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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Naval Staff of India Admiral Nirmal Verma, PVSM, AVSM, ADC at the President Office, here, at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and departmental heads.

Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Naval Staff of India Admiral Nirmal Verma, PVSM, AVSM, ADC and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and Military Attaché Col Rajesh Kumar.

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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.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein has a documentary taken together with Indian delegation led by Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Naval Staff of India Admiral Nirmal Verma, PVSM, AVSM, ADC and party.

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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 27 August, 2011

Pursue democratization

Myanmar, being a member of world family, has opportunities to pursue democratization and human rights. Depending on culture, customs and historical tradition, democratization processes are different among the countries.

While listening to the voice of people, Hluttaw representatives are to do their best knowing their rights and responsibilities for the people. They are to enact the laws bringing about fundamental rights, democracy and human rights of the people without sectarism, localism, racism and religionism.

The government, judicial bodies, service personnel and the people are to abide by the prescribed laws. They have to adjust among them. The Judgment and Legal Affairs Committee has been formed for correctly carrying out legal affairs. Endeavours of the Hluttaw committees in the Hluttaw are also endeavours of the people.

Representatives can submit their opinions and hold discussions at the respective Hluttaws freely. In line with the democracy, the majority is to place emphasis on the wishes of the minority; and the minority is to follow the desire of the majority.

All the Hluttaw representatives formed the National Race Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee in the Hluttaw. As Myanmar is a democratic nation, they will point out requirements of human rights and democratization and repair necessary tasks bravely.

Myanmar is on the right track of democratization process. The Myanmar Committee of Human Rights is performing fundamental rights of Myanmar citizens. While striving for democratization and human rights processes, Myanmar and its people are to harmoniously carry out the tasks of flourishing democracy and development of democracy process.

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge (893) cm has exceeded by (23) cm (about 0.8 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today, announced the meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

Myanma Airways provides flights to 25 towns

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Myanma Airways of the Ministry of Transport is currently flying to 25 towns with nine airplanes—three F-28, three ATR, and three MA-60, based in Yangon International Airport.

In doing so, it flies at least two flights a week depending on the amount of travelers to the particular town. In the 2010-2011 fiscal year, Myanma Airways could transport 340,000 travellers and over 600 tons of commodities.

With Yangon as the centre, Myanma Airways provides flights to Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bagan-NyaungU, Myitkyina, Putao, Bhamo, Monywa, Kalay, Homalin, Khamti, Heho, Lashio, Kengtung, Tachilek, Monghsat, Loikaw, Myeik, Dawei, Kawthoung, Bokpyin, An, Sittway, Thandwe and Kyaukpyu.

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FM briefs on current developments of Myanmar

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin explains progress of Republic of the Union of Myanmar.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug — A briefing on the current developments in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place at the meeting room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here this afternoon.

It was attended by the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister U Maung Myint, heads of department, dean of the diplomatic corps, ambassadors and heads of mission, representatives of UN organizations based in Myanmar and officials concerned.

At the briefing, Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin explained about the government's efforts in the past five months after the emergence of the new government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, in relating to the promotion of socio-economic condition of the people, endeavours for internal peace and foreign relations. Then, the Union Minister replied to the questions asked by the foreign diplomats and representatives of UN organizations.

Afterwards, diplomats and representatives of UN agencies and officials viewed exhibited photos.

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Japanese government and people donate ¥ 308 million worth TB medicines to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Under the Myanmar-Japan Cooperation programme, Japan has constructed Medical research Department (Lower Myanmar), Nursing University (Yangon), and new General Hospital and donated medicines for elimination of leprosy, and HIV test kits.

Under the Project for the Equipment Provision for the National Tuberculosis Programme, Japanese Grant Aid (GIA) handed TB medicines for 130,000 patients for one year period over to the Ministry of Health at Thingaha Hotel here this noon. Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin expressed thanks to Japanese government and peoples for the donation.

Then, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito handed over medicines to the ministry and Director-General of Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo presented certificate of honor to him.

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Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito hands over TB medicines worth ¥ 308 million to Director-General of Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo.—MNA

To mark 79th birthday of Her Majesty Sirikit, Queen of the His Majesty King of Thailand, Thai Ambassador Mr Apirath Vienravi presents 100,000 baht for Yangon Children's Hospital to Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win on 26 August.—MNA

All this needs to be known

* **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
* **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
* **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

At least 18 die in car bomb attack on Nigeria UN HQ

ABUJA, 26 Aug—A car bomb ripped through the United Nations' headquarters in the Nigerian capital of Abuja on Friday, killing at least 18 people, in an attack reminiscent of a June blast claimed by a local radical Islamist group.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said the final casualty toll was likely to be considerable, and Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan ordered tighter security around the capital after what he called a "most despicable assault."

Security sources and witnesses said the car rammed into the building and blew up, badly damaging parts of an office complex where close to 400 people normally work for UN agencies.

"This was an assault on those who devote their lives to helping others," Ban said in a statement to reporters. "We condemn this terrible act, utterly."

Body parts were strewn on the ground as emergency workers, soldiers and police swarmed around the building, cordoned roads and rushed the wounded to hospital.

"Different people have been taken to different hospitals so we're not sure of casualty figures. It is at least 18," said Mike Zuokumor, Abuja police commissioner. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. However, one Abuja-based security source suspected the Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram, whose strikes have been growing in intensity and spreading further afield, or al Qaeda's North African arm.

"This is very likely the work of Boko Haram and, or, AQIM (Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb) and is a serious escalation in the security situation in Nigeria," the security source said. "This is the worst thing that could have happened." In Friday's attack the car slammed through security gates of the UN complex, crashed into the basement and exploded, sending vehicles flying and setting the building ablaze.

"When the car got inside it went straight to the basement and exploded, killing people in reception, right and left," said Abuja resident James John, who saw the attack. "The entire building, from the ground floor to the topmost, was just fire and smoke. I saw six bodies been carried. I can't believe it."—*Reuters*

A victim of a bomb blast ripped through the United Nations offices in the Nigerian capital of Abuja is loaded into an ambulance, 26 August, 2011.—Internet

One killed, five injured in blast in Afghanistan

HERAT, 26 Aug—A women was killed and five other civilians were injured on Friday when a blast rocked Herat, the capital City of Herat Province, 640 km west of Kabul, police said.

"A quantity of explosive materials were placed in a hand cart which left by a suspect near the entrance gate of provincial police department and was detonated by a remote-control device at around 11:00 am local time Friday," Ghulam Faruq Kohistani, head of criminal investigation department of Herat police told *Xinhua*. The injured were transported to nearby hospital by police, the official said, adding no policeman was injured in the attack.—*Xinhua*

Security officers cordon off the blast site in northwest Pakistan's Nowshera on 25 Aug, 2011. At least 12 people including two soldiers were killed and 17 others injured in a blast that hit a hotel in Nowshera on Thursday night, reported local Urdu TV channel Samaa. XINHUA

Four injured as bomb targeting army vehicle goes off in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Aug—At least four people injured when a powerful bomb went off Friday morning near an Afghan army vehicle along a high way in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan Province, re-ported local TV channel Tolo News.

According to the report the blast took place at around 08:30 a m local time Friday along the main highway connecting capital City of Kabul to northern provinces and the blast occurred between Khinjan and Dushi areas in Baghlan province.

Meantime, administrative chief of Dushi District Shamsuddin Sarhadi told *Xinhua* that the blast was a roadside bombing against an army pickup passing by the areas. "The army pickup was traveling from Kabul to Baghlan's Provincial Capital Pul-e-Khumri and the blast injured four people included an army officer and four women all his family members," Sarhaidi said.—*Xinhua*

Three rockets hit area near Kuwait-Iraq border

DUBAI, 26 Aug—Three rockets have hit the border area between Kuwait and Iraq, Al Arabiya TV reported early on Friday quoting diplomatic sources.

The Dubai-based channel said the Katyusha rockets did not target Kuwait's Mubarak Port which is under construction.

The port has been a subject of arguments between oil-producing Iraq and Kuwait, which share a small border.

Iraq says the port interferes with shipping lanes to its own ports.

Reuters

Palestinians inspect a rubble of sports club after it was hit in Israeli aerial bombing in northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahia, on 25 Aug, 2011. XINHUA

US surveillance drone crashes in Pak town bordering Afghanistan

QUETTA, 26 Aug—A US surveillance drone has crashed near the Frontier Corps (FC) Cantonment in Chaman, a Pakistani Town bordering Afghanistan.

Confirming the crash of the US drone, Frontier Corps officials said it was Unarmed Aerial Vehicle (UAV) measuring 4 metres wide and 3 metres long, having two cameras. It fell 300 metres east of the Frontier Corps Balochistan fort, with the site of the crash being approximately 2 kilometres inside Pakistani territory, they added.

The officials also confirmed that the UAV had been doing surveillance over Pak-Afghan border areas for about an hour, but crashed due to technical fault, The Nation reports. Denying that Pakistani forces shot US pilot aircraft, they expressed concern over the intrusion of American spy aircraft inside Pakistan's airspace.— *Xinhua*

53 killed in Mexico casino arson attack

MEXICO CITY, 26 Aug—At least 53 people were killed and dozens more injured in an arson attack on a casino in the northern Mexican City of Monterrey Thursday, officials said.

According to the police, the attackers forced their way into the Casino Royale and sprayed petrol-like flammable liquid and set the house ablaze, trap-ping gamblers inside.

The death toll could climb further as more bodies were being pulled out, according to Adrian de la Garza, the prosecutor for Nuevo Leon State whose capital is Monterrey.

The attackers, about two dozens in number, had told the customers to leave but some of the gamblers were too terrified to get out. Firefighters and rescuers had rushed to the scene, trying to put out the fire and find survivors, local TV footage shows.

Xinhua

Thick smoke is seen outside the burning casino after an attack in Monterrey, Mexico, on 25 Aug, 2011.— XINHUA

Photo News

Workers weigh ingredients as they prepare traditional Chinese herbal medicines at Beijing's Capital Medical University Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital on 25 May, 2011. The hospital distributes around 20,000 prescription doses daily, more than five tonnes of ingredients, from their stock of 600 different types of plants, herbs, and animal organs. —INTERNET

ABN AMRO cuts 9 percent of jobs in run-up to sale

BUSINESS

AMSTERDAM, 26 Aug— Nationalized Dutch bank ABN AMRO is shedding 2,350 jobs - some 9 percent of its workforce - as the state readies it for sale or a listing. The bank said it expected 1,500 redundancies and 850 positions to be lost through natural attrition in the next three to four years.

Most of the job cuts will be in back-office operations such as IT, but some retail and private banking positions will also be axed. The bank said it has taken a restructuring provision of 200 million euros pre-tax for the redundancies.

Global banks have announced close to 50,000 job cuts in recent months in the face of sluggish economic growth, volatile markets and regulatory changes. The Dutch State, which nationalized ABN AMRO during the 2008 financial crisis, plans to sell ABN AMRO in 2014 or later, preferably by listing it on the stock market, so improving efficiency would make the bank more attractive to potential buyers.

Historically, ABN AMRO has had a relatively high cost-to-income ratio compared with other banks. It said its cost-income ratio fell to 63 percent at the end of June, from 75 percent a year ago.

Dutch rival ING has reported an underlying cost-income ratio of 59.2 percent, while Rabobank has an efficiency ratio of 59.7 percent.—*Reuters*

The head office of ABN AMRO bank is seen in Amsterdam on 29 May, 2007. —INTERNET

Teen vaccinations against cervical cancer lagging

HEALTH

ATLANTA, 26 Aug— Only about half of the teenage girls in the US have rolled up their sleeves for a controversial vaccine against cervical cancer — a rate well below those for two other vaccinations aimed at adolescents. The vaccine hit the market in 2006. By last year, just 49 percent of girls had gotten at least the first of the recommended three shots for human papilloma virus, or HPV, a sexually-transmitted bug that can cause cervical cancer and genital warts. Only a third had gotten all three doses, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

In contrast, the CDC said about two-thirds of teens had gotten the recommended shot for one type of bacterial meningitis and a shot for meningitis and tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Granted, it can take many years for a new vaccine to catch on and reach the 90 percent and above range for many longstanding childhood vaccines. But use of HPV vaccine has been "very disappointing" compared to other newer vaccines, said the CDC's Dr Melinda Wharton.

"If we don't do a much better job, we're leaving another generation vulnerable to cervical cancer later in life," said Wharton.

Why aren't more girls getting HPV shots? The vaccine can be very expensive, and it can be a bit of a hassle. It takes three visits to the doctor over six months.—*Internet*

Staff with Medecins Sans Frontieres treat one of two suspected Ebola patients in Congo's Eastern Kasai Province, on 26 September, 2007.—INTERNET

Research shows how some folks resist getting sick with the flu

HEALTH

NEW YORK, 26 Aug—Your immune system response to a flu virus determines whether or not you will get sick, and that immune reaction can be observed through gene activity, according to a new study. Researchers examined more than 22,000 genes in 267 blood samples from 17 healthy volunteers who were infected with a flu virus. There were significant and complex differences in the immune responses between the half of the participants who got sick and those who didn't, the investigators found.

The gene activity, or expression, data revealed how the volunteers' immune systems reacted and organized a response to flu virus. Differences in gene expressions between those who got sick and those who remained healthy were measurable up to about 36 hours before peak flu symptoms developed. This suggests that it may be possible to detect flu at an early stage so that people can take precautions and perhaps even prevent the worst symptoms, study author Alfred Hero, a professor at the University of Michigan's College of Engineering, said in a university news release.—*Internet*

British growth slows to 0.2% in second quarter

BUSINESS

LONDON, 26 Aug—Britain's economy slowed sharply in the second quarter, posting growth of only 0.2 percent after 0.5 percent in the first, official data showed on Friday, confirming an initial reading.

"Gross Domestic Product increased by 0.2 percent in the second quarter of 2011, following an increase of 0.5 percent in the first quarter of 2011," the Office for National Statistics said in a statement.

The data was unchanged from an initial estimate published in July.

The ONS said GDP grew by 0.7 percent compared with the second quarter of 2010, also unchanged from the initial estimate.—*Internet*

London's financial district, Canary Wharf, is pictured in east London, on 19 August.—INTERNET

BUSINESS

China Southern Airlines net profits rise 33 pct in H1

BEIJING, 26 Aug— Chinese airline giant China Southern Airlines on Friday reported strong growth in net profits over the first six months of the year due to strong domestic travel demand and the yuan's appreciation.

Its net profits surged 32.71 percent year-on-year to 2.76 billion yuan (431.59 million US dollars) in the first half while revenue jumped 22.3 percent to 42.41 billion yuan, the airline said in its half-year report.

Earnings per share stood at 0.28 yuan, said the report.

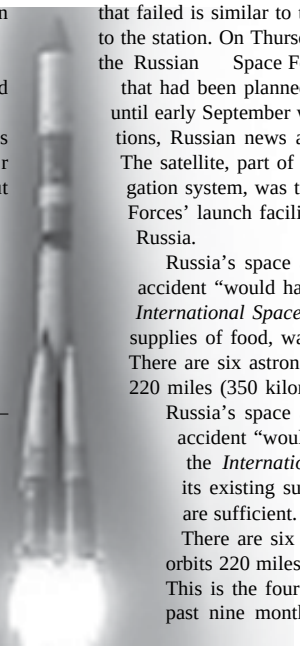
Due to upbeat domestic travel demand, the airline carried 38.44 million passengers during the period, up 6.1 percent from last year, while transporting 536,000 tonnes of cargos and mails, the report said.

The overall load factor—a measure of how much capacity is being utilized—climbed 2.7 percentage points to 80.6 percent, it added.

Xinhua

Science

Russians search for crashed spaceship in Siberia



MOSCOW, 26 Aug—Russian helicopters searched Thursday for the wreckage of the unmanned spaceship that crashed and exploded in a forested area in Siberia. The supply ship was launched from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan about 1,500 kilometres (900 miles) southwest of the crash site.

It fell after the third stage of its booster rocket failed a few minutes into Wednesday's launch, in the Choisky District in Russia's Altai Province. It was the 44th launch of a Progress supply ship to the space station — and the first failure in the nearly 13-year life of the complex.

While the International Space Station has more than enough supplies, the accident threatens to delay the launch of the next crew, just one month away. That's because the upper stage of the unmanned rocket that failed is similar to the ones used to launch astronauts to the station. On Thursday, Gen Oleg Ostapenko, head of the Russian Space Forces, said the launch of a satellite that had been planned for Friday was being postponed until early September while the rocket undergoes inspections, Russian news agencies reported.

The satellite, part of Russia's *GLONASS* satellite navigation system, was to have blasted off from the Space Forces' launch facility in Plesetsk in far northern Russia.

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Internet

***HP's TouchPad tablet is shown on a screen during a media presentation at the Herbst Pavilion at the Fort Mason Centre in San Francisco on 9 February, 2011.—*INTERNET**

Researchers aim to power smartphones through walking

Tech

WISCONSIN, 26 Aug—A new energy harvesting method developed by researchers Tom Krupenkin and J Ashley Taylor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison promises a practical way to power smartphones and other portable electronics simply by walking down the street.

The Wisconsin-Madison Researchers believe that by inserting their device into a pair of shoes, a person could generate up to 20 watts of electrical energy. That energy could then be used to charge devices by plugging in to a small USB port into the shoes.

Another method would be to create a tiny Wi-Fi hotspot in the shoe device which would take the load off a phone's battery. Krupenkin says that this could extend battery life to a month rather than just a day or two.

The device could be very practical in impoverished countries with poor access to electricity, or for military personnel.—*Internet*

***A man plays with a HTC Desire smartphone at a mobile phone shop in Taipei on 15 August, 2011.—*INTERNET**

Tech

Start-up Pure Storage uses exclusively flash-based storage

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug—It's doubtless that one day flash storage, like SSDs, will replace hard disks for data centers and enterprise storage. SSDs are generally faster, more reliable and use less power than hard disks. As usual in the tech world, the question is who's going to make the first leap, and when's it going to happen? There have already been a bunch of start-ups looking to cash in with all-flash storage solutions, but one in particular made a big splash this week: Pure Storage announced it raised $30 million in fresh capital while unveiling an flash-storage array that's nearly ready for market.

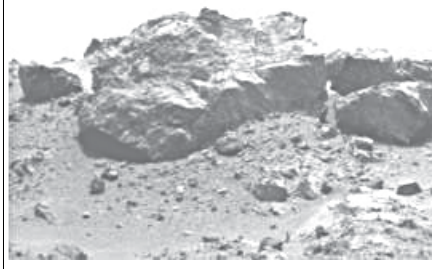
The Pure Storage FlashArray FA-300 Series is the stuff IT guys dreamed of only recently. It's a purpose-built flash array, unlike the flash-disk hybrids that are more commonly available now, that the company claims is ten times faster and ten times more space efficient than current hard disk offerings.

Using custom software to control data flow and write/rewrite processes, Pure Storage says its array can achieve a twenty-time reduction in inline data; in other words, the firm claims that using its flash storage for servers and the like can reduce workflow data transfers by up to 95%. The array comes in sizes from 10 to 100 terabytes at an estimate cost of $5 per usable gigabyte.

As impressive as Pure Storage's offering is, it's hardly the only player in the game, and lags behind others in terms of bringing a product to market. As far as other start-ups are concerned, Violin Memory has leaped out to become the current favorite.

The company's already gathered $310 million in financing, and with products already on the market, expects to eclipse $100 million in sales this year.

On the slightly smaller end, Nimbus Data Systems doesn't have the kind of numbers Violin Memory has, but it has proven profitable. Even better for the company, it's already scored a couple hundred contracts including one with eBay.—*Internet*



***NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity looked across a small crater on the rim of a much larger crater to capture this raw image from its panoramic camera during the rover's 2,685th Martian day, or sol, of work on Mars on 13 Aug, 2011.—*INTERNET**

Science

Australian astronomers discover planet made of diamond

CANBERRA, 26 Aug—Australian astronomers on Friday said they have spotted an exotic planet that is believed to be made of diamond in our galactic backyard. The sparkling world 4,000 light years away is 60,000 kilometres in diametre, five times that of the Earth, and is thought to be all that remains of a once-massive star which collapsed and was crunched down into crystalline.

An international team lead by Matthew Bailes, from Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, said they have discovered a low-mass but dense object in orbit around a rapidly-rotating neutron star. He said the new planet is far denser than any other known so far and consists largely of carbon. Because it is so dense, scientists are certain that the carbon must be crystalline, so that a large part of the star is similar to a diamond. "We have never seen anything like this before," Bailes told ABC Science on Friday.

"Producing such exotic planets is the exception rather than the rule, and requires special circumstances." Bailes said the new planet is probably the remnant of a once- massive star that has lost its outer layers to the so-called pulsar star it orbits.—*Xinhua*

Second regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw continues for fifth day

Questioning, answering, and submitting proposals at the session

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—The second regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the fifth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 386 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At today's session, seven questions were asked and answered, the report of the Public Account Committee was submitted for approval of the Hluttaw.

In his reply to question of U Han Sein from Taikkyi Constituency whether **there is any plan to open a CNG filling station in Taikkyi Township as vehicles fueled by CNG plying between Yangon and Taikkyi can only fill CNG in Yangon,** Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay said that in Yangon, there are 40 CNG filling stations that run round the clock and 26,552 vehicles run with CNG and thus average vehicle-station ratio is 660 to 1, which means a vehicle can fill CNG more than once a day; that vehicles have been allowed to extend gas cylinders up to 14 units (WL700) and thus a vehicle can run about 280 miles non-stop with one filling which means it can even run from Yangon up to Okkan past Taikkyi.

He continued that there is still no plan to run CNG filling station anywhere including Taikkyi as ratio of current vehicles and stations is just appropriate, vehicle owners are enjoying increased profits compared to vehicles run with petrol and diesel, and it is needed to manage the distribution of valuable inland natural gas; that his Ministry of which primary objective is extensive exploration of oil and natural gas, will act necessarily for extended distribution of CNG when new inland gas fields are discovered.

Likewise, members of the Union-level institutions answered the six questions of U Thein Nyunt from Thingangyun Constituency.

He said that **according to request letters addressed to ministries, 26 youth workers who went to Saudi Arabia under the arrangement of an overseas job agency in Yangon got no regular job and were trafficked, whose passports were the seized and were under death threats and he asked how the government will take measures to save them as soon as possible.**

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi replied that according to investigation to response to the complaint, it is found that Jobs Agency Co Ltd which does not have agency license, Goloden Arm Co ltd whose license was withdrawn, Vertex Palace Co Ltd who has overseas jobs agent's license are involved in the case; that U Kyaw Myint (a) Josh, son of U Maung Maung has been sued for illegal sending of workers to foreign countries without agent's license and action will be taken against him according to anti-human trafficking law if he is found guilty; that although Saudi Arabia has once proposed Myanmar for its workers, the latter has not yet inked bilateral agreement with it for his ministry wanted to make further observation about its rules and regulations on migrant workers; that his ministry has never permitted not even a single worker to work there and issued notices to all agencies with overseas jobs agent's license twice.

As to the 26 workers, the Union minister noted that although Myanmar Ambassador to Saudi Arabia has tried to bring them back to Myanmar, the section 40 of labour law of Saudi Arabia states that if a migrant worker wants to go back to his mother country, he has to pay for all the expenses, and that if he is not willing to work for the full contract, he is responsible for all expenses including travel charges for arrival and departure; that according to ILO Convention No. (97), ILO Convention No. (143), UN International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers included in International Charter of Migration adopted for protection of migrant workers, it is stated that migrant workers can only be protected in accord with the rule of the country concerned and they are responsible for obeying the rule of the country concerned and that job seekers wishing to go overseas are needed to follow legal procedures, stressed the Union Minister.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replies to queries. MNA

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin answers the questions. MNA

Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw submits proposal. MNA

His second question is **that of the lawyers benefitting the nation with law, some are withdrawn licenses, some are banned for advocacy, and whether there is a plan to re-scrutinize them and issue licenses to them and to re-acknowledge them as lawyers, to reopen Registered Lawyer (RL) Course and reorganize Higher Grade Pleader (HGP) exams. His third question is that although it is prescribed that trails are to be held in the prescience of the public with the exception of Section 3 (b) of Union Judiciary Law, trails are going on behind the closed doors in Insein Jail by setting up special courts and that whether there is a plan to organize trials before the public and there is an intention to pass a decree according to Courts Directive (7/56).**

Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo said that from 1972 to date, licences of 69 higher grade pleaders were suspended and 125 HGPs dismissed, and licences of 88 advocates were suspended and 104 advocates dismissed. With regard to suspension of lawyer licences in limitation, those who re-summit the lawyer licences, the Union Supreme Court re-issues licence to them. Task of lawyer is a noble profession for ensuring justice. Those wishing to take lawyer career must be qualified and they have to abide by prescribed codes of conduct and disciplines. Therefore, he replied that there is no plan to re-issue licences to the dismissed prosecutors and to admit them as lawyers.

In the past, RL course was opened due to lesser amount of law graduates and least number of lawyers. The HGP examinations were held because of least amount of HGPs. At present, law subject is being conducted at various universities, so the RL course will not be opened and HGP examination will not be conducted.

The courts are in operation of judicial tasks in front of the public except some restrictions in accordance with Section 3 (b) of Union Judiciary Law. Their tasks are in line with the Constitution, the Union Judiciary Law and Criminal Procedure. According to the application of the prosecuting organization, some cases were heard at the office in the compound of the Myanmar Correctional Department, outside Insein Jail for security of clients, lawyers and culprits and for contribution to correct and quick judgment of the court. In so doing, the court was not closed door, and carried out judgment in front of clients, advocates, witnesses of both sides and their relatives. The clients and culprits have the rights of showing evidences, reversibly raising of questions to witnesses and pleading under the law. In some cases, the courts depending on its area did not allow other persons except plaintiffs and defendants, lawyers of both sides, witnesses and officials by practising the provision of the section 352 of the Penal Code for ensuring smooth and secure judgment because there were larger number of defendants and witnesses. But, the above cases were in a few numbers. Mostly, the cases were heard without closed door, in front of clients of sides, lawyers and witnesses in accord with the existing procedures and regulations.

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Directive No. 7/56 for the courts means that if it is necessary to hear a case, prosecuted to the court, in the jail or other places for a special matter, only when the judge hearing the case has adopted a necessary order, shall the case to be heard outside the court.

There are two kinds of cases heard at the office in the compound of the Myanmar Correctional Department outside the Insein Jail. Of them, the first one of case is that a court located in the area of Insein Jail can hear the case at the office of the Myanmar Correctional Department outside the Insein Jail due to a special matter without hearing the case at their court. These cases are concerned with the directive No. 7/56. It is necessary to adopt an initial order to hear the case outside the court. The number of such cases is a few. It was seen that the cases were heard at the office of Myanmar Correctional Department outside the Insein Jail after the initial order has been adopted. Thus, the courts follow the prescribed directives.

The second one is that the according to the directive issued by the Union Chief Justice in line with Section 178 of the Criminal Procedure, a court located outside the area of criminal case can hear the cases at the office of Myanmar Correctional Department outside the Insein Jail. According to Section 178 of Criminal Procedure Law, the directive mentions to specifically hear the case at the office of Myanmar Correctional Department outside the Insein Jail. Therefore, the case is not inclusive of directive for courts No. 7/56 and it is unnecessary to adopt an initial order.

With regard to the question that **sailors of foreign shipping lines had got permit to import motor cars and paid 10 per cent of their salary in US dollars to the funds of the State in the past. Later, they did not get import licence. He asked that how the State will fulfill the requirement of sailors' rights.** Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said that licence was issued to the sailors of foreign shipping lines to import vehicles spending their official foreign exchange up to 1997. As of July 1997, the import licence of vehicles was suspended for everybody including sailors of foreign shipping lines. At present, citizen export and import entrepreneurs were permitted to import heavy machinery, trucks, city buses and mini-buses for construction sites and public use.

Every citizen with their official foreign exchange including sailors of foreign lines may establish companies and submit application for registration of export and import entrepreneurs, and then they may apply to import vehicles spending their official FE. If they do not wish to set up companies, they may transfer their FE to bank accounts of other entrepreneurs who have import licences. They mutually carry out the import of vehicles.

With regard to a question that **Township Immigration and Registration Department delays application of citizenship scrutiny cards, transfer of household registration list and adding the birth register of Islamists in Thingangyun Township for many days, asking for performing such tasks as soon as possible.** Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replied that in scrutinizing the issuance of CSC, a type of cards has been issued to 15711 Islamists of above 10 years old in Thingangyun Township and there remain 5623 persons. In observing the data on duty and functions of the department from 2007 to 25 August 2011, a total of 7211 persons submitted applications and a type of suitable cards has been issued to 6938 persons. The remaining persons are 273 applicants. There are many remaining cases of 2011. In the remaining cases, the applicants are unable to submit their ancestral evidences, wrong name lists in household registration and failure of swearing to accept citizenship. Most of them have not submitted firm evidences yet and they do not contact the office. So they holding a type of cards live in the township.

In conducting scrutiny from 2007 to 13 August 2011, Thingyangyun Township INRD has no work debit regarding transfer of Islamists from and to other regions, adding birth register and reducing household list for death. Up to 25 August, the tasks related to household registration list are not suspended across the nation. The staff members of the department are responsible to scrutinize facts about parents and grand parents systematically, while the applicants are to submit the correct and full evidences. As such, they can accept the citizenship. Therefore, citizenship eligibility is important to issuance of CSCs. Likewise, it is necessary to take time in scrutinizing the evidences. Therefore, delay in issuance of the card depends on correct and full documents of the applicants.

Regarding one more question, **the Ministry of Health replied a question at the regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw that although the MBBS graduate will be appointed under the Ministry of Health, any one with medical graduates in 2009 has not been appointed yet. The question was asked how will carry out appointment of medical graduate.** Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that fresher graduates of medical universities were appointed at departments under the Ministry of Health with the post of assistant surgeons or same posts in the past. Mainly, they were assigned duties at Health Department and Medical Science Department. A total of 3646 medical graduates have been appointed in the posts out of 5581. There remain 1935 vacant posts. A total of 654 posts of 922 tutor posts have been appointed at Medical Science Department, remaining 268 vacant posts. Arrangements are being made to appoint the medical graduates in 2203 vacant posts, and coordination is being made for their appointment.

Four Hluttaw representatives discussed the report submitted by Public Accounts Committee on 23 August, and Chairman of the committee submitted a proposal on the report, the Hluttaw approved it.

With regard to amnesty, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives reported on release of general amnesty at the opportune time. Due to full capacity of farsightedness and high consideration, they firmly hope that the President would make assessment and release an order of amnesty.

The fifth-day second regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw was adjourned at 1.40 pm today, The sixth-day meeting will continue at 10 am on 29 August (Monday).

MNA

Application for registration as political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—The Union Election Commission passed the application of Democratic Alliance Party for registration as political party submitted by 17 members including Dr Soe Lin today as it found the application was accorded with rules and regulations. The UEC is scrutinizing and allowing the formation of political parties.—*MNA*

No worry for Yangonites for water in summer to come

YANGON, 26 Aug—Looking forward to bountiful water supply to the people residing in Yangon, Yangon City Development Committee has been seeking water resources. The committee is supplying water daily to the Yangonites from Hlawga Lake (14 million gallons), Gyobyu Lake (27 million gallons), Phugyi Lake (45 million gallons), Ngamoeyeik water supply project (45 million gallons), artesian wells and water supply centres (29 million gallons), totally 160 million gallons.

The highest water level of last year in Hlawga Lake reaches above 51 feet and four inches; Gyobyu Lake, 197 feet and eight inches; and Phugyi Lake, 100 feet and two inches. Due to more rainfalls this year, it is expected that water intakes to those lakes are relatively high in Hlawgy Lake (57 feet and six inches); Gyobyu Lake (200 feet and seven inches); and Phugyi Lake (111 feet and seven inches).

Accordingly, Yangonites will be able to consume ample water supply without worry in coming summer.—*Nyunt Than-MNA*

Election Objection Amendment (7/2011) heard

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Chairman U Tin Aye and all members of Union Election Commission heard Election Objection Amendment No (7/2011) at UEC Office here at 1 pm today.

MNA

Visitor looks at a handicraft work made by walnuts at the opening ceremony of the fourth Culture Industry Fair of Northeast China in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, 25 Aug, 2011. The fair will last to 29 Aug.

XINHUA

Private sector engages…

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and state governments emerged in accordance with the new constitution have managed to generate electricity in manageable scale.

He also called on officials concerned to manage the production cost so as to reduce the payment for electricity as high construction cost could lead to higher payment for electricity.

He also instructed officials concerned to make efforts for minimizing the unit losses, he said.

Besides, plans should be made to transport the electricity to regional areas via the national grid and to supply the electricity from the grid to local areas, he added.

During the visit, the Vice-President inspected construction of the spillway, power station, intake tunnel and main dam of the project.

According to the report of Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min to the Vice-President, there are 13 hydropower projects in the Sittoung Basin in east of Bago Region and plans are underway to generate altogether 1240 MW by all hydropower projects.

He also reported on location of the Thaukyekhat Hydropower project, purpose of the project, facts about the project, infrastructures of the project including main dam, spillway, diversion dam, diversion tunnel, sluice gate and power supply building and arrival of machinery for the project. Officials of Shwe Swan In Co Ltd reported on construction work of the project.

According to the report of Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe to the Vice-President, power from the project will be transported to the 12.36-mile long grid linking the project and Toungoo to supply power to areas in Nay Pyi Taw and Bago Region through a main sub-power station in Toungoo.

The hydropower project is located on Thaukyekhat River, about 14 miles east of Toungoo, Bago Region. The project has a catchment areas of 840 acre-feet and has a storage capacity of 360,000 acre-feet. Its concrete reinforced dam is 1253 ft long and 308 ft high and the spillway is 203 ft wide. The diameter of the diversion tunnel is 34.5 ft wide and the tunnel is 1742 ft long. The 29.5-ft-in-diametre water intake tunnel is 1969 ft long. The project will be equipped with three generators and will generate 604 million KW hours per year.

So far, 48.67 per cent of the project have been finished and the first phase of the hydropower project is expected to generate power in October, 2012.

During the tour of inspection, the Vice-President was accompanied by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Director-General of the Presidential Office and heads of department.—*MNA*

Photo shows Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower Project at Thaukyekhat Creek, 14 miles east of Toungoo.

MNA

Ministry of Agriculture…

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prizes to third-place holders F&R Ministry team and champions A&I Ministry team.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented the shield, cash prize and replica shield to champions A&I Ministry team.

The game started on 9 July was played by 32 teams.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint presents best player award to Chit Su Moe.

MNA

F&R Ministry plans to fix stable exchange rate

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue is planning to fix a stable exchange rate which can benefit the nation and people, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said.

Speaking at the 131st meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue's supervisory committee for banks and executive committee of the Myanmar Banks Association at the ministry here today, the Union minister also said that the ministry has also planned to use a tax revenue management system which is suitable for the present time to earn more revenues for expenditure and to attract more investments for development of the country

The Union minister also called for laying down action plans and to implement the plans as national level workshops have been organized to be able to assess and amend the country's monetary policy, fiscal policy, trade policy and investment policy in an attempt to boost the economy of the nation.

He also stressed the need for using the internal management and control system at banks.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than and Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein discussed tasks for reforms of banking services. executives of MBA, managing directors of state-owned banks and chairman and directors of private banks reported on banking services in this month. —*MNA*

Myanma Insurance provides 46 insurances

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug — Myanma Insurance under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue is providing 46 catagories of insurance. The institution earned over K 20700 million in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

It has opened branches in each Region, State and District and also assigned agents providing door-to-door service in selling insurances of certain types.

According to an official of Myanma Insurance, 92 insurance agents who completed the training course conducted by the department today will start providing their service soon.

(Soe Min-MNA)

No roadside ads in Yangon!

YANGON, 26 Aug — Yangon City Development Committee is making all-out efforts for cleaning and beautifying Yangon.

Despite these measures, some entrepreneurs are hanging and sticking business ads and vacancy announcements at bus stops, lamp posts and walls in an unorganized manner, irritating bypassers who are desiring the supervision of these activities.

(Nwe Nwe Kyi-MNA)

Myanmar, India to cooperate in minerals exploration

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and party at the ministry here today. They discussed cooperation in minerals exploration.

MNA

Fifth-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw held

Union Ministers reply to queries of Hluttaw representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—The second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw went on for fifth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attended the session.

U Salai Kwe Yan of Chin State Constituency No. 12 raised a question that **whether there is plan to grow teak plant free in mitigating poverty so as to make progress in rural products, enhance rural socioeconomic status and conserve environment.** Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun replied that local people are not given specific list of trees to be planted, but scrutinized and allowed as they are pleased so that they are free from trouble in implementing forest plantations.

In order to address the needs of social life of local people, growing of teak plant will be allowed on a manageable scale. They need to register their plantation at Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry so that the process of possession and use of teak can go well in a systematic way. Instead of implementation of locally group-owned forest plantations, implementation of teak plantation according to easier and uncomplicated private teak plantation procedure is more beneficial to next successors.

The measures relating to stipulation of procedures, rules and regulations for implementation of private teak plantation in protective public forest, private land, and vacant land which are out of the management of the Ministry of Forestry have been taken. And the locals can make contact with related Forest Departments.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied to the questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives about transport sector.

In response to the question raised by U Myint Hlaing of Rakhine State Constituency No. 12 about **yearly floods and disastrous effects resulting from sandbanks in the Thandwe Creek in Rakhine State,** silt in Thandwe Creek and Zee Creek streaming around Thandwe of Rakhine State leave sandbanks in the creeks resulting in floods in downtown wards in the rainy seasons. According to survey conducted by Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, the estimated cost of digging and silting the creek, and embanking the silt on both side of the creek is reckoned at more than K 330 million.

Local authorities have been informed to necessary measures for proper flow of water, and ministry will fulfill the needs.

In response to question of U Khat Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency No. 1 about **construction of retaining wall to prevent the area from flooding of the Ayeyawady River in Myitkyina,** it is found that there were seven times of floods that water level exceeded above danger level of Myitkyina in previous 44 years. When the water level of Ayeyawady River is high, water storms wards located in low area of Myitkyina. So, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems has built 600-foot-long gravel-filled retaining wall in Myitkyina. Despite floods in Myitkyina, there was no erosion. It is needed to build an earthen retaining wall higher than 1398 cm around Myitkyina which was its highest water level.

U San Tun of Kachin State Constituency No. 11 asked **whether there is a plan to change charges for mobile phone at reasonable rate for public convenience because bill charges in Myanmar are relatively higher than neighbouring countries.** Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun replied that as of 1-2-2003, local mobile phone call cost 25 kyats per minute and trunk call, 35 kyats per minute as against 28 kyats of local call per minute and 39 kyats of trunk call per minute in international mobile phone call charges in October 2009. In 2009, phone charges for local call cost 120 kyats per minute and trunk call 120 kyats per minute in Singapore; local call cost 90 kyats per minute and trunk call 270 kyats per minute in Thailand; and local call cost 50 kyats per minute and trunk call 130 kyats per minute in China. So, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Government Meeting No. 48/2009 held on 31 December of 2009 approved the proposal on the same charges as 50 kyats for both local and trunk calls. Currently, GSM local call charges cost 104 kyats per minute and trunk call, 104 kyats per minute in Singapore; local call charges cost 40 kyats per minute and trunk call, 80 kyats per minute in Thailand; and local call charges cost 56 kyats per minute and trunk call, 88 kyats per minute in China. In some countries, operators just show call charges per minute and do not show initial charge whenever each call is made. It is likely to pay initial charge again when the connection lost while calling. It is found that some operators do not use clear normal route and use gray route. So far, it is found that present mobile local call tagging 50 kyats collected by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is fair and reasonable.

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik makes clarifications. MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U San Tun of Kachin State Constituency No. 11. MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Myint Hlaing of Rakhine State Constituency No. 12. MNA

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye answered three questions raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

In response to the question raised by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No. 2 **"to upgrade Phayagon Village Basic Education Middle School (branch) in Yenanchaung Township to BEMS, Lonpinsho Village Affiliated BEMS, Phaungkwe Village Affiliated BEMS and Kangyi Village Affiliated BEMS to BEMSs (branch)",** the Union minister said the number of middle school students, travel difficulty and the appearance of the school are considered and the priority is tabled in upgrading schools to BEMSs; the schools are upgraded with the permission of cabinet meeting after being recommended by Planning and Structural Scrutiny Board of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.

In case of Phayagon Village BEMS (branch) in Yenanchaung Township, it will be as priortized in table; the other affiliated branches will be upgraded after accessing the number of students, travel difficulty and the appearance of the school.

In response to the question raised by U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No.10 **"whether Kyatekon, Yindaikmyaung, Kayinsu (Yeshan), Aunglangon, Tawhlanye and Tason Basic Education Primary Schools of Letpadan Township; Hsinlan, Kyeeganma, Hsinsakhan, Innlae, Myaukpanswe BEPSs in ThayawadyTownship and Thayatgon Sarphyusu Affiliated Basic Education High School will be renovated in coming financial year as these schools are in bad condition, creating difficulties for the students in learning",** the Union Minister said, in 2011-2012 academic year, K 54 million was allocated for three Basic Education schools in Thayawady Township and K 108 million for six schools in Letpadan Township and renovation, construction and extension are in progress; and 12 abovementioned schools in Letpadan and Thayawady townships will be renovated in 2012-2013 financial year according to priority list.

In response to the question raised by U Maung Thar Khin of Rakhine State Constituency (8) **"to upgrade No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Maungtaw to Basic Education High School (branch)",** the Union minister answered that there are only 400 students at the school and it is in one-mile distance from Maungtaw BEHS; and the school will be upgraded to BEHS (branch) as priortized, regarding the increase in the number of students in the schools and neighbouring schools.

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Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (9), Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7) and U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency (2) discussed the proposal submitted by U Shu Maung of Shan State Constituency (8) that **"Union government should amend Tourism Law for tourism development"** yesterday. The Hluttaw then announced the approval of the proposal.

Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8) discussed one of two proposals submitted by Daw Yi Yi Myint of Mon State Constituency (1) that **"Union government should consider amending laws managed by the Ministry of Commerce listed (a) Myanmar Trademark Law, (b) Agricultural Product Markets Act, (c) 1947 Staple Products and Undertakings Act, and (d) Basket Standard Measure Act".**

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint discussed that out of the four acts, addition is more suitable than amendment to the Agricultural Produce Markets Act, and with the advice of law experts, order and instructions should be issued for regional brokerages. Amendments should be made to the three remaining acts: The Myanmar Merchandise Markets Act, The Essential Supplies and Services Act and the Measuring Basket Standardization Act to reform penalties and fines. Arrangements have been made to annul the State Agricultural Marketing Board Act as it is not suitable to the present time. Arrangements have been made to continue to apply, to annul and to amend the ten acts practised by Ministry of Commerce, said Union Minister U Win Myint. The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Afterwards, U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constituency No. 9 discussed the proposal "calling on the Union Government to make addition and amend to (a) The Myanmar Telegraph Act (1885), (b) The Myanmar Post Office Act (1898) and (c) The Myanmar Wireless Telegraphy Act (1934) of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun discussed that the Myanmar Telegraph Act (1885) and the Myanmar Wireless Telegraphy Act (1934) are being amended in accordance with the communication act and information technology act practised in most of the countries in the world. Similarly, arrangements are being made to amend the Myanmar Post Office Act (1898) as it is not inconformity with the international standard and rate while the technology for post office services has improved in the international arena, he said. In Thailand, it costs 0.32 USD (equivalent to K271) to post a letter in local and 0.67 USD (equivalent to K 572) to abroad in Thailand. In Singapore, it costs 0.27 USD (equivalent to K230) to post a letter in local and 0.51 USD (equivalent to K 430) to abroad. In India, it costs 0.13 USD (equivalent to K107) to post a letter in local and 0.5 USD (equivalent to K 427) to abroad, the Union Minister said.

In Myanmar, it costs only K2 for a letter in local, but the operating cost to deliver the letter to a receiver reaches K60. Therefore, the State has to spend K 58 on operating cost for a letter. Similarly, it costs K30 for a letter to abroad but the operating cost for the letter reaches K325. Therefore, the State has to spend 295 kyats on the letter to abroad. Therefore, the State has to spend around 3433 million kyats per year for the post office. Therefore, arrangements should be made to amend the mailing prices which is not suitable for the present time.

Similarly, there are 11 sections under the Myanmar Wireless Telegraphy Act (1934) and its penalties and fines are not inconformity with the present time. Therefore, arrangements are being made to amend the act with the use of new communication act. Besides, it costs only 15 pyas to send one word for telegram but the operation costs for one word reaches 2 kyats and 13 pyas. Therfore, the State has to spend 800 million kyats per year on the telegraph office. Therefore, the draft for the communication act have been written and the ministry is working together with the Attorney-General's Office to amend the Myanmar Telegraph Act (1885) and The Myanmar Wireless Telegraphy Act (1934) and measures are being taken to amend The Myanmar Pot Office Act (1989), the Union Minister said. Amyotha Hluttaw approved the proposal.

U Mya Ohn of Kachin State Constituency No. 8 and U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State Constituency No. 12 discussed the proposal of "Union Government should manage for sustainable exploration of jades and gems in Phakant Township in Kachin State" submitted by U Khat Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency (1).

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik discussed that the ministry has allowed private-owned associations and companies to explore and trading of jades in Lonekhin-Phakant gems land in accordance with the Myanmar Gems Law. Lonekhin-Phakant gems land includes in the gems land designated by the State, and private-, cooperative- and citizen-owned 415 companies are doing jade business in 7535 blocks. The Union Government has organized the leading committee for development of Myanma gems business, the central committee for Myanmar Gems Sales, the work committee for allocation, inspection and supervisory for jade exploration blocks and the committee for supervising gems land. The jade stones which were unearthed in accordance with the Myanmar Gems Law and Rules and Regulations, are exhibited at gems sales in Nay Pyi Taw every year. Arrangements are being made to increase sales of jade stones and valued added jade ornaments at the sales every year.

He explained reducing of mining blocks at Lonkhin-Phakant gems land, limitation of number and capacity of heavy machinery in mining work, conservation of environments, sales of value-added jewellery, figurines and mosaics made of jewellery instead of cut and uncut jade stones in the market for ensuring sustainable development. The Hluttaw approved it.

U Shu Maung of Shan State Constituency No. 8 tabled a motion calling for the Union government to amend the forest law with a view to preventing depletion of forest resources and fully conserving the environment. The Hluttaw accepted such proposal to be discussed.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 submitted a proposal calling for the Union government to amend and enact the laws managed by the Ministry of Transport on priority.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied that the Ministry of Transport is practicing 21 laws at present and is carrying out the tasks of addition, amending and deduction in conformity with the present era and system. In the time of the new government, tasks are being undertaken to dissolve the Myanma Five Star Line Law in accord with the prescribed rules and regulations.

The ministry has submitted six laws to the Union Attorney-General Office. These laws were the Myanmar Aircraft Act (1934), the Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act, the Obstruction in Fairways Acts, the Defile Traffic Act and Myanmar Maritime University Law. The remaining 14 laws are being added, amended and deducted. The maritime laws are being drawn in line with the IMO provisions. Likewise, the aviation transport is being undertaken in accord with the rules and regulations of the International Civil Aviation Organization-ICAO. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal to be discussed.

U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 tabled a proposal calling for the Union government to dissolve, amend and add the necessary laws managed by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal to be discussed.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Constituency No. 9 submitted a proposal calling for the Union government to initiate a single foreign exchange rate in Myanmar instead of various foreign exchange rates. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal to be discussed.

Next, Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, on behalf of the Union government, submitted the Labour Organizations Bill to be considered at the Amyotha Hluttaw. The Hluttaw accepted the proposal to be considered.

The fifth day second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw was adjourned at 4.15 pm. The sixth day meeting continues at 10 am on 29 August (Monday).—*MNA*

Liu Zhengyao, a famous painter, draws a picture inside a snuff bottle with a special brush at a museum in Taiyuan, capital city of north China's Shanxi Province, on 24 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Man's nose, ears bitten off in Britain

LONDON, 26 Aug— A man in Britain had his nose, ears and lip bitten off after he was attacked outside a nightclub.

The 31-year old victim had been enjoying a night out with friends when he was assaulted. The incident occurred in Liverpool City centre last Saturday, *Daily Mail* reported. The reveller lost part of both of his ears, upper lip and part of his nose. Describing CCTV footage of the attack, PC Stuart Moore told Liverpool City Council's licensing committee: "It is horrific, sickening and it is almost barbaric, what takes place."

Merseyside Police said the victim, from the Wavertree area of Liverpool, is still recovering at hospital and is expected to undergo reconstructive surgery. Meanwhile, a Laurence Richard McGinn, 28, of Sherry Court, Aigburth, Liverpool, was charged with Section 18 wounding and remanded in custody to appear at Liverpool Crown Court 28 November.

A 27-year-old man from Toxteth, was also arrested in connection with the assault. Heis on police bail pending further inquiries.

Internet

Boeing's Dreamliner becomes commercial reality

CHICAGO, 26 Aug—After years of headaches and occasional heartbreak, Boeing Co is ready on Friday for the US government to declare its revolutionary *787 Dreamliner* safe to fly passengers.

Operating certification by the Federal Aviation Administration will enable Boeing to make the first delivery of its plastics-based airplane next month to Japan's All Nippon Airways.

FAA certification will be granted at a ceremony on the Boeing flightline in Everett, Washington.

The Dreamliner, which promises to raise the bar for fuel efficiency and passenger comfort, is nearly three years behind its original schedule and at least several billion dollars over budget by some outside estimates.

"It's momentous. A few years back no on thought this day would come. We have pretty much have one step left and that's delivery," said Alex Hamilton, managing director with Early Bird Capital.

With 827 orders for the plane on the books, the Dreamliner may be the most hotly anticipated aircraft in the history of the storied company.

The airframe is made largely of light-weight carbon composites that help lower fuel costs for airlines. The composites also enable various improvements for passengers such as more comfortable cabin air pressure and bigger windows.

Development and construction make unprecedented use of a vast global supply chain that could slash production costs if it works correctly. "It will completely change the way that aircraft have been manufactured until now," Hamilton said.—*Reuters*

The first Boeing 787 Dreamliner to be delivered to launch customer All Nippon Airway (ANA) leaves the paint hangar at Boeing's Everett factory on 6 August, 2011.—INTERENT

Plastic waste is fed into a liquefaction machine as part of the "Plastic Waste-to-Fuel System" at a plant in Hong Kong's rural New Territories on 24 August, 2011. The system is designed to provide a practical and cost effective solution to plastic waste management with energy regeneration. This prototype machine can process three tonnes of plastic waste into 1,000 litres of fuel oil per day. With further refinement, the fuel oil is suitable for diesel engine usage, said Ecotech Recycling Social Enterprise Managing Director Ming Cheung.
INTERNET

New map will aid development of western region

BEIJING, 26 Aug—China released its first 1:50,000 scale nationwide map on Thursday.

"The map provides detailed information, such as land features and village names updated since 2005, and will play an important role in economic development, environmental protection and disaster relief," Li Weisen, deputy director of the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation, said at a news Conference.

The 1:50,000 scale map provides the latest information on the nation's development, especially in the western region, which has enjoyed a fast pace of development in recent years, Li said.

For example, in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, the Tarim River management will be able to benefit from the 1:50,000 map, which will aid the assessment process for key programmes such as water resources, the mining industry and road building, said Tian Jiangrong, assistant to chairman of the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

Xinjiang is China's largest administrative division, spanning over 1.6 million square kilometres of land, including 750,000 square kilometres that are unsuitable for habitation.

The newly unveiled map is expected to help speed up economic development dramatically in Xinjiang, as more than 700 billion yuan ($108 billion) is pouring in from the major State-owned enterprises.—*Xinhua*

Vice Premier stresses int'l cooperation in enhancing maritime rescue capabilities

BEIJING, 26 Aug—China will enhance its communication and cooperation with other countries in order to improve its maritime rescue capabilities and better protect the world's seafarers, Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang said. Zhang made the remarks during the ongoing World Maritime Rescue Congress, which convened in Shanghai on Wednesday. Zhang said the Chinese government will continue to support and participate in maritime security efforts made by the International Maritime Organization and the International Maritime Rescue Federation.

Zhang added that it is important to boost international cooperation and communication in order to improve the country's maritime rescue capabilities, adding that sharing experience in maritime rescue management will also help to achieve this goal.—*Xinhua*

A staff member works at shelves where bags of refined white sugar are placed in Xinjiang County of Yuncheng City, north China's Shanxi Province, on 24 Aug, 2011. China's price of refined white sugar rose recently. The price on 24 Aug, 2011 rose by 3.0 percent comparing with that of on 28 July, 2011.—XINHUA

A woman from famine-afflicted southern Somalia builds shelters in a camp in Mogadishu, capital of Somalia, on 23 Aug, 2011. For UN agencies working to provide humanitarian aid to those suffering from famine in Somalia, gaining sufficient access to people in need is still an issue.—XINHUA

Australian researchers launch world-first project on rare cancers

CANBERRA, 26 Aug—Australian cancer researchers on Friday launched a world-first project on less common or under researched types of cancer, involving 30,000 Australians. While the "big five" of lung, prostate, breast, bowel and skin cancer make up 60 percent of all diagnoses, more than half the cancer deaths in Australia are caused by less common or under- researched types of the disease.

The Australia Cancer Council on Friday launched the initiative in Victoria, which it said was the first epidemiological-based research project in the world focusing on less common cancers.

According to Cancer Council Victoria chief executive Todd Harper, these rare types, such as liver, brain and bone cancer, are killers because little is known about their causes or effective treatment.

"They don't attract the same level of funding support from mainstream support organizations, yet generally the survival rates for these cancers is much poorer," Harper was quoted by the *Australia Associated Press* on Friday. "We simply don't have the same level of knowledge about the early detection and causes that we do with the more common cancers. "

The Forgotten Cancers Project hopes to collect data from 15,000 participants - 1,000 sufferers of each of the 15 rare strains - to build a research platform. A further 15,000 people who have a family member suffering from a rare type of cancer will also be involved in the project.—*Xinhua*

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Dancers perform on stage during the opening of the Ninth National Dance Competition in Yinchuan, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 25 Aug, 2011. The Ninth National Dance Competition kicked off here Thursday with the participation of 165 shortlisted dances.— **XINHUA**

California is experiencing a heat-wave with higher than average temperatures.— **INTERNET**

Two European tourists die in California desert

JOSHUA, 26 Aug—Two European tourists have been identified as the couple found dead in a desert park in California. The bodies of Dutch music promoter Augustinus Van Hove and his girlfriend, Helena Nuellett, were found dead in the Joshua Tree National Park on Monday.

Officials said that the couple had probably died from heat exposure as temperatures soared. The pair had driven into the park shortly before mid-day on Monday, taking a remote dirt road towards Arizona.

"It doesn't take long to go from being in trouble to being in a life-threatening situation," said park spokesman Joe Zarki. "Heat exhaustion or heat stroke could happen very quickly, your brain and body malfunctions seriously." He said the road had signs warning drivers it should only be used by four-wheel-drive vehicles. The area is currently experiencing a heat-wave and temperatures in the remote park reached 41C (106F) on Monday.

Internet

An awarding ceremony of the 43rd Florence Nightingale Award is held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, Capital of China, on 26 Aug, 2011.— **XINHUA**

Singapore changi airport group's earnings up 11.3%

SINGAPORE, 26 Aug—Singapore's Changi Airport Group has reported earnings after tax of 337 million Singapore dollars (278.5 million US dollars) for the financial year ended 31 March, it said on Thursday.

The earnings represented a year-on-year increase of 11.3 percent. The company's revenue for the financial year grew by 13.5 percent to 1.45 billion Singapore dollars, thanks to strong economic rebound and higher income from airport shops and dining outlets. The total passenger traffic during the year increased by 11.3 percent to 43 million passenger movements. Aircraft movements also increased by 10.2 percent to 271,000, while airfreight movements increased by 7.35 percent to 1.83 million tons. The expansion of low cost carriers was a key driver of passenger growth at the airport. Passenger traffic on budget carriers grew by 26.6 percent, while full service carriers recorded a growth of 7.4 percent.

Full service carriers continued to contribute to the bulk of passenger traffic, accounting for 77 percent of the total traffic at the airport.

MNA/Xinhua

S China's Guangxi aims to quadruple river port throughput by 2015

NANNING, 26 Aug—South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region is planning to quadruple the throughput of its river ports to 150 million tonnes by 2015, sources with the region's government said Friday.

The government of Guangxi said it will speed up the overhaul and upgrade of its ports on the main stream and tributaries of the Xijiang River in the lead up to the project's proposed completion in 2015.

In 2008, the government proposed converting 1,480 km of the river into a Golden Waterway harboring seven ports.

As of June this year, the seven ports have a combined throughput of 37.4 million tonnes, according to figures released by the Guangxi government.

Xinhua

Coach-truck collision leaves 2 dead, 28 injured in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 26 Aug—At least two people were killed and 28 others injured after a coach collided with a truck and then hit a tricycle at an intersection on the outskirts of Shanghai Friday morning.

Police said the coach overturned and crushed on the tricycle after colliding with the truck at about 6:30 am at the intersection of Haiwan and Haisi streets.

Two people on the tricycle were killed at the scene, and 28 people on board the coach were injured.

The injured have been rushed to hospital.—*Xinhua*

An injured person is transferred to a hospital after a coach collided with a truck and then hit a tricycle at an intersection on the outskirts of Shanghai, east China, on 26 Aug, 2011. At least two people were killed and 28 others injured by the accident.— **XINHUA**

Local people of Tibetan ethnic group perform a traditional opera during the opening ceremony of a cultural festival at Xigaze, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 26 Aug, 2011. A series of activities including art performance, handicrafts exhibition and trade fair will be held during the three-day 9th Cultural Festival of the Everest. **XINHUA**

Students accused of forging parking passes

Authorities in Minnesota said a pair of former students at a high school face charges for allegedly selling $1,500 worth of counterfeit parking passes.

Investigators said officials at Sibley High School in St Paul discovered the counterfeit passes last winter and traced them to Andre Oliver and Nicholas Ritter, both 18, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported Wednesday. Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom said Oliver and Ritter cost the school about $1,500 last year with the faux-passes and now face felony charges of aggravated forgery.

"These young men may have exercised a little entrepreneurial ingenuity, but I hope the lesson to be learned is that it's not OK to break the law," Backstrom said. Backstrom said the teenagers could be eligible for a first-time offenders programme that would wipe the offense from their records if they accept responsibi-lity and abide by the court's punishment.

The Star Tribune said the suspects were not available for comment.

A woman found an egg laid by her hen contains another smaller egg in Yan'an, Shaanxi Province, on 23 Aug, 2011. An expert explains that eggs of two days may have mixed if the hen did not lay the first egg on the previous day.

University plans Zumba record attempt

A Kansas university said it wants to draw a crowd of 1,500 people to its stadium to set a Guinness World Record for the largest Zumba class.

Emporia State University said it will try to get at least that many people to turn up at Welch Stadium 1 Sept to learn Zumba, which the school described as a Latin-inspired "fitness party." Officials with the school's Recreation Services and Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation said they want to beat the current world record for the dance-like exercise craze, set by 1,223 people 30 April at a University of Texas Houston School of Public Health event.

"We want to encourage everyone in the community to come help us reach the record," said Whitney Runer, assistant director of recreation services at ESU.

"And don't worry if you have never done Zumba before because no prior experience is necessary to join."

Bull semen canisters fall from bus

Police in Nashville said canisters of bull semen packed in liquid nitrogen fell from a Greyhound bus onto an interstate on ramp.

Authorities said fire and emergency crews responded to the on ramp to Interstate 65 south of downtown just after 5 am Tuesday on a report of a foul odor, WKRN-TV, Nashville, reported on Wednesday.

Officials said the on ramp was shut down after investigators found the four unmarked canisters on the ground with steam coming from them. The containers were traced to Greyhound when investigators found bus tickets on the ground, and the bus company told authorities they were filled with bull semen being transported from Columbus, Ohio, to Laredo, Texas.

The canisters and their contents are worth an estimated $80,000, officials said.

Professional Bull Rider Cody Nance is jumped on by Gray Squirrel, the bull.

News Album

Alec Baldwin moves in with 27-yr-old yoga instructor girlfriend

NEW YORK, 26 Aug—American actor Alec Baldwin has moved in with his young yoga instructor girlfriend Hilaria Thomas.

According to the sources, the '30 Rock' star, who has his eye on a mayoral run, has sold his 300 Central Park West apartment at the famed Art Deco Eldorado to move in with his girlfriend downtown.

American actor Alec Baldwin

Moving on from his uptown roots, the sources said the 53-year-old perennial bachelor Baldwin purchased an apartment in SoHo favoured by 27-year-old raven-haired beauty, who teaches yoga at Union Square studio Yoga Vida.

"He's really in love," a source told the *New York Post.* "He's even met her parents. He sees marriage in the near future," the source added.—*Internet*

Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet Photo

Leonardo DiCaprio's rep refutes claim actor bought 25K pounds eco friendly car for Blake Lively

LONDON, 26 Aug—Leonardo DiCaprio's representative has dismissed reports of the star spending 25,000 pounds on an eco-friendly car for his girlfriend Blake Lively. According to E!, the 'Inception' star was pictured sporting a new ride after recently purchasing a rare hybrid sports car, the *Daily Express* reported. The 2012 Fisker Karma is said to have cost the 36-year-old actor 62,500 pounds. He was said to have bought another vehicle, a black Prius, for Lively, but his rep has said the claims are untrue.—*Internet*

Cheryl Cole was like Princess Diana, says Simon Cowell

Cheryl Cole

LONDON, 26 Aug—Thought she might have presented herself as the girl next door, Cheryl Cole acts more like a princess, says 'X Factor' judge Simon Cowell.

Cowell, who sacked her from the US version of the show only two weeks into filming, has compared Cole to the late Princess of Wales.

"She was like Princess Diana when she would walk out in England," the *Daily Mail* quoted him as telling *The Hollywood Reporter*.—*Internet*

Joe Jonas heartbroken after split

American singer Joe Jonas

LONDON, 26 Aug—American singer Joe Jonas admits he was "heartbroken" after his split from Ashley Greene.

"I've been heartbroken. People like to think it's only girls that wind up heartbroken, but I've also had it happen to me," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Jonas as saying.

The 22-year-old separated from the "Twilight" actress after dating her for nine months.—*Internet*

Britney Spears had teaching ambition

BEIJING, 26 Aug—The 29-year-old singer - who has sons Sean Preston, five, and Jayden James, four, with ex-husband Kevin Federline - loves getting to meet her younger fans and says she would enjoy a career working with children.

Asked what she would be doing if she hadn't had a successful pop career, Britney said: "Raising my family. Being a mom. It would probably pretty much be the same because I'm very strong in the way I raise my kids and stuff, so it would probably be pretty much the same but career-wise I'd probably be a teacher.

"I love kids and even in what I do now one of my favourite parts of my day is getting to meet my fans before the show. Especially the little ones. They are always so cute."

Britney also admitted she would be happy for her children to follow in her footsteps and try to forge a showbiz career, but would be "very protective" of them and thinks her experiences would help her to guide them down the right path.

Internet

Messi awarded Europe best player

MONACO, 26 Aug — Lionel Messi was voted the inaugural winner of the UEFA Best Player in Europe Award on Thursday, which replaces the European Footballer of the Year award. The Argentine striker beat Barcelona teammate Xavi Hernandez and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo in a poll of 53 sports journalists representing each of the UEFA member associations. "I'd like to thank all the people that voted for me, and all my teammates," Messi said at the awards ceremony in Monaco.

"I keep all these awards at home and I still have some space for more. It's an honor to be so successful and to come up with the goods at the right time. Thanks to my teammates for helping me achieve this. Messi, 24, scored 53 goals last season, including 12 in the Champions League, where he finished as the top scorer for the third season in succession, scoring in the 3-1 victory over Manchester United in the final.

Four Barcelona players were in the top 10, with Andres Iniesta fourth and Gerard Pique joint eighth. Porto's Falcao was fifth, the Manchester United pair Wayne Rooney and Nemanja Vidic sixth and seventh, Zlatan Ibrahimovic of AC Milan alongside Pique in eighth and Germany keeper Manuel Neuer, who has moved from Schalke to Bayern Munich, 10th.—*Xinhua*

Barcelona's Lionel Messi

Spurs sign Adebayor on loan from City

LONDON, 26 Aug — Tottenham signed Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor on loan from Manchester City for the rest of the season on Thursday. Adebayor has been a target for Spurs boss Harry Redknapp for several months and he has finally been able to complete a deal for the former Arsenal star. "We are delighted to announce the signing of Emmanuel Adebayor on a season-long loan from Manchester City," a statement on Tottenham's website read.—*Internet*

Jae-Bum Kim (above) of South Korea competes during the final men's 81kg final against Srdjan Mrvaljevic of Montenegro at the Judo World Championships in Paris, France, on 25 Aug, 2011. Jae-Bum Kim claimed the gold medal of the event.—XINHUA

Hurricane prompts rescheduling of sporting events

EDISON, 26 Aug — Hurricane Irene is already leaving its mark on the sports world even before coming ashore. Professional baseball games, the NFL, tennis matches and MLS games are being rescheduled as the Hurricane approaches the East Coast.

Major League Baseball announced on Thursday that it moved the scheduled game Sunday between the Florida Marlins and Philadelphia Phillies to Saturday at 1:05 pm, creating a day-night doubleheader. The Boston Red Sox also moved Sunday's series finale against the Oakland Athletics to Saturday night as part of a day-night doubleheader.

"We felt it was necessary and prudent to move the Sunday game to Saturday," Red Sox President and CEO Larry Lucchino said. "This will not only give us the best opportunity to play the scheduled games, but also help to insure that traveling conditions are safer for our fans."

Internet

People stand under umbrellas in the rain as a weather warning sign flashes nearby after play was suspended during the first round of The Barclays golf tournament in Edison, NJ, on Thursday.
INTERNET

With Powell out, Bolt has clear path in 100 metres

DAEGU, 26 Aug — Usain Bolt promises more antics and more amusement when the always entertaining sprinter takes the track at the world championships. As for more records, well, the Jamaican sensation thinks that might be a bit of a stretch.

Bolt isn't anywhere near his record-setting form of 2009, when he shattered his own marks in the 100 and 200 metres. Calling this his "comeback season," Bolt downplayed expectations on Thursday.

Internet

Jamaica's world record holder and Olympic and world champion in the men's 100 and 200 meters, Usain Bolt, holds his hand over his face as he gives a news conference at a cultural centre in Daegu, South Korea, on Thursday.— INTERNET

Couples tells Woods he's on Presidents Cup team

SNOQUALMIE, 26 Aug — US captain Fred Couples has told Tiger Woods that he's add him to the 12-member Presidents Cup team. Couples took the drama out of the debate on Thursday over whether Woods would be on the team.

"I've told him that he's going to be on the team," Couples said just before a practice round preparing for the Boeing Classic at TPC Snoqualmie Ridge. "There is no reason for me to wait till 26 Sept to pick Tiger. He's the best player in the world forever."

Ten players automatically qualify for the team based on points accumulated over the past two years. Couples is then given two captain's picks to round out his squad, which will compete against a team of non-European International players at Royal Melbourne in Australia from 14-20 November.

Internet

Fred Couples, left, and Tiger Woods

Nadal says Djokovic deserves top billing right now

Rafael Nadal of Spain

NEW YORK, 26 Aug — As the US Open approaches, the tennis world is focusing on Novak Djokovic and his remarkable season — and rightly so, according to the man he replaced at No 1, Rafael Nadal. "He deserves it," Nadal said on Thursday in an interview with *The Associated Press* after attending the tournament draw.

Nadal completed a career Grand Slam by beating Djokovic in the final at Flushing Meadows a year ago. That gave Nadal three consecutive major championships, and nine overall, and prompted a lot of talk about how the Spaniard had supplanted Roger Federer as the sport's dominant figure.

How quickly things can change. With the year's last Grand Slam tournament set to start on Monday, it's Djokovic who is 57-2 in 2011 with nine titles, including at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

Internet

Roddick and Isner to meet in semi-finals of US Open

John Isner of the US

RALEIGH, 26 Aug — Andy Roddick and John Isner set up a mouth-watering semi-final between two big servers after the Americans won their respective quarter-final matches at the Winston-Salem Open on Thursday. Top-seeded Roddick crushed seventh seed Juan Monaco of Argentina 6-1 , 6-4 while fourth seed Isner recovered from a shaky start to beat eighth-seeded Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis 1-6 , 6-3 , 6-4. Roddick enjoys a 3-1 advantage in career meetings with the towering Isner but he predicted a tough encounter in the last four with his six-foot nine-inch compatriot.

"It's just whoever can scrape a return back on a big point and hope that something good happens," Roddick told reporters after keeping his US Open preparations on a smooth winning track. "The biggest thing is you've just got to try and take care of your own serve. I don't often go into a match with the second-best serve but that will be the case tomorrow."

Internet

Serena Williams could face Azarenka in 3rd round

NEW YORK, 26 Aug — The biggest question heading into the US Open draw was: Which highly seeded woman could be stuck facing Serena Williams in the third round? The answer: No 4 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus.

"Poor, poor, poor Victoria Azarenka," seven-time major champion John McEnroe said at Thursday's draw ceremony in Flushing Meadows.

Azarenka was a Wimbledon semifinalist in July, as was No 22 Sabine Lisicki of Germany, who could play Williams' older sister Venus in the second round. Both Williams sisters lost in the fourth round at the All England Club. Serena Williams is a three-time US Open champion who leads all active women with 13 Grand Slam titles. Venus Williams is a two-time winner in New York and owns a total of seven major singles trophies.

The Grand Slam tournament starts on Monday.

Internet

Serena Williams

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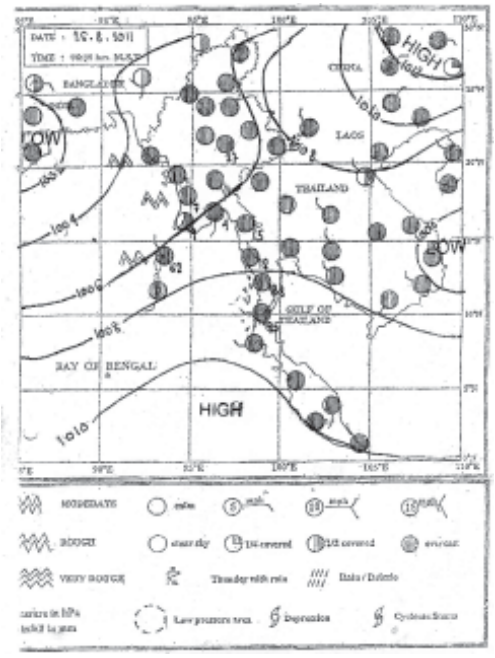
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 27th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	19/66	14/57	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	28/82	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers(IH)	80%
7	Tanintharyi	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers(IH)	80%
8	Bago	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowes	80%
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
10	Mandalay	28/82	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
11	Mon	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
12	Yangon	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowes	80%
14	Southern Shan	22/72	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	29/84	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	26/79	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	28/82	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay and Magway Regions and isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Tanintharyi Regions and Kayah State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (2.17) inches, NyaungU (4.72) inches, Kawthoung (3.86) inches, Falam and Pakokku (2.82) inches each, Cocogyun (2.44) inches, Chauk (2.36) inches and Yamethin (2.24) inches.				
Bay Inference	Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.				
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Gulf of Mottma, Mon-Tanintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.				
Outlook for subsequent two days	Moderate monsoon.				

Kuchar takes lead at Barclays with birdie on 18th

EDISON, N.J. 26 Aug—Matt Kuchar returned to beautiful sunshine and a birdie Friday morning to take the lead at The Barclays. Kuchar, who won the opening FedEx Cup playoff event last year on a different course, was among 51 players who did not finish the rain-delayed first round. He drove into a greenside bunker on the reachable par-4 18th, blasted out to 3 feet and rapped in his birdie putt for an 8-under 63.

That gave him a one-shot lead over Harrison Frazar and William McGirt, who also had to finish his round in the morning.

McGirt had made seven birdies in an eight-hole stretch when play was halted by darkness Thursday night. The birdies disappeared when he got back to Plainfield, and he bogeyed the 17th before hitting just short of the green on 18 for an easy birdie. Frazar shot his 64 Thursday.

Players had only a half-hour before they headed back out to start the second round.

Even in such perfect weather, the future of the Barclays was gloomy. Hurricane Irene is on a path up the Eastern seaboard, with a forecast for rain and wind starting as early as Saturday and into Sunday.

The hope Friday was for everyone to complete 36 holes to make the cut. Tour officials were meeting Friday morning to figure out how to proceed with the rest of the tournament, with a 54-hole event one possibility. That would not be unusual, but this is not a typical event.

***Harrison Frazar hits a tee shot on the 18th hole during the first round of The Barclays golf tournament in Edison, N.J., 25 Aug, 2011.—*INTERNET**

Only 125 players qualified for the FedEx Cup, and The Barclays is the first of four tournaments that lead to a $10 million bonus for the winner. The top 100 players in the standings advance to next week at the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston, and there is a feeling that a full, 72-hole tournament should be played.—*Internet*

Saturday, 27 August
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Shwe Sar Yan

8:00 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am
7. Health Programme

8:20 am
8. Poem Garden

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. Musical Programme

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Game for Children

11:50 am
4. Round Up of the Week's TV Local News

1:40 pm
5. Delicious Dishes

1:50 pm
6. TV Drama Series

2:30 pm
7. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (First) Division) (Level Women)

2:40 pm
8. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games

2:50 pm
9. International News

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Live) (Yangon United Vs Rakhapura United)

5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm
6. Yindagomae

7:00 pm
7. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. Cartoon series
12. TV Drama Series
13. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

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Programme Schedule
(27-8-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	-	(27-8-11 09:30 am ~ 28-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Pagoda Forest in Pa-O Land
* News
* Beautiful Dance Patterns in Three Different Times (Part-2)
* The Graduation of the Buddhist Culture Teachership Course First Batch 2011
* News
* Kid's Talent "A Little Tea Pot"
* Topic on Journal "Wearing Traditional Dress, Reflecting Myanma Culture"
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* News
* Working & Living in Myanmar (Fishery)
* News
* Myanmar Martial Art (Bando)
* News
* Secrect Palaces for Yummy Food "Suzuki Restaurant"
* News
* Music Gallery
* Beikthano The Ancient Glory of Myanmar
* Myanmar Movies "Pure Love"

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Matapitu Upatthanam; to serve thy parents; this is the way to auspiciousness

Private sector engages in power supply business, builds Thaukyekhat-2 hydropower plant

More plants to be followed

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views progress in implementing Thaukyekhat -2 Hydropower Project.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo assisted in construction of the Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower Plant project, about 14 miles east of Toungoo, Bago Region, today.

On his tour of inspection, the Vice-President said he visited the construction site of the plant to inspect the construction works and assist in the work for timely completion of the project.

Besides, during his visit, he would discuss use and supply of power generated by the plant when the construction work was finished phase by phase, he added.

Out of the projects in the electric sector, Thaukyekhat Power Plant project is the first one implemented by the private sector under the BOT system, and permission would be granted to the private sector enabling them to run power supply business in the future, he said.

The Vice-President also stressed the need for collaboration to gain experiences from the Thaukyekhat Hydropower Plant project which has been implemented by the private sector while region

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Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation emerges champion in Fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham watched final match of Fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2011 jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation at No (1) Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground here at 3 pm today and awarded shield to the champion at the prize presentation ceremony.

Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation team and Ministry of Construction team played the final showdown and the former beat the latter 4-2.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin awarded individual medals to third-place holders Ministry of Finance & Revenue team, runners-up Ministry of Construction team and champion Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation team. Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay awarded best goalkeeper Kyaw Thu Aung (Construction Ministry), best defender Zaw Zaw Aung (A&I Ministry), and best midfielder Myo Myint Wai (Construction Ministry). Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint presented prizes to best striker Nyein Tayzar Win (A & I Ministry) and best player Chit Su Moe (A&I Ministry). Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung awarded the trophy and cash prize to fair-play award and fourth-place winners Hotels and Tourism Ministry team. Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan presented cash

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents championship shield to champion Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation in 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament.

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