husband Matthew Broderick.

"We've had two occasions recently where both Matthew and I were working and it was so hard on the kids," femalefirst.co.uk quoted the 46-year-old as saying.

"On the other hand, there are big chunks of time when we're home a lot more than conventionally working parents. So you hope to make up for it," she added.

Internet



FC Bayern Munich's Mario Gomez celebrates with his team mate Thomas Mueller (R) after he scored during their Champions League play-off second leg soccer match against FC Zurich's (FCZ) in Zurich on 23 Aug.—XINHUA

49ers' Hunter can't afford to rest

SANTA CLARA, 24 Aug — Kendall Hunter's phone wasn't blowing up with messages the night the rookie running back scored the 49ers' first touchdown of the preseason on a dazzling play in the third quarter.

Outside of a brief chat with his mother shortly after the game, Hunter didn't receive many congratulatory calls or text messages at all.

"And she didn't see the game, she just saw the stats," Hunter said before

San Francisco 49ers running back Kendall Hunter (32) scores a touchdown past Oakland Raiders cornerback Walter McFadden (22) in the third quarter of a preseason NFL football game in San Francisco, on 20 Aug.—INTERNET

practice Tuesday. "I didn't talk to too many other people." That's exactly how the 49ers' fourth-round pick prefers it.

With more than two weeks left before the start of the regular season, the last thing the soft-spoken Hunter wants to do is get comfortable. Pats on the back can wait until Sept. 3 when final roster cuts are made.

Until then the smallest player on San Francisco's roster won't relax — even if many people are already penciling him as a key member of the 49ers backfield.—*Internet*



Roddick romps in US Open tune-up

RALEIGH, 24 Aug — American Andy Roddick romped past lucky loser Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-2 6-4 to reach the third round of the Winston-Salem Open on Tuesday, and get his US Open prepa-



Andy Roddick of the US hits a return to Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany during their first round match of the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 15 Aug.—INTERNET

rations back on track.

Roddick, the 2003 US Open champion, has seen his buildup to the season's final grand slam interrupted by an abdominal injury, but showed no signs of rust speeding past his French opponent in 73 minutes.

Ranked 21 and outside the world top 20 for the first time since 2001, Roddick has played just one event since Wimbledon losing his opening match last week at Cincinnati.

But the American looked in vintage form blasting 11 aces past Roger-Vasselin and completed the match without facing a break point.—*Internet*

Zico says he has reached a deal to coach Iraq

SAO PAULO, 24 Aug — The Brazilian soccer great Zico is set to coach the Iraqi national team through the 2014 World Cup in his home country.

The player who starred for Brazil at the 1978, 1982 and 1986 World Cups said only minor details need to be settled.

Tariq Ahmed, general secretary of the Iraqi Football Association, told *The*



This 17 Feb, 2010 file photo shows former Brazil soccer great Zico during an interview, in New York. Zico reportedly has reached a deal to coach the Iraqi national team.

INTERNET

Associated Press on Tuesday that Zico will be in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil on Thursday to complete the contract.

"Everything will be clear then during negotiations and then the signing of the contract," Ahmed said.

Signing Zico would be a big boost for Iraqi soccer. Its federation risked suspension by FIFA last year when it could not agree on a soccer leader — a Sunni candidate accused of ties to Saddam Hussein's regime or a Shiite candidate backed by the government.

Granted a year's delay by FIFA, Iraqi officials chose a third candidate with a long history in the country's soccer community. Najeh Hamoud made finding a new coach for the World Cup qualifying campaign his top priority. Iraq is in a qualifying group with China, Jordan and Singapore. It will play Jordan on 2 Sept.

Internet

S P O R T S

Bayern boss Heynckes dismisses Tevez interest

MUNICH, 24 Aug — Bayern Munich coach Jupp Heynckes on Tuesday dismissed suggestions the Bavarian giants could swoop for want-away Manchester City star Carlos Tevez to replace injured Croatia striker Ivica Olic.

Munich play FC Zurich on Tuesday in the second-leg of their Champions League qualifier in Switzerland, holding a 2-0 lead from last Wednesday's first leg, but the German giants have just two fit strikers in their squad.

Bayern CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has suggested they are interested in signing a new striker to cover Olic's hip injury, which is expected to keep the 31-year-old out for up to eight weeks.

Bayern have Germany's Mario Gomez and rising star Nils Petersen as

their fit forwards, while Germany attacking midfielder Thomas Mueller can play up front.

The transfer window is set to close at midnight on Wednesday August 31 and Bayern are weighing up their options.

Internet



Carlos Tevez of Manchester City warms up prior to the Barclays Premier League match between Bolton Wanderers and Manchester City at the Reebok Stadium Bolton, on 21 Aug.—INTERNET

Mourinho facing 12-game ban for eye-poke brawl

MADRID, 24 Aug — Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho could be suspended up to 12 games for his altercation with Barcelona assistant coach Tito Vilanova during a Spanish Supercup game-ending brawl.

The Spanish football federation opened disciplinary proceedings against the Spanish clubs Tuesday, six days after Barcelona won the trophy in a fight-marred finale.

Mourinho walked toward Vilanova and appeared to poke him in the eye during the on-field melee between the teams.

Under federation rules, the Portuguese coach could be banned between



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

four to 12 games. Vilanova could be sanctioned for four games after retaliating with a push. Barcelona striker David Villa and Madrid pair Marcelo and Mesut Ozil were given one-game bans.—*Internet*

3-time champ Serena Williams seeded 28th at US Open



Serena Williams

RALEIGH, 24 Aug — Serena Williams was seeded 28th for the US Open, which stuck with its policy of following the rankings instead of taking into account players' past performances. That decision means Williams could face one of the Grand Slam tournament's top eight seeded players as early as the third round.

The 29-year-old

American leads active women with 13 major championships, including three at Flushing Meadows — in 1999, 2002 and 2008. She recently won consecutive hard-court tuneup tournaments at Stanford and Toronto, making her one of the favorites to win the US Open, which starts next Monday.

A former No. 1, the American is ranked 29th this week. That's up from 175th in July, a few weeks after she returned to the tour following nearly a year off because of a series of health problems.

Internet

Velez lose striker Silva to Fiorentina

BUENOS AIRES, 24 Aug — Argentine outfit Velez Sarsfield announced on Tuesday that they have agreed a deal to sell Uruguayan striker Santiago Silva to Fiorentina in Italy. "We received a fax from Fiorentina informing us that they would pay the release clause stipulated in Santiago Silva's contract and that they would also pay the necessary taxes," said Velez president Fernando Raffaini.

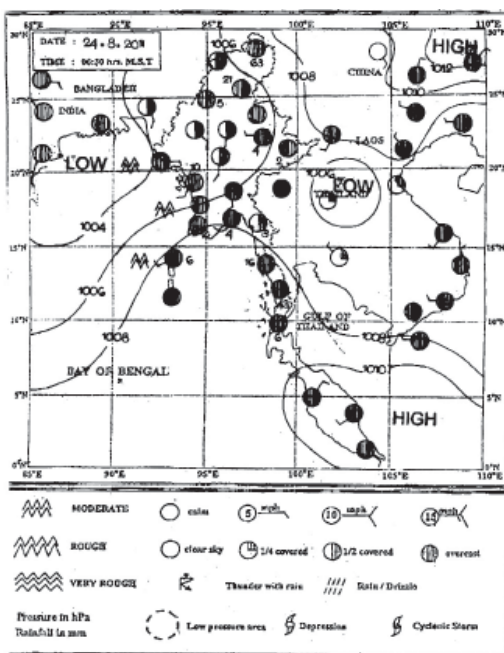
The player told us that he felt it was a one-off

opportunity to try his luck in Europe and that he wanted to go, so that is what will happen.

"This is not up to us and we are not doing this because we need the money. We have already offered the player improved terms, but this was his decision."

Press reports say that Fiorentina will pay just over \$2.5 million (1.7 million euros) for the player. Silva, 30, was expected to travel to Italy on Tuesday night to complete the deal.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 25th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	23/73	13/55	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tanintharyi	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	35/95	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	34/93	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	25/77	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Tanintharyi Region, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Isolated heavy falls in Chin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw (5.04) inches, Falam (4.21) inches, Mawlaikho (2.31) inches, Patheingyi (2.48) inches and Hkamti (2.32) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase rain are likely in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

A curtain of water falls at Wuling Mountain Resort

BEIJING, 24 Aug—Of the many natural scenic resorts surrounding Beijing, the Wuling Mountain Resort is among the most sought after by residents hoping to escape the daily grind of city life.

Located in Miyun County some 150 kilometers east of Beijing, Wuling Mountain is a national-level forest reserve. What distinguishes the reserve from other similar mountain resorts in suburban Beijing is its many creeks, waterfalls and moisture-rich air. Hikers visiting Wuling Mountain can always find tumbling creeks and occasional waterfalls as they make their way up the mountain. The most magnificent water feature of the resort is the Dragon Pond Waterfall. A broad curtain of water, 56 metres high, pours over the canyon, with the sound created by the rushing water resonating throughout the valley.

On the northern slope of the Wuling Mountain, tourists can also find a one



Water rushes down a creek in Wuling Mountain resort.—XINHUA

hundred kilometer stretch of Ming dynasty Great Wall. The mountain used to be the natural defensive barrier protecting Beijing from invasion. Today, all that remains of the Great Wall is debris from the watch towers and collapsed walls. The peak of Wuling Mountain is 2118 meters above sea level, and the scenery differs depending on your altitude. The best season to visit Wuling Mountain is in the summer and autumn. Tourists can reside in one of the family-run hotels or hostels at the foot of the mountain.

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Thursday,
25 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Health Programme

- 8:10 am
7. Dance Variety
- 8:20 am
8. Musical Programme
- 8:30 am
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (First) Division) (Level Women)

- 8:40 am
10. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Dance of National Races
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
3. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:30 pm
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- 4:45 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Public Policy)
- 5:00 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
7. Documentary
- 5:30 pm
8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (First) Division) (Level Women)

- 5:45 pm
9. Science and Environment
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. Myanmar Series
- 6:40 pm
13. Approachaing Science
- 7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Documentary
19. TV Drama Series

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Programme Schedule
(25-8-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(25-8-11 09:30 am ~ 26-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Beikthano Archaeological Museum
- * Under the same roof
- * News

- * Record Album
- * News
- * Myanmar Printing, Publishing & Media Show
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "I Love You"

Overseas Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Beikthano Archaeological Museum
- * Under the same roof
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Myanmar Printing, Publishing & Media Show

- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "I Love You"
- * News
- * Youth and Music (Akhar Htoo, Thant Thinzar Aung, Toe Wai Tun)
- * News
- * Exquisite Silver Jewellery
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Today's Naypyitaw (The Capital City of Myanmar)
- * Myanmar Movies "Good-Hearted Bad Guy"

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Power supply to Chin State discussed, proposals for enhancing standards of universities and healthcare services submitted at Amyotha Hluttaw



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The second regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the third day at Amyotha Hluttaw Building here at 10 am this morning.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 208 Hluttaw representatives attended the today's session.

First, the Speaker

announced that anyone wishing to discuss the President's address on the first day of the second regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw may register.

U Hla Swe from Constituency No. 12 of Magway Region put a question about when Gangaw, Htilin and Saw townships can see the national grid, U Htay Yei

from Constituency No. 7 of Kayah State asked whether there is any plan for supply of electricity from Lawpita Hydropower Plant to Shadaw and Meisei, two remaining townships without electricity, Ywathit sub-township and Mawchi station, an important station in Kayah State and the estimated date of supply

if there is any, U Manar Nai from Constituency No. 10 of Chin State asked whether there is any plan for electricity supply to Kanpetlet Township in Chin State from on going national hydropower projects at Manipur and Myittha rivers flowing from Chin State and the date of supply if there is any, and whether the State can supply electricity with other small and medium-scale hydropower projects if there is no such plan.

In his reply to those questions, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe said that the Kyaw-Gangaw-Haka (66) KV power grid is underway to distribute the electric power from national grid through Kyaw power station; that Kyaw-Gangaw section is due to be completed in 2012-2013 fiscal year; that electric power is provided to Htilin with two department-owned diesel generators; that if power from national grid is to be distributed to Htilin, it will

have to be distributed through (66) KV power lines via Pauk power station and about 45 miles of power lines will have to be linked for it; that power is supplied to Saw Township with one department-owned diesel generator and another generator is kept as a spare one; that power from national grid can be distributed only through Pauk-Mindat (66) KV power lines.

The Union Minister continued that according to current domestic production and consumption of power, it is still unable to provide electric power to Htilin and Saw from national grid but measures will be taken for the two townships when the nation sees increased power production in future.

The Union Minister explained that of the seven townships in Kayah State, power is supplied to Loikaw, Dimawhso, Prusho, Bawlake and Pasawng from national grid and Shadaw and Meisei and Ywathit Sub-

township with diesel generator; that staff of Mawchi Mines constituted Mawchi Station, in which electric power is generated with 280-kilowatt small-scale hydroelectric generators of the mines; that measures will be taken to provide power to the two remaining townships, the sub-township and the station.

Although Chin State has not enjoyed power from national grid, it still has access to electricity as power is supplied by 11 state/district/township/sub-township/town electrical engineer offices in Kanpetlet, Haka, Falam, Tiddim, Tonzang, Thantlang, Kyikha, Reedhorda, Mindat, Matupi and Yezwa with the help of generators and mini hydroelectric turbines; that according to potential of increased amount of the national grid, power supply from national grid to Chin State is projected, for which construction of 30-mile long power lines linking Kyaw and Gangaw

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Warning of high tide

YANGON, 24 Aug—The public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from (20.5) feet to (21.6) feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 28 August to 3 September 2011. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to (21.8) feet high above datum in the year 2009 and 2010, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over (20) feet high above datum.—MNA

Personal hygiene and foods of street vendors to be checked

YANGON, 24 Aug—Yangon City Development Committee will check personal hygiene of street vendors who sell foods and also whether foods sold are fresh, clean and suitable for consumption. The committee has confirmed a regulation that street vendors will have to keep a dustbin whereas hawkers need to have garbage bags.

Nyunt Than-MNA

Self-reliant hydropower stations develop rural regions

By Kalay Win Thu

On my recent trip, I saw nothing on India-Myanmar friendship road of Kalay-Kalewa-Tamu route. When I passed the bridge at the exit of Kalay, I could breathe fresh air from Nerinzara River. The Kalewa-Kyikon-Monywa-Yagyi Myoma Road is located on the left side. Kalewa-Kyikon Road to Tamu is on the right side.

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A lovely photo shows India-Myanmar friendship road of Kalay-Tamu route with Kana Village.