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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Malaysian King

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Yang Di-Pertuan XIII of Malaysia, on the occasion of the 54th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31 August, 2011.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Malaysian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, on the occasion of the 54th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31 August, 2011.—MNA

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.

First Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session goes on for seventh day Questions raised and answers, proposals and bills submitted for approval



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

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — The first Pyithu Hluttaw second regular session continued for the seventh day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 386 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

As a ministry concerned did not discuss the proposal

“Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill” submitted to the Hluttaw yesterday, the proposal would be discussed in first week of September, and those wishing to submit corrected

proposals were asked to submit the proposals in accordance with the Pyithu Hluttaw Rules No. 157 and to nominate at the Hluttaw not later than 4 September.

At today's session, 11 questions were raised and answered, a proposal was discussed and two proposals and one bill were submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to the two questions related to the ministry. U Han Sein of Taikkyi Constituency asked the question that “whether the ministry has a plan for the Yangon-Bagan Express Train to stop over at Taikkyi Station for 2 minutes and to resume Letpadan-Yangon (Local) Train which ran in the past between Letpadan and

Yangon.” Union Minister U Aung Min replied that there are two six trains which stop over at Taikkyi Station. They are Yangon-Thayawady-69-up and 70-down trains, 63-up and 64-down Yangon-Pyay trains, Yangon-Pyay 71 Up and 72 Down-trains. Being an express train, Yangon-Bagan Express train stops over only at seven stations which are located at junctions. If it stops over at Taikkyi Station, it will have to stop over 11 more stations which have the same status of Taikkyi Station. It takes around 12 minutes for a train to stop over at a station for two minutes, and it takes a total of 144 minutes for a train to stop over at 12 stations. If the express train stops over at 12

more stations, it will be degraded as a mail train, the minister said. The Ministry has no plan to stop over Yangon-Bagan Express Train at Taikkyi Station as it is an express train, he said.

Union Minister U Aung Min continued to say that in the past, trains ran between Taikkyi-Yangon in the past as Yangon was not easily accessible from Taikkyi. But, today, there are 158 city buses and 168 express buses are running daily from Letpadan, Thayawady and Okkan to Yangon passing through Taikkyi and from Taikkyi. Rail transportation is effective for a long trip and cars are effective for a short trip. It was not economical to run local trains between Yangon and Taikkyi, and Yangon (See page 6)

Strong earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—A strong earthquake of magnitude (6.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Banda Sea, Indonesia) about (2600) miles Southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (13) hrs (34) min (40) sec MST today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

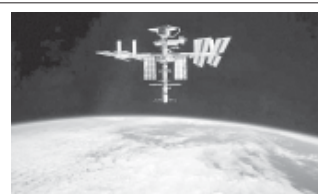


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PERSPECTIVES

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Improve tourist industry, a main source of national income

The open season is coming, and Myanmar will see a stream of foreign tourists commencing October, the start of the tourist season. Therefore, all necessary arrangements are to be made to provide fine services for tourists on their arrivals and departures and during their stay.

Most of the tourists enter Myanmar through Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and border checkpoints. Yangon International Airport is coping with a growing number of tourists: to be exact about 500,000 foreigners and over 300,000 locals up to now this year. Several projects get underway to upgrade the airport to increase its capacity from over two million to over three million a year.

Smooth transport is a must for the convenience and comfort of tourists. Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inlay are popular tourist destinations in Myanmar.

Asia-Pacific region including Myanmar receives large numbers of tourists. Archaeological regions, ancient buildings and artistic works really put Myanmar on the map, thus fascinating tourists.

The number of tourist arrivals has been on the increase since the beginning of this year. We should improve services by the forthcoming open season such as smooth transport, five-star accommodation, international standard service, guides, aircraft, vehicles, chartered ships and motorboats.

Today, tourism industry has become a lucrative business around the world. Smooth transport and communications are fundamental to improvement of the tourism industry. Those all responsible are urged to make all possible provisions for the tourists.

Union I&C Minister attends 5th ceremony to pay respects to the aged theatrical artistes

YANGON, 30 Aug—The 5th ceremony to pay respects to the aged theatrical artistes, organized by Myanmar Thabin Asiayon was held at the city hall, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, Yangon Mayor Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, chairmen and executives of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon, Chairman of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, executives, the aged theatrical artistes and wellwishers.

Secretary of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon U Aung Tin Win read the message sent by Chairman of the Asiayon U Sein Mar Din that as the association was formed in 1992 with the aim of six objectives, one of them was stated to provide welfare and funeral services of the members of the association with assistance. So, the asiayon is holding the



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents cash and gifts to an aged theatrical artiste.—MNA

ceremony to pay respects to the aged theatrical artistes annually.

Theatrical artistes had joined hands with artistes of other fields in motivating the people with their performances in anti-colonialist and independence struggles.

At present, the message urged the theatrical artistes to preserve the fine traditions of Myanmar traditional theatrical heritage for its flourishing and improvement and to uplift themselves to be able to disseminate knowledge and ideas in addition to entertainment to the people.

Auditor of the association U Moe Min introduced the aged artistes to those present.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented K 200,000 to Chairman of

the Asiayon U Sein Mar Din.

Chief Minister U Myint Swe also presented K 2 million donated by Yangon Region government.

The chairman accepted K 15,545,000 donated by wellwishers including K 100,000 by Ministry of Culture, K 1.14 million by Union Solidarity and Development Party, K 5 million by Ko Moe Min and audiences, K 500,000 by Han Zar Moe Win and Tin Zar Moe Win Theatrical Drama Troupe, K 300,000 by Tin Maung Hsan Min Win (Shweman Theatrical Drama Troupe), K 100,000 by MMPO, K 1 million by Father Land Construction and Maung Po Chit, K 1 million by DJ Thaw Thaw, K 500,000 by Daw Kathy Nyunt

(founder of Swan Theatrical Drama Troupe), K 300,000 by U Chan Tha (Shweman Theatrical Drama Troupe), K 300,000 by MMA, K 1.37 million by 21 Township Music Asiayons, K 665,000 by 10 theatrical troupes and K 1.07 million by wellwishers.

The chairman presented certificates of honour to them.

U Ohn Maung (Yama), on behalf of the aged artistes, spoke words of thanks.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister U Myint Swe and region ministers greeted the aged theatrical artistes.

At the ceremony, K 60,000 each and gifts were donated to 114 aged theatrical artistes of above-75 years old.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and members pay respect to aged theatrical artistes.—MNA



Yoshihiko Noda elected as new Japanese PM



Yoshihiko Noda

TOKYO, 30 Aug— Former finance minister Yoshihiko Noda was elected as Japan's new Prime Minister Tuesday following the majority of votes in elections held at the House of Representatives, which is more powerful in the Diet or parliament.

Noda becomes Japan's sixth Prime Minister since 2006. Xinhua

10 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Aug— A total of 10 insurgents were killed and nine others captured when Afghan and NATO-led forces conducted joint operations in the country's eastern Ghazni and Wardak Province, the NATO said on Tuesday.

"A combined Afghan and coalition security force killed more than 10 militants and detained another nine during separate, overnight searches targeting a Haqqani network attack cell in eastern Afghanistan," said a statement issued by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

The targets of the searches were several Haqqani facilitators responsible for planning an imminent attack on capital City of Kabul under

direction from Haqqani leaders based in Pakistan, the statement said, adding "Tips from local citizens indicated the militants' locations and that they were organizing the attack to happen in the next few weeks."

A Taliban-affiliated group of militants which also has connection with al-Qaeda, the Haqqani network mostly operates in eastern Afghan Provinces and Capital Kabul, has been responsible for many high-profile attacks including suicide bombings and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) against security forces and government targets.

According to statement, the search operations were launched in Nerkh District of Wardak and Andar district of neighboring Ghazni province. Xinhua

August is deadliest month for US in Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Aug— Sixty-six US troops have died in Afghanistan so far this month, making August the deadliest month for American forces in the nearly decade-long war.

Nearly half of the troops killed died on 6 Aug when the Taliban shot down a Chinook helicopter in eastern Afghanistan. That was the single deadliest event of the war and sent the monthly total soaring, according to a tally by *The Associated Press*.

The 30 American service members — most of them elite Navy SEALs — were aboard the helicopter as it flew in to help Army Rangers who had come under fire. Most of the SEALs who died were from the same unit that killed bin Laden, although none of the men took part in that mission.

Aside from the 30 killed in the crash in Wardak Province, southwest of Kabul, 23 died this month in Kandahar and Helmand Provinces in southern Afghanistan, the main focus of Afghan and US led coalition forces. The remaining 13 were killed in eastern Afghanistan. The deadliest month for American forces until now was July 2010 when 65 were killed.

The US military recorded its worst monthly death toll at the same time that troops have begun going home. President Barack Obama announced in

June that he would begin pulling out the 33,000 extra troops he dispatched to the war.

He ordered 10,000 out this year and another 23,000 withdrawn by the summer of 2012.

In addition to the 66 Americans killed so far this month, the NATO coalition suffered the loss of two British, four French, one New Zealander, one Australian, one Polish and four other troops whose nationalities have not yet been disclosed.

So far this year, 402 international service members, including 299 Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan.—*Internet*

Photo News



An Afghan soldier looks at the wreckage of a motorcycle at the site of an explosion in Herat Province recently. A remote control bomb planted in the three-wheel motorcycle targeting an Afghan army vehicle in the capital of the western Herat Province killed two army men and wounded eight more, three of whom are in critical condition, according to Khalilullah Khalili, a spokesman for ANA in west zone. INTERNET

Three Australian commandos cleared of six Afghan deaths

CANBERRA, 30 Aug— Australia's defence minister says all charges have been dropped against three commandos who had faced Australian courts-martial over the

deaths of five Afghan children and an adult during a raid in 2009.

Defence Minister Stephen Smith told Sky television on Tuesday that the chief military

prosecutor had withdrawn the final charges against the last defendant, a lieutenant colonel.

The courts-martial of two other commandos ended in May when a judge

ruled they had no duty of care to the Afghans killed.

Smith says the trio are the first Australian soldiers to ever face manslaughter charges over civilian deaths in combat. Smith says he is seeking a report on why charges were laid. Xinhua

Photo News



Afghan policemen investigate at the site of a suicide car bomb blast in Lashkar Gah, capital of Helmand Province recently. A suicide attacker killed 10 Afghan policemen and a child in the southern City of Lashkar Gah on Sunday when he detonated a car bomb, the provincial governor's spokesman said.—INTERNET

Two killed in blast in Karachi, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 Aug — At least two people were killed and another two injured in a powerful blast that occurred early Tuesday morning in Pakistan's southern port City of Karachi, said police sources and local media.

According to the local media reports, the blast also partially damaged the buildings nearby the site.

Local TV channel ARY reported that the blast was of a suicide nature. But most of the other reports said the blast took place when the explosives carried by two unidentified persons on a motorcycle to some unknown places went off accidentally on the Abul Hasan Ispahani Road in the city.

Police have cordoned off the area. The nature of the blast is yet to be determined, they said. Xinhua

PHOTO NEWS



A policeman stands guard at the site of a bombing in Kut, 150 km (93 miles) southeast of Baghdad, in this file photo. Al Qaeda has resurfaced in former Iraqi strongholds, adding to the threat from more powerful and organised Shi'ite militias just as US troops prepare to leave, Iraqi officials say.—INTERNET



Kidney stones are made of salts and minerals in the urine that stick together, creating small "pebbles" formed within the kidney or urinary tract. They can be as small as grains of sand or as large as golf balls. Kidney stones are a common cause of blood in the urine and often severe pain in the abdomen, flank, or groin. One in every 20 people develops a kidney stone at some point in their life.—INTERNET

Jogging beats weight lifting for losing belly fat

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—Aerobic exercise is better than resistance training if you want to lose the belly fat that poses a serious threat to your health, researchers say. That's the finding of their eight-month study that compared the effectiveness of aerobic exercise (such as jogging), resistance training (such as weight lifting), or a combination of the two activities in 196 overweight, sedentary adults aged 18 to 70.

The participants in the aerobic group did the equivalent of 12 miles of jogging per week at 80 percent maximum heart rate, while those in the resistance group did three sets of eight to 12 repetitions three times per week.

The Duke University Medical Centre researchers looked at how these types of exercise reduced the fat that's deep within the abdomen and fills the spaces between internal organs. This type of fat — called visceral and liver fat — is associated with increased risk of heart disease, diabetes and some types of cancer.

Aerobic exercise significantly reduced visceral and liver fat and improved risk factors for heart disease and diabetes, such as insulin resistance, liver enzymes and triglyceride levels. Resistance training didn't deliver these benefits. Aerobic exercise plus resistance training achieved results similar to aerobic exercise alone, the investigators found.

"Resistance training is great for improving strength and increasing lean body mass," lead author and exercise physiologist Cris Slentz said in a Duke news release.—*Internet*



An employee of LG Display walks at the company's main office building in Seoul, on 29 August, 2011.

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BUSINESS

"Eccentric" exercises may ward off hamstring injuries

HEALTH

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—Pro and amateur soccer players who regularly did a particular strengthening exercise were less likely to get sidelined with a hamstring injury, according to a new study from Denmark.

The exercises only take about 10 minutes, and can be done without any extra equipment, researchers said. Hamstring strains are the most common injury among soccer players, and "it's also the injury that takes out the most days from training and matches," said study author Dr Per Holmich, from the University of Copenhagen.

The injuries typically happen when players are sprinting and the hamstrings — the muscles that run down the back of the thigh to the knee — extend to prevent the knee from overstretching.

That tension while the muscle is extending is known as eccentric contraction. It means very high pressure on the muscles, sometimes for long periods of time, Holmich said.

He and his colleagues figured that mimicking that type of pressure in a strengthening exercise might

mean the hamstrings were more prepared to deal with high force in practices or matches. The researchers studied 50 professional and amateur men's soccer teams in Denmark during a full year of practice and play.

They trained coaches on half of the teams to lead "eccentric training" exercises during a midseason break and then regularly during the season.

To do the exercises, players pair up, with one athlete on his knees and the other holding the back of the first player's legs and ankles to the ground. The kneeling player slowly leans forward while holding his weight back with his hamstrings, until reaching a push-up position, then pushes himself back up once he hits the ground.

Teams did those exercises up to three times a week during the 10-week break between seasons, then once a week once matches were underway. Other teams followed their normal training plan with no extra hamstring exercises.

Reuters



A migraine is a headache with throbbing pain that is usually worse on one side of the head. The pain is often severe enough to hamper daily activities and may last from four hours to three days if untreated. More than one in 10 Americans, including one in 6 women, have migraines, but many have been told mistakenly that they have a sinus or tension headache. Foods, stress, and hormones can be migraine triggers.—INTERNET

Sinopec first-half net profit rises 12%

BEIJING, 30 Aug—Chinese oil giant Sinopec, Asia's largest refiner, has reported a 12 percent gain in net profit for the first half this year, thanks to strong growth in the world's second largest economy.

Sinopec earned 41.2 billion yuan (\$6.4 billion) in the first six months, up from 36.8 billion yuan the same period a year earlier, according to financial results filed with the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Total revenue rose 31.5 percent on the year to 1.23 billion yuan in the first half. Sales of petroleum products, which accounted for more than 60 percent of total revenue, surged 31.6 percent to 746.3 billion yuan. "The Chinese economy has continued its steady and robust growth," the company



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said in the statement late Sunday. "Demand for petroleum and petrochemical products has increased steadily."

China's economy grew an annual 9.6 percent in the first half of this year.

Sinopec said international and domestic prices of crude oil, refined oil products and petrochemical products all increased in the first half, helping the

company.

But it said it would keep an eye on volatility in crude prices in the second half of this year.

"We expect international crude oil prices will fluctuate within a wider range," Sinopec said, but added domestic demand for its refined oil and chemical products would stay steady.

The company produced 156 million barrels of crude oil in the

first half, down 5.4 percent from a year earlier, due to the overhaul of production machinery at a field in Angola.

Its natural gas output rose 26.6 percent year on year in the first half to 253.9 billion cubic feet.

In the second half of this year, Sinopec said it plans to produce 165 million barrels of crude oil and 247.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

BUSINESS

Internet

Astronauts might have to abandon space station

Science

CAPE CANAVERAL, 30 Aug—Astronauts may need to take the unprecedented step of temporarily abandoning the International Space Station if last week's Russian launch accident prevents new crews from flying there this fall.

Until officials figure out what went wrong with Russia's essential Soyuz rockets, there will be no way to launch any more astronauts before the current residents have to leave in mid-November.

The unsettling predicament comes just weeks after NASA's final space shuttle flight.

We have plenty of options," NASA's space



This 23 May, 2011 file photo released by NASA, shows the International Space Station flying at an altitude of approximately 220 miles, in an image taken by Expedition 27 crew member Paolo Nespoli from the Soyuz TMA-20 following its undocking.

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station programme space station, even for a manager, Mike short period, would be Suffredini, assured an unpleasant last resort reporters Monday. for the world's five space "We'll focus on crew agencies that have spent safety as we always do." decades working on the project. Astronauts have

Ultra-thin gaming laptop breaks new ground with video touchpad

Tech

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—

Look out gamers — here comes the Razer Blade. It's unusually thin at a mere .88 inches, and it's

relatively light at 6.9 pounds, but its claim to fame is those groundbreaking configurable OLED buttons and LCD touchpad that gives mobile gamers a versatile new way to win.

The Razer Blade is due sometime in the fourth quarter of this year, and it's made by that same company that creates gaming mice that we've favourably reviewed, as well as keyboards and other gaming accessories with a certain design flair. In fact, the company wowed us in January at CES with a prototype "Switchblade" laptop whose keyboard did away with conventional keys altogether, instead



Ultra-Thin Gaming Laptop.

INTERNET

substituting lots of tiny OLED touchscreens. Yes, Razer has credible design chops.

We haven't tried this Blade laptop yet, but from what we can see, it has more going for it than just a pretty 17-inch face. It's powered by a dual-core 2.8GHz second-generation Core i7 2640M processor with 8 gigs of RAM and a Nvidia GeForce GT555M 2GB graphics card. Not bad, but on the other hand, there's no solid-state drive inside — just an old-fashioned 320GB SATA drive.—Internet

New evidence for cold ocean on early Mars

Science

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—The existence of an ancient, frigid ocean on Mars that was surrounded by glaciers could explain the unusual minerals found making up the northern lowlands of the Red Planet, a new study suggests.

These findings add new evidence to the idea that ancient Mars was

once cold and wet, not cold and dry nor warm and wet as is often argued.

Astrobiologist Alberto Fairén at the SETI Institute and NASA Ames Research Centre and his colleagues investigated why the early crust of the northern Martian lowlands apparently lacks a mineral group called

been living aboard the space station since 2000, and the goal is to keep it going until 2020.

The 22 Sept launch of the very next crew — the first to fly in this post-shuttle era — already has been delayed indefinitely. Russia's Soyuz spacecraft have been the sole means of getting full-time station residents up and down for two years. The capsule is parked at the station until they ride it home.—Internet



Professor Praveen Kumar, right, and graduate student Phong VV Le found that bioenergy crops such as miscanthus and switchgrass use more water than corn, a consideration that has been left out of the cost-benefit analysis for land conversion.—INTERNET

Grilled cheese with a tech twist in San Francisco

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Aug—Jonathan Kaplan made it easy for consumers to shoot cheesy home movies when he founded the company behind the Flip Video camcorder. Now, he's hoping to popularize something cheesier — and gooier — by starting a chain of grilled cheese restaurants that combine fast food with high tech.

Kaplan's latest creation, The Melt, opens its first location Tuesday in San Francisco's SoMa neighbourhood.

"Economically, it's a good time right now because people want comfort food," he says, seated on a stool at one of the bar-height tables at his bright white-and-orange-hued eatery.

Kaplan was convinced a grilled cheese chain could

succeed, but there was one big sticking point: How do you make the sandwiches consistent when you have hourly employees — who aren't professional chefs — behind the counter? Not sure how to solve this problem at the time, he put his plan on the back burner. In the meantime, he started Pure Digital. The company's Flip Video, a simple, low-cost, pocket-sized video camera, paved the way for an entire market.

With a small group of advisers—including chef and restaurateur Michael Mina — Kaplan approached Swedish home appliance maker Electrolux about making a special contraption that would create uniform grilled cheese sandwiches.

They came up with a

machine that combines two induction burners, a microwave and non-stick pads, which allow the bread to toast while the cheese melts—without squishing the sandwich as a panini press might do.

Not surprisingly, given Kaplan's background, technology also comes into play in the way visitors can order their meals. If you don't want to wait in line, you can order on a smartphone using The Melt's website.—Internet



In this photo taken on 25 Aug, 2011, Jonathan Kaplan demonstrates using a smartphone to pick up an order at The Melt in San Francisco. First, Flip Video camcorder creator Jonathan Kaplan made it easy for consumers to shoot cheesy home movies. Now, he's hoping to popularize something cheesier and gooier by starting a grilled cheese restaurant business that combines fast food with high tech.—INTERNET

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and Letpadan as there was a few passengers. Therefore, the ministry has no plan to run local trains between Letpadan and Yangon.

U Soe Paing of Wuntho Constituency asked the ministry if it has any plan to construct a new railroad section between Nankham and Bonchaung stations in Wuntho Township by passing the rocky mountain in the area because the railroad section between Nankham and Bonchaung stations on Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad is very dangerous in the rainy season due to landslides, erosion and derailment.

It was very difficult to construct the railroad section which lies between the rocky mountain and the creek. For safe rail transportation, the ministry has kept on watch to maintain the railroad section. The ministry has repaired the section last year and this year and replaced the old rail tracks with the new ones and filled gravels for betterment of the railroad section. A construction group of Myanma Railways is carrying out land survey measures in the areas to find a new axis which will bypass the rocky mountain and the creek. The ministry has a plan to construct the new railroad section in the opening season if it finds a new favourable axis.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied five questions raised by five representatives.

U Tin Hlaing of Kalay Constituency raised a question "whether the ministry has a plan to upgrade the 115.5 miles long Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road which passes through Kani, Minkin and Kalewa townships as it is also an important one." The Union Minister replied that the ministry let the Monway Group Construction Co. Ltd to upgrade the road and bridges meeting the set standard since 17, August, 2010, through the BOT system. It is necessary to use the advanced construction technology to upgrade the road which lies between Puhtolon Mountain and Shwethamin Mountain Range as heavy rain has caused landslides, damaging basis layers of the road. Therefore, the Monywa Group Construction Co. Ltd abandoned the project, leaving to the ministry. The ministry's road construction research unit has been making assessment to the road and the ministry has a plan to invite engineers from NEDA based in Thailand to work together with Myanmar engineers to upgrade the bad section of the road section.

U Kyaw Than of Bamauk Constituency asked the Ministry of Construction if it had a plan to maintain the 29-mile long Bamauk-Inndaw Road Section and 70 small and big bridges on the road section.

The Union Minister said the ministry carried out maintenance to 22

bailey bridges and 12 wooden bridges and conduit pipes at three bridges during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Bamauk-Inndaw Road Section has been damaged because it lies in the area which has heavy rain falls with heavy machineries for gold mining running on the road. The ministry has planned to upgrade Tonsi, Nantha and Latpan bridges on the road section to reinforced ones in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Afterwards, U Soe Soe of Htigyain Constituency asked the Ministry of Construction if it had a plan to upgrade Mandalay-Tagaung-Katha-Bhamo East Strategic Road to an asphalt one.



U Tin Hlaing of Kalay Constituency raising question.

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The minister replied that to upgrade the road meeting the set standard, the ministry has handed over the work to private companies through the BOT system. The private companies have planned to carry out the work section by section. However, the heavy rain has damaged the road this year.

Ten teams of the Special Construction Group-6 in PyinOoLwin District have carried out road works and maintained bridges until today on the road and the Bridge Construction Special Group-14 have built temporary bailey bridges while they are maintaining the big bridges in PyinOoLwin District to ensure regular transportation. In Kachin State, two special project groups of the Ministry of Construction have already reconstructed the six bridges which are 20 to 110 ft long as reinforced ones while Kachin State Public Works replaced the 23 wooden bridges with the reinforced ones.

The Ministry of Construction has supervised the BOT companies to collect toll gate fees in accordance with the instruction of the ministry, the minister said.

Afterwards, U Win Thein of Pinlebu Constituency asked if the Ministry of Construction had a plan to maintain the 39-mile long road linking Pinlebu and Kawlin which is damaged due to the timber extraction.

The minister replied that though the ministry has maintained the

upgraded 39-mile long road every year, the road is damaged by the trucks which transport logs from local timber extraction. The ministry has spent the funds for maintenance of roads and bridges for 2011-2012 fiscal year on repair of the road, reconstruction of one bailey bridge, two wooden bridges, three wooden conduit pipes, maintenance of three bailey wooden bridges and maintenance of 45 wooden bridges on the road.

The ministry has planned to continue to maintain the road and bridges in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The road can be durable only when



U Kyaw Nyunt of Kyunhla Constituency raising question.

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trucks which transport logs use another road. Therefore, all are responsible to maintain the roads in respective areas for durability.

Afterwards, U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency asked when the Ministry of Construction completed the repaving of 29 concrete roads which are under construction and when it completed repaving of 602 earth roads in Hlinethaya Township. There are 237 asphalt roads, 143 concrete roads and 602 earth roads.

The minister replied that 29 concrete roads which are under construction in Hlinethaya Township are being carried out by Yangon City Development Committee. Out 602 earth roads, 482 lies in the municipal area of YCDC and 120 lies in the municipal area of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development of the Ministry of Construction.

The DHSHD has a plan to upgrade the 120 roads in the 2012-13 fiscal year and Yangon City Development Committee has also planned to upgrade the 482 earth roads to asphalt or concrete ones in the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Afterwards, U Kyaw Nyunt of Kyunhla Constituency asked whether the Ministry of Education had a plan to upgrade the Basic Education High School (Branch) in Paypin Chaung Village in Kyunhla Township to the



Chairman U Kyaw Thu of Union Civil Service Board replies queries.—MNA

Basic Education High School; to upgrade the Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in LeiksinTaung Village in the west of Thahpanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township to BEMS and to include 2.2 acres of abandoned Thityapin Police Station compound and 0.3 acre of the Agricultural Produce Trading in the south of the Basic Education Middle School in Thityarmaing Ward in Kyunhla in the compound of the school. The middle school had given up 2.07 acres of its 5.58 acres to build a road for Thahpanseik Dam Project.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye replied that the ministry has compiled the list of students attending in the basic education middle and high schools and has made assessment for road access to the schools and school buildings to upgrade the schools. The ministry has also made efforts to upgrade the schools after recognition of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and an approval of the Union Government. Therefore, the ministry has a plan to upgrade the Basic Education High School (Branch) in Paypinchaung Village in Kyunhla Township and LeiksinTaung Basic Education High School (Branch) according to priority list.

For the Basic Education Middle School in Thityarmaing Ward in Kyunhla Township, the ministries have plans to hand over 0.3 acre of the Agricultural Produce Trading and 2.2 acres of Thityabin Police Station in accordance with rules and regulations of the Ministry of Education and the ministry will proceed the work in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Afterwards, four representatives discussed the proposal "to revoke the 1950, Emergency Act (Act No. 17/1950)" submitted by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency yesterday.

In his discussion, U Than Oo of Myawady Constituency said that there

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were many laws which were added, amended and revoked since 1955. It is found that out of revoked laws, some laws are not agreeable to the current time, not practised for a long time and there is no reason to practice it in the future. Work should be done to scrutinize an existing law whether it can benefit to the State and people, is agreeable to the current time and the market oriented economic system which is practised by the State or not. It is found that the provisions of the 1950 Emergency Act are very important and are necessary for defense of the State and for guarding against the dangers posed to the security and the constitution of the State. Therefore, the proposal should be withdrawn, U Than Oo said.

U Aung Kyaw Soe of Natmawk Constituency said that it is found that the 1950 Emergency Act includes provisions for the State security, prevalence of peace and tranquility, and also transportation, communications, economy, collection of revenue, morality and observance of disciplines and carrying out tasks in accordance with the law. Besides, the law also includes provisions for public affairs, security and safety of the people. Therefore, the 1950 Emergency Act should not be revoked and should be accepted as the existing act as it presents the special act which guard against the dangers posed to the State and lives and property of the people.

U Soe Paing of Wunto Constituency discussed that the Emergency Act covers a number of provisions that protect the public; that purpose of the law is to protect the people and the law will continue to exist as it has protected the people till now; that as some anti-organizations at home and abroad are instigating servicemen and the public's misunderstanding of and opposition to the nation, absence from duties, fabricating rumors to undermine the peace and stability, damaging the economic structure of the nation and some armed groups are committing such acts as attack on servicemen and members of Myanmar Police Force on duty, and explosion of roads and bridges, actions can only be effectively taken against such acts with 1950 Emergency Act, and said that the law should not be cancelled.

U Zao Kaung of Sawlo Constituency discussed that he assumed that the Emergency Act is issued for peace and stability of the nation; that law is essential and those practicing laws and laws are indispensable; that if laws are to be cancelled for the weakness of those practicing laws, there would be an endless cancellation; that the needs of the people should not be neglected for feeling and belief of an individual.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that the law to protect the nation

from the dangers posed by those wishing to disrupt the State was enacted as 1975 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 3 to prevent threats to State sovereignty and security, and peaceful life of the people, and to protect the nation from the dangers posed by those wishing to disrupt the State, without sacrificing the fundamental rights of citizens; that this law is to restrict any of the rights of such offenders as necessary, not to punish an offender; that in other words, the law is designed to detain and prevent the offenders from harming the State's sovereignty and security, and peaceful life of the public, not to file a lawsuit against the offender.

He added that Sections 2 and 3 of 1950 Emergency Act (Act 17/1950) state crimes and punishments for informing insurgents about movements and acts of members of the Tatmadaw and the police discharging duties for State law and order restoration; that Section 4 states the crimes and punishments for abetting treason; that Section (from a to k) states the crimes and punishments for harming State law and order restoration, security and peace; that Section 6 states the crimes and punishments for destroying governmental buildings, vehicles, machines, roads, bridges, waterworks and water pipelines and for destroying vehicles, roads, bridges, lakes and dams with the intention of threatening public lives and security; that Section 7 states the crimes and punishments for poisoning public water, and destroying and moving military property; and that the cases on 1950 Emergency Act are dealt with only with the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs as they are serious crimes for the nation.

He said that the punishments embodied in Criminal Law are not punitive enough for the State stability, restoration of law and order, and the rule of law, and 1950 Emergency Act was enacted to hand down punitive sentences to those who have harmed restoration of State law and order, public code of ethic and life. So, it is not wise to abrogate 1950 Emergency Act.

In the submission of proposals, U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency tabled a proposal calling for **regularly operating businesses facing crisis due to falling exchange rate between US dollars and Myanmar notes**. The proposal will be discussed on 31 August, and the Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss it are to take register this evening.

U Maung Maung Thein of Kayan Constituency submitted a proposal calling for **exemption of income tax on interest from treasury bills**. The Hluttaw decided that as the proposal must be scrutinized in line with the law, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee will review the relevant laws to report it, and more discussions will be held depending on the report of the Bill Committee.

U Hla Myint Oo of Pyinmana

Constituency changed his proposal to a question asking if selection and appointment of State service personnel and their promotion meets law, rules and regulations. Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu replied to his question.

U Hla Myint Oo said **there were some surreptitious acts on appointment and promotion of State service personnel and recruiting without exactly abiding by the existing law, rules and regulations, and he asked how will manage clear of such acts; how will set the plan on coordination on recruitment of graduate youths as job opportunities for gate posts of State service personnel; how will manage to get rid of malpractice on uncorrected line of promotion in appointing service personnel together with appointment of the personnel favoured by the superior; and how will create opportunity for staff to be promoted ranks as a special matter in line with eight qualification points in the directive issued in 1992**. Chairman of UCSB U Kyaw Thu replied that with regard to the question, the UCSB Rule (bill) was drawn to be able to abide by the Union Civil Service Board Law and recommendation and remarks were asked from the Union Attorney-General's Office for it. The bill refreshed in line with the legal words by the Union Attorney-General's Office has been submitted to the President Office. It was because the UCSB is under direct control of the President in accord with Section 246 (a) of Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Arrangements have been made to seek the approval from the Union government meeting and then will issue the UCSB Rule in line with Article 27 (a) of the UCSB Law. To be able to exactly prescribe duty and rights of State service personnel, the Union Law on State Service Personnel (bill) is being drafted by the board. Recommendations and remarks for the bill will be sought from the Union Attorney-General's Office; the bill will be submitted to the President to seek guidance and will be submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

With regard to the equal chance for those wishing to discharge duty of State service personnel, the selection and appointment of personnel at gate post are being conducted in line with the rules and regulations. When relevant departmental organizations offer proposals on selection of State service personnel with vacancy of posts, limit of age and qualification and departmental separate limitation, the proposals are submitted to the monthly meeting. According to the decision of the board, the announcements are issued to recruit the personnel. Outsider and State service personnel are tested under three question papers namely Myanmar, English and general knowledge at the writing examination centre in Nay Pyi Taw. List of eligible persons who passed the written examination are approved for the

personal test according to the meeting of board. Depending on marks in the written and personal tests, the seniority list of those who passed the tests are selected for the vacancy posts by the chairman and members of the board. In recruiting staff who are not gazetted officers, the relevant ministries and organizations are



U Hla Myint Oo of Pyinmana Constituency raising question.—MNA

to seek approvals from the Union government and then appoint these recruits under the departmental management. As some ministries did not recruit new staff and officers in vacancies due to many reasons, after some years, announcements of recruits can be issued. Thus, out of generation links among the State service personnel may occur in the service organizations. Therefore, organizations and ministries are to steadfastly observe vacancies of gate post (gazetted officer) of respective departments for avoiding out of linkage among service personnel and then seek permission from the Union government. If such service organization offers appointment for vacancies, the board will recruit and select the eligible persons systematically.

With regard to promotion of State service personnel, some ministries submitted promotion of staff to the board as a special case. The board conducts it in line with eight-point prescription at the regular meeting whether the proposals are to be allowed or not. Some proposals were refused due to lack of appropriation and within prescribed frameworks. Most of proposals were compassionately considered. At present, the board has adopted systematic future plans for selecting and nurturing the good State service personnel who will serve the interests of the State and the people.

In submitting the bills, U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency submitted **the 2011 Farmlands Bill**, and one Hluttaw representative seconded it.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal to be discussed and the bill will be handed over to the Bill Committee.

The seventh day second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was adjourned at 2.40 pm and the eighth day meeting takes place at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

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In response to the question of U Nyunt Hlaing from Ayeyawady Region Constituency (4) if production of high-yield seeds of crops will be boosted locally, and if there will be any plans to supervise production of seeds of crops in accordance with Seed Law, the Union minister said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is carrying out its tasks for seed production, training and education, and research and development with the aim of improving the agricultural sector; that it has been producing quality seeds of crops at the seeds farms under the Department of Agricultural Research and the Myanmar Agriculture Service, and it is planning to produce quality seeds on a commercial scale at the farms of voluntary farmers under the supervision of agricultural service personnel, as well as the farms of agriculture-related companies; that Seed Law was enacted with State Peace and Development Council Law (1/2011) on 7 January 2010; that the law is aimed at systematizing production, import, export and distribution of seeds; that now it is studying the procedures on Seed Law to formulate and promulgate Seed Law that meets international standards; that in addition, it is working hard in cooperation with agriculturists to produce quality seeds of hybrid rice at Yezin Institute of Agriculture and Shwedaung Farm in Wundwin Township; that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is demonstrating model plots to provide scientific methods to farmers who grow rice on a manageable scale; that the ministry is taking measures in all seriousness for boosting per acre yield of rice and boosting farmers' profits; that to distribute rice seeds of new local or foreign strains, the ministry surveys the characteristics, per acre yield, resistance to pests, quality, and demands at respective regions; that the first priority is given to production and distribution of quality seeds of major crops such as rice, sunflower, cotton, corn, sugarcane, rubber and other crops; and that the ministry is giving encouragement to emergence of seed companies reliable for farmers.

U Hla Swe from Magway Region Constituency (12) asked when Myitha Dam Project in Gangaw Township, Magway Region, will be completed. The Union minister replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation sought green light at Meeting (1/2011) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee on 22 April 2011 to implement Myitha multipurpose dam project by damming the Myitha River in Gangaw Township to produce 40 megawatts; that so far, the project has been completed by 36 % and designs

have been drawn out; that the government will set a budget for the project; that the ministry will consume the project with added momentum according to the budget; and the project is due to be completed in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

U Saw Tun Mya Aung from Kayin State Constituency (5) said that Papun gets sufficient electric power in the rainy season; that the engines of the hydropower plant have been out of order due to ravages of time, and asked if they will be repaired. Union Minister for Electric Power-2 U Khin Maung Soe said that Papun got electricity from a 50-kilowatt hydropower plant and a 12-kilowatt hydropower plant, and the local regiment and the hospital got electricity from the 5-kilowatt hydropower plant;



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. 2 holds discussion.—MNA

that the small-scale hydropower plants can be operated for six months in a year from June to November, and supply power to some urban parts 18 to 20 hours a day with the diesel-fired power generator.

The small-scale hydropower plant is situated about one and a half miles from Papon and no habitants reside around its environs. While carrying out silting works in the filter lake, silting lake and along intake channel in August 2008, three security guards were dead due to attack by insurgents. Later on, because of security problem of the plant, responsible persons could hardly operate the plant from time to time in order of good run of generators of the plant. Only diesel-powered generator is supplying electricity to Papon two hours a day on a regular basis.

The staff could not go to the plant then because of security problem. Only if security prevails in the area, can the plant operate its generators. Measures will be taken for safety of the plant with collaboration efforts of regional authorities and local people, and for operation of the plant when security prevails in the area.

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 3 asked that

according to the Prison Manuals (1894), formation of board of visitors including local residents in order of rank in prisons; appointment to local resident visitors of prisons for local prominent residents of their own volition interested in welfare of prisoners; if there have been forming of board of visitors, how many boards of visitors in order of rank and local visitors have been in prisons; and according to the Prison Manuals, when the forming of board of visitors will start.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko responded to the question that matters relating to prison visitors has been prescribed in Paragraph (24), (26) and (27) of Chapter (4) of Section (1) in the Prison Manuals (1894). Tasks for



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Tun Lwin of Kachin State Constituency No. 9 raises proposal.—MNA

boards of visitors in order of rank and local visitors aim for better management of prisons. But, in practical, prisoners are reluctant to take heed of prison authorized body. They wanted to report even small rows to prison authority after meeting with prison boards of visitors. There were growing coercing, bullying, disregarding and violating the prison rules that lead to unrest, intimidation and rebellion. So, the appearance of prison board of visitors was dissolved in 1975.

Although appearance of prison boards of visitors was ended, prison visitors in order of rank such as district/township level administrators, judges, police officers, doctors, auxiliary firefighters, Red Cross members, and members of Women Affairs Federation, and Maternal and Child Welfare Association have been making monthly visit to prisons to deal with prisoner problems and make consultation till now, as well as delivering letter from prisoners and giving healthcare treatments. From 2001 to 25 August 2011, there were 643 times of donation to prisons and 106 times to labour camps worth K 2407.8 million. Moreover, monks and local prominent residents interested in social welfare are carrying out measures for construction of purified drinking water



Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung replies to query.—MNA

plant, construction and repair of religious buildings, opening of meditation centres, making donation, and educating, the Union Minister said.

U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. 2 discussed the proposal raised by U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 that **urging the Union Government to amend, draw and prescribe administration laws of Ministry of Transport in order of priority.**

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said that in the time of the new government, Ministry of Transport is taking steps for supplement, amendment and substitution of laws disagreeable to present day. Fifth-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw held on 26 August 2011 approved to discuss the proposal for amendment to laws. Ministry of Transport is the one giving services to water and air transportations, exercising three laws relating to air transport and 18 laws relating to water transport. Of them, as Myanmar Five Star Line law is no longer to be followed, there remain 20 laws.

Ministry of Transport is taking measures in accord with standards and norms prescribed by International Marine Organization-IMO and drawing new laws in accord with rules and regulations of International Civil Aviation Organization-ICAO. The ministry will make a go at prescribing usages and provisions agreeable to present days in order of first, second and third priorities. Six laws of the first priority have been tabled to Attorney-General Office to be enacted. In order to enact eight laws of the second priority, measures are being taken in coordination with Attorney-General Office to amend outdated provisions, usages, crimes and punishments. The ministry is on its path taking to prescribe six laws of the third priority to be agreeable to present days, the Union Minister replied.

U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. 2 held discussion on proposal submitted by U Thein Win (See page 9)

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of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 that **urging the Union Government to amend, draw and prescribe administration laws of Ministry of Finance and Revenue.**

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that according to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and present situation, administration laws of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue have been submitted to Attorney-General Office to amend and revoke unnecessary parts. To revoke the tax law, a bill to revoke the law have been submitted to ongoing Pyithaungsu Hluttaw to enact the bill as the law.

Cancellation of the remaining the Administration of Public Finance Act, Bogyoke Fund Act, 1956 International Financial Corporation Agreement Act and International Wealth Act are in the process in coordination with the Attorney-General's Office.

As for laws in need of amendment, a bill has been submitted to ongoing Pyithu Hluttaw to amend and confirm Services Duty Act, Stamp Duty Act, Income Tax Act, and Trade Tax Law suitable to the current conditions.

Moreover, the ministry has made coordination with Union Attorney General's Office to amend The Pension Act, The Foreign Exchange Regulation Act and Central Bank of Myanmar Act and Myanmar Financial Institution Act in accord with the modern times.

The ministry is also reassessing the laws pointed out by Hluttaw Representative U Thein Win and taking measures to amend them suitable to the current conditions and announced that the ministry approved the proposal.

U Ye Myint from Constituency No. 4 of Bago Region and U Thein Win of Constituency No. 9 of Sagaing Region discussed the proposal **for government's measures to confirm one foreign exchange rate as there are currently different foreign exchange rates in Myanmar** submitted by Dr Khin Shwe at yesterday's session.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that setting of stable exchange rate beneficial to the nation is a must for the monetary sector; that inflation rate, foreign reserve, GDP, budget deficit, exchange rates of major trading countries, trade volume, border trade, etc are to be considered in a change for the exchange rate.

The Union Minister went on that Myanmar joined the ASEAN 23 July, 1997 and implementing the ASEAN Economic Community 2015 like the other ASEAN members; that every member has agreed to observe the Section (8) of

the Charter of the International Monetary Fund commencing 2011 according to the AEC Blueprint Strategy; that Myanmar, to observe the Section (8) of the Charter, has to focus on releasing restrictions on foreign currency and integration of foreign currencies; and thus is taking releasing measures step by step.

The economic relations of the nation with the international and regional nations are on the increase and problem of exchange rate gap, main barrier to international trade, will be solved along with the proper evolution of market economy, the Union Minister said.

To observe the Section (8) of the IMF Charter, The Union Minister said that the ministry has formed study groups holding coordination meeting; that Central bank of Myanmar is making coordination with the IMF and the ministry has sent trainees to attend seminars and courses on foreign exchange rate to study the experiences of other nations and is making assessments through review and discussion of experiences.

The Union Minister added that integration of foreign exchange rates is a top priority in lighting up the market economic system and thus the ministry is coordination with institutions concerned for the integration; that foreign exchange rate is an important equipment in national monetary policy and thus special focus will be made on this issue; that in doing so, measures will be taken to ensure there is no harm to interests of the national and the people and everyday socioeconomic life.

The Union minister continued that in integrating the different exchange rates to one exchange rate, there needs to have an official foreign currency market; that integration of different exchange rates will take time as Myanmar does not possess developed official foreign currency market. The Hluttaw announced that it approved the proposal.

Proposal of U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 for **government's measures to reset the amount of Kyats equivalent to one USD**, proposal of U Tun Lwin of Kachin State Constituency No. 9 for **formation of standing committee for ensuring eternal peace and stability in Myanmar**, proposal of U Tin Maung Win from Constituency No. 3 of Mandalay Region for **Hluttaw's appraisal and record of measures of the Union, and Region/State governments in over 100 days** were discussed by a Hluttaw representative each and the Hluttaw approved the proposals for consideration.

U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 proposed that **from administrative laws of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a new law encouraging development of agricultural sector of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, ensuring farmers rights to run farms and full security to farmers, ensuring finished**

agricultural products do not suffer unfair prices and have markets should be drawn up and the government should cancel 1953 Farmland Nationalization Act, 1963 Tenancy Law, 1963 Farmers Rights Protection Law.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Haling replied that rural development and poverty alleviation



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Soe Myint of Magway Region Constituency (6) raising question.—MNA

tasks are being carried out nationwide as the main task of national duty and development of agricultural sector is at the top of the agenda and related works are being carried out dividing into urgent, short-term, and long-term cases.

In his address to the first regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30-3-2011 after the formation of the new government, the President gave stressed the need for study for compiling of laws concerning farmers' rights to run farms and reassessment for amendment of existing laws in accord with the changing conditions, and as the national-level law-making constitutions have been firmly established, responsible persons and legal experts will have to adopt practicable laws which can prosper the farmers and announced that the Hluttaw's approval for discussion of the proposal.

The seventh-day of the second regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw came to an end at 3:15 pm and the eighth-day second regular session will be continued at 10 am tomorrow.

Seven questions were asked and answered by respective Union Ministers, proposals submitted yesterday's session were approved and the new four proposals were submitted at today's session.—MNA

Dy FM attends 5th FEALAC Foreign Ministers' Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The Myanmar delegation led by Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the 5th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 24 to 25 August.

The Retreat and Plenary Session of the meeting exchanged views on the Global Financial and Economic Crisis, Reform of the Global Governance and International Financial System, Environment and Sustainable Development, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Climate Change, Food

Security, Strengthening Trade and Cooperation between the two regions. The meeting also adopted the Buenos Aires Declaration.

Furthermore, Deputy Minister Dr Myo Myint received Mr Paul Jean-Ortiz, Director of Asia-Oceania Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France on 22 August in Paris and met with Mr Marcos Rodriguez Costa, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba on 25 August on the sideline of the meeting. During the bilateral meetings, they exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations and matters relating to cooperation for mutual interests.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint attends 5th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation.—MNA

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

FM felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—On the occasion of the 54th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31 August, 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Datuk Anifah bin Haji Aman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.—MNA

Myanmar Hotels and Tourism industry on promotion of tourist arrival

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Myanmar Hotels and Tourism industry is getting better improvement in its tourist arrival to the nation just as the year 1996 was regarded as Visit Myanmar Year, while Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Britain are investing in the tourism industry.

The increase in the arrival of tourists is as follows; 416344 persons in 2000, 475106 persons in 2001, 487490 persons in 2002, 597015 persons in 2003, 696910 persons in 2004, 660206 persons in 2005, 630061 persons in 2006, 716434

persons in 2007, 731230 persons in 2008, 762947 persons in 2009, 791505 persons in 2010, and 469457 persons till July in 2011.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism arranging for the convenience of tourists are taking necessary steps to ensure smooth arrival of tourists, fixed prices of taxis, good hotel services and maintenance of tourist destinations, so the visiting rates of tourists this year is expected to be more than ever before.

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Automobile Technical Training School (Magway) starts nurturing technicians



Automobile Technical Training School (Magway).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Automobile Technical Training School (Magway) launched its course No. 1 on 26 August morning at its assembly hall.

The course covers Automobile Engine Maintenance Module, Automobile Electricity & Electronics, Automobile Transmission & Chassis, Automobile Body & Painting and CAD/CAM subjects.

The course intends to bear technicians needed for the industrial sector of Magway Region and its immediate environs. The one-year course, which is being trained by Myanmar and Korean experienced technicians with the use of modern teaching aids, is being taken by a total of 148 trainees.

Automobile Technical Training School (Magway) is located in Magway Industrial Zone near the mile post No. 324 mile and 6 furlongs in the southern part of Magway-Taungdwingyi highway in the east of Magway Region. On 10 July, 2011, the school built by the Ministry of Industry-2 and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) was opened with the subsidization of the Republic of Korea.

The Ministry of Industry-2 has implemented five Technical Training Schools (Sinte, Mandalay, Thagaya, Pakokku) including ATTS (Magway), producing skilled technicians year by year.—Nyi Nyi Tun

Poor sleep affects high blood pressure in men

BEIJING, 30 Aug—Men who are light sleepers are at increased risk for developing high blood pressure, suggests a study published Monday in *Hypertension: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School found that men who got less deep sleep, also called slow-wave sleep, had an 80-percent higher chance of having high blood pressure compared to men with higher levels of slow-wave

sleep.

The link held regardless of other factors, such as obesity or how long the men slept. "People should recognize that sleep, diet and physical activity are critical to health, including heart health and optimal blood pressure," said lead researcher Susan Redline in a statement.

"Our study shows for the first time that poor quality sleep, reflected by reduced slow-wave sleep, puts individuals at significantly increased risk of developing high blood pressure," she said. "Although the elderly often have poor sleep, our study shows that such a finding is not benign," she added.

Xinhua

Israeli Ambassador meets Myanmar agricultural research students

YANGON, 30 Aug—At RUMFCCI Office Tower in Minyekyawswar Street, Lanmadaw Township, Mr. Yaron Mayer, Israeli Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, this morning met Myanmar scholars who will pursue their studies in the agricultural course to be opened at the Ramat Negev Agro Research Center in Israel.

On the occasion, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Rice Association Chairman of Paddy

Producers Group U Sein Win Hlaing extended greetings. Israeli Ambassador delivered an address and presented lectures of the courses on agricultural methods through a projector.

A total of 49 trainees—11 from Paddy Producers Group, 14 Myanmar Engineers' Association and 24 Myanmar Fisheries Federation—will take the Outcomes of Fruit and Paddy Agricultural Research Marketing Course lasting 11 months.

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BST, Pre-sea course for seaman

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Ministry of Transport to create seaman job opportunities in Myanmar allowed maritime private companies to open courses as a matter of principle. Myanmar Mercantile Marine College, Myanmar Marine Engineer Society, Uniteam Marine (Yangon) Ltd, Kabar Services Co Ltd, Unique Marine Services Co Ltd, MYANSEA and MOSA that fall within the competence of procedure of the Department of Marine Administration will conduct Basic Safety Training (BST) and Pre-sea Training Course on 5 September simultaneously which are essential courses for all who will earn their living with seaman life. Those who passed Basic English Skill Test (BEST) exam from 9 September to 21 December 2010 are eligible to take the courses. So, the trainees are obliged to report to the training centres. Name lists to take courses have been on the notice board of Myanmar Mercantile Marine College.—MNA

Dangerous water level of Dokhtawady, Sittoung, Thanlwin and Ngawun Rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge (898) cm has exceeded by (28) cm (about 1-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo (640) cm has exceeded by (40) cm (about 1.3-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1114) cm has exceeded by (44) cm (about 1.4-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (784) cm has exceeded by (34) cm (about 1.1-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung (1158) cm has exceeded by (28) cm (about 1-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Approaching tropical storm Nanmadol impacts E China

FUZHOU, 30 Aug—As tropical storm Nanmadol approaches eastern Fujian Province, flights have been canceled, shipping lines remain suspended, and fishermen have been evacuated as gales and rainstorms swept coastal cities on Tuesday morning.

Previously categorized as a typhoon, Nanmadol was downgraded to a tropical storm around 10 am Monday, and it is likely to hit the southern parts of Fujian on Tuesday afternoon, according to the provincial meteorological bureau. The Xiamen-Jinmen shipping line, which links the mainland and Taipei, has been suspended since Monday afternoon, and Jinjiang Airport has canceled six flights.

Quanzhou municipal authorities have organized more than 41,000 people into rescue teams to prepare for potential emergencies. Nanmadol will bring high tide levels with heavy rainfall of 200 mm to 350 mm, which might lead to flooding and secondary disasters, according to a report released by the meteorological bureau.—Xinhua



Fishing boats are seen anchored in harbor in Jinjiang, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 29 Aug, 2011. All personnels were asked to get onshore by authorities to avoid danger by typhoon Nanmadol, which was likely to make landfall over the southern part of Fujian on Tuesday.—XINHUA

New train line joins Argentina, Uruguay for first time

News Photo



A new train is seen in Salto, Uruguay, on 29 Aug, 2011. The new train line joins Argentina and Uruguay for the first time across the Uruguay River, and will eventually unite the existing rail networks of both countries, according to the Argentine government.—XINHUA

Pilot survives Calif small plane crash

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug—The pilot of a small plane broke his leg after the aircraft crashed following takeoff near Santa Monica Airport in Southern California Monday afternoon, local Press said. A group of painters working near the crash site and another citizen nearby pulled the pilot out of the single-engine Cessna, ABC7 reported.

They also put out a small fire caused by the crash, which took place 0.5 km west of the runway. The plane crashed into a cinder block wall of a house, with an impact so powerful that the aircraft was broken into half and the wings were ripped off the fuselage. It clipped some tree branches while it went down.

The pilot, who suffered a broken leg and a painter, who was wounded by flying debris, were sent to UCLA Medical center for treatment. None of the injuries are life-threatening.—Xinhua

Cannibal wanted to eat 10 more

MOSCOW, 30 Aug—A Russian man who invited another man into his Murmansk home, fatally stabbed and ate him, and hoped to eat “at least 10 other people,” authorities say. “The defendant wanted to try eating at least 10 people in the future,” an investigative committee

in the Russian Arctic City said Monday.

The 21-year-old man, who allegedly confessed to the crime, had become acquainted with the victim through the Internet, investigators believe, RIA Novosti reported.

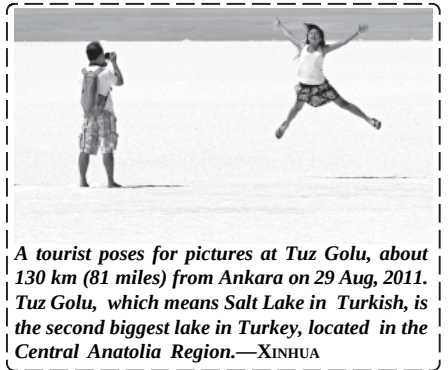
“According to preliminary information,

one of them was seeking a sexual partner,” Murmansk Investigation Committee Chief Fyodor Bludnov said. “The accused explained later that such people are not open, and they prefer to hide their contacts.”

In a statement, the Investigation Committee said, “The accused

stabbed the man a few times, and after having assured himself that the man was dead, he cut up his body and ate him.”

The mother of the victim, who was born in 1959, contacted police in mid-August and investigators checked out his contacts, which led to the suspect. —Internet



A tourist poses for pictures at Tuz Golu, about 130 km (81 miles) from Ankara on 29 Aug, 2011. Tuz Golu, which means Salt Lake in Turkish, is the second biggest lake in Turkey, located in the Central Anatolia Region.—XINHUA

Oil tank fire put out in Dalian

BEIJING, 30 Aug—An oil tank fire in northeastern China's coastal City of Dalian has been put out. A diesel tanker set alight Monday morning in a refinery owned by PetroChina, one of the country's leading oil producers.

Police sent 65 fire trucks and nearly three hundred firemen. No casualties have been reported. The fire is thought to have begun after a pipe linking two tanks cracked. Further causes are still under investigation.—Xinhua



A fire engine works at the fire spot in a refinery owned by PetroChina in Dalian City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 29 Aug, 2011. XINHUA

Bear shot near crowded festival

UNIONTOWN, 30 Aug—A black bear was shot and killed Sunday after getting too close to a downtown street festival in Uniontown, Pa, police say. Police received multiple reports of sightings of the 350-pound bear as it made its way closer to the city's downtown area, where thousands of people were gathered, the Herald Standard reported.

Police Chief Jason A. Cox said the bear died immediately upon being shot once in the head after

it was located about two blocks away from where the festival was taking place.

“With the festival going on and with the

bear being in a highly populated area, the decision was made that the risk was too great and the bear was shot,” Cox said.—Internet

Three killed in train collision in Lahore, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 Aug—At least three people were killed and several others injured when two passenger trains hit each other Tuesday morning in Pakistan's eastern City of Lahore, reported local Urdu TV channel Channel Five.—Xinhua

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|----------------------------|--|----------|
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- Closing date/ time - 30.9.2011 (Friday) / 12:00 hr
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Windsurfers and kite boarders enjoy strong wind and waves at West Chezzetcook Inlet near Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on 29 Aug, 2011. The remnants of Hurricane Irene moved into Canada from the United States, whipping up strong winds and dumping heavy rain on parts of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces in Southeast Canada, which left thousands of homes without power, two people missing and two others injured. — XINHUA



Bank's lorry
spills cash
into busy road

MAASTRICHT, 30 Aug — Drivers scrambled for banknotes on a busy road in the Netherlands yesterday after a package containing euro bills fell from a bank's lorry and broke open.

People parked their cars on the hard shoulder and ran to scoop up the notes on the busy road near Maastricht. Police in the southern Dutch province of Limburg confirmed in their Twitter feed: "It briefly rained bank bills."

People were seen grabbing handfuls of cash before hopping back into their cars and driving away, according to the broadcaster NOS. It was not clear how much cash was lost or how it could have fallen.

Internet

Yellowstone hunts killer grizzly bear

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Wildlife agents are trying to capture a grizzly bear that killed a Michigan man in Yellowstone National Park, its second such fatality this summer. John Wallace, 59, was found on Friday along the Mary Mountain Trail, which is known for its bear population. The attack is not thought to be linked to the

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Yellowstone National Park is home to hundreds of grizzly bears. —INTERNET



death in July of a California hiker who was mauled by a grizzly. Fatal grizzly attacks are rare inside Yellowstone — the July attack was the first such incident in 25 years.

"We think we provide visitors with pretty good knowledge and techniques to keep them safe in the backcountry," said Dan Wenk, a park superintendent.

"Unfortunately, in this case it didn't happen that way." Mr Wenk said that there were no witnesses to the most recent attack. Park rangers are setting traps to capture and kill the animal that attacked the Michigan man.

Internet

More intangible cultural heritage under state protection in China

BEIJING, 30 Aug—China added 191 new items to the list of state intangible cultural heritage on Monday, including traditional music, handicrafts and medicines. The newly added cultural heritage items include Arlirang, traditional Korean ethnicity folk songs, metal forging skills of Tibetans, architecture techniques of wooden buildings of Tu ethnic group, royal cuisine of Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) and Lianhualao dramas from north China's Shanxi Province, said a statement from the Ministry of Culture.

Xinhua

Vermont, New Jersey
flooded as Irene
spares NYC

FAIRFIELD (NEW JERSEY), 30 Aug—New Jersey and Vermont struggled with their worst flooding in decades on Monday, a day after Hurricane Irene slammed an already soaked US Northeast with torrential rain, dragging away homes and submerging neighborhoods underwater.

The massive storm churned up the US East Coast over the weekend killing at least 38 people in 11 states, in addition to three who died in the Dominican Republic and one in Puerto Rico when the storm was still in the Caribbean, authorities said.

Spared from Irene's worst fury, New York City went back to work on Monday despite a partially crippled mass transit system and power outages that left 100,000 customers in the metropolitan area and nearly 1 million in the state without electricity.

Overall, some 5.1 million homes and businesses were still without power from North Carolina to Maine, and utilities said it could take days to restore electricity in more accessible areas and weeks in the hardest-hit regions.

Total economic damage could reach \$20 billion, Standard & Poor's Senior Economist Beth Ann Bovino said. Hundreds of thousands of homes suffered damage, raising questions about how much would be covered by insurance as many homeowner policies do not cover flood damage.

MNA/Reuters

Mount Etna's
eruption
intensifies in
Italy

ROME, 30 Aug — Mount Etna is spewing out ash and shooting spectacular bursts of lava high into the air as the eruption on the island of Sicily intensifies. Italy's Civil Protection agency said Italy's geophysics and volcanology institute on Monday registered increased explosive activity by the volcano, eight days after the latest eruption began.

The government agency says Etna started spewing out a significant amount of ash in a south-east direction early in the day but that the eruption tapered off in about two hours. Etna has several inhabited villages on its slopes. Eruptions are not infrequent, and Italian airliners sometimes have to alter their routes to avoid flying through ash cloud. The airport at Catania city near the volcano wasn't affected by the ash on Monday.—Internet

Australian man throws away \$50,000 in gold

An Australian man says he accidentally threw out \$50,000 worth of his wife's gold jewelry recently in an attempt to fool any would-be robbers.

The Queensland man — who gave only his first name, Geoffrey — hid the family's gold collection in garbage bags after his GPS navigation system and keys were recently stolen. The Courier-Mail in Brisbane reported in its Tuesday edition. "I had this great idea to split the gold into three rubbish bags so if the thieves did come in they're not going to find it," Geoffrey

said. The valuable trash bags, however, ended up in the local landfill last week when the man's children cleaned house in anticipation of an upcoming move.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council said that while it sympathizes with the family's loss, searching the landfill, which takes in about 1,400 tons of waste each week, would be next to impossible. "To locate the lost items, this decaying compacted waste would need to be systematically excavated and sorted mechanically by the contractor," a council spokesman said.



A visitor looks at a model of the automobile made by Carl Benz in 1886 during a Mercedes-Benz vintage car show to mark the German car maker's 125 founding anniversary at the former Tempelhof airport in Berlin, Germany, on 28 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Security bungle: Electronic tag put on fake leg

Two security workers in Britain have been axed after they put an electronic tag on a man's prosthetic leg.

Christopher Lowcock was convicted of driving offences, drug possession and having an offensive weapon. The staff of a security firm that tags 70,000 criminals a year in Britain failed to spot the 29-year-old's prosthetic leg, reported *The Sun*. The matter came to light after a week when Lowcock was arrested for driving while banned.

"The whole thing is incredible because even the most basic checks weren't carried out. Two members of staff did not do what they should have done. It doesn't give you much faith in the system," a source was quoted as saying.

Maharaja of Mysore's Rolls Royce to be auctioned

A 100-year-old Rolls Royce owned by Krishna Raja Wodeyar IV, the erstwhile ruler of Mysore, will soon go under the hammer and is expected to fetch 400,000 pounds (around USD 650,000).

Krishna Raja Wodeyar bought seven Rolls Royces. The Silver Ghost 40/50hp six-cylinder car on sale was customised with colourful umbrella to shield the king's servants from the sun, said the *Daily Mail*. The royal who ordered the model in 1911 called it "Victoria".

He was reportedly one of the world's wealthiest men, worth an estimated 35 billion pounds at his death in 1940.

Turkish doctors use music as medicine

Doctors at a Turkish hospital said they are having success with Islamic music therapy, a centuries-old technique using Arabesque scales and modes in healing.

Dr Bingur Sonmez and Dr Erol Can at the Memorial Hospital in Istanbul said they have found music therapy produced significant psychological and physiological outcomes when used as a

complimentary therapy, Britain's Guardian reported Monday. Can, chief anesthetist in the intensive care unit, said he was introduced to music therapy when working at a Bulgarian hospital and he experimented with live instruments after moving to Turkey in 1996.

"I learned to play the ney flute in order to play the kind of music that was used in traditional music therapy hundreds of years

ago, making use of the psychological and physiological effects of the makam," he said.

Makam is a term referring to a wide variety of tone scales.

"There is a different makam for every illness, every health problem," Sonmez said.

"There are makamlar that agitate, and there are makamlar that relax."

News Album

Jeff Bridges loves meditation

LONDON, 30 Aug — Actor Jeff Bridges who meditates almost every day recommends that every one should try it as meditation brings the right "dynamics" into one's life.

"I meditated yesterday morning. I skipped today because I got up late, but it's very effective for me," contactmusic.com quoted the 61-year-old as saying.

"It's good to block out external stimulus for a set



Actor Jeff Bridges

amount of time, because, for one thing, it enhances the experience when you are stimulated by something. It brings dynamics to your life," he

added.

Jeff first became interested in meditation when he worked with psychoanalyst John Lilly.

"He (John Lilly) developed the isolation tank and I was one of his subjects when he was experimenting it.

The idea was to explore what consciousness is when you take away all of the senses and you're floating. You discover you that you're projecting a lot of energy from within you, but normally you can't distinguish it," he added.

Internet

Justin Bieber jokes about his 'snake' with girlfriend Selena at MTV Awards



WASHINGTON, 30 Aug — Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber went a bit 'racy' on the 'black' carpet of the Mtv Video Music Awards, when he cracked a joke about his 'snake' while being interviewed by his girl.

When Gomez, who was a part of the reporting team hired by MTV, asked Bieber what he was wearing, he cheekily replied that he has 'a snake'.

Though a chuckling Gomez promptly stopped him from saying anything further, later she again asked, "What's your snake's name?"

Internet



Musician Bootsy Collins poses at the 11th Annual BMI Urban Awards at the Pantages theatre in Los Angeles on 26 August, 2011.

XINHUA



Cast member Matthew Fox poses for the cameras on the red carpet before the premiere of the sixth and final season of the television series "Lost" on Waikiki beach in Honolulu, Hawaii on 30 January, 2010.

XINHUA

Matthew Fox detained for assaulting bus driver

BEIJING, 30 Aug — "Lost" star Matthew Fox was detained early Monday after allegedly assaulting a female bus driver, according to media reports.

It is reported that Fox attempted to hitch a ride to his hotel via a private party bus early Sunday morning, but the female driver of the bus refused to let him enter.

Fox then allegedly punched the driver in the chest and stomach before receiving a blow to the mouth in return.

Fox was detained by police but was eventually released to "a friend" and took a taxi to his hotel, according to the police report.

The alleged victim in the case, Heather Boormann, is considering pressing charges in the case. "I don't care that he is a celebrity," Boormann said. "Assault is against the law."—Xinhua

Watts, Klum design for baby charity

LONDON, 30 Aug — Hollywood celebrity Heidi Klum have designed a pair of charity. The stars, as well as singer Conaughy's partner Camila Alves, the Celebrities 4 Maternity Denim

ports. The money raised from March of Dimes organization, hieve full-term pregnancies

"Now mums can be even a-kind jeans, personally favourite celebrity icon," executive vice president of

mothers Naomi Watts and jeans to raise money for a baby Jewel and Matthew Mc-have embellished trousers for sale, contactmusic.com re-

the auction will benefit the which helps women ac-and healthy babies.

more stunning in one-of-designed by their said Jane Massey, the March of Dimes.

Internet

Brazil soccer great Zico to coach Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 Aug — The Brazilian soccer great Zico was hired as Iraq's national coach, hoping to revive the team after a disappointing run.

Zico agreed to a one-year contract late Sunday after two days of negotiations, Iraq Football Federation President Najih Hamoud told *The Associated Press* by phone on Monday.

"The deal with Zico is done and he started his work with our team," Hamoud said. "We hope to see good results by Zico and our national team." German coach Wolfgang Sidka was released this month at the end of his \$500,000, one-year contract.

Hamoud declined to say how much the 58-year-old Brazilian would be paid although he is expected to get a bonus for every game Iraq wins.

Internet



Brazilian coach Zico speaks to the media in Arbil, Iraq

SPORTS

Patrick's NASCAR plans prompt more criticism

CHARLOTTE, 30 Aug — Danica Patrick lost her 63rd consecutive IndyCar race on Sunday at Sonoma, and if you didn't already know her record is now 1 for 112, there's an entire website that obsessively tracks her lack



Danica Patrick

of progress and touts her as "OVER-HYPED And UNDER-DESERVING!" It's not a new site, but since announcing last week that she'll move full-time to NASCAR next season, the haters have been out in full force with scathing commentary and scrutiny that seems downright sexist.

It's doubtful anyone has ever paid attention to what five-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson has worn to a press conference, but one publication noted that Patrick wore "orange hooker heels" to last Thursday's announcement. —Internet

Sharapova wins; Kvitova loses at US Open

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Trailing big in the first round of the US Open, Maria Sharapova thought — well, no, she was certain — that she'd pull through if she could push her inexperienced opponent to a third set. And Sharapova was right. Shrieking as loudly as ever, Sharapova came back from a set and a break down against 19-year-old Heather Watson of Britain to win 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 on Monday, improving to 12-0 this year in matches that went the distance.

Sharapova won six Grand Slam matches at Wimbledon alone this summer, reaching the fi-

nal there before losing to Petra Kvitova. Fresh off that triumph, Kvitova — a 21-year-old from the Czech Republic seeded No 5 in Flushing Meadows — failed to follow it up, flopping at the US Open with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 loss to 48th-ranked Alexandra Dulgheru of Romania. —Internet



Maria Sharapova of Russia returns a shot to Heather Watson of Britain. — INTERNET

Dalglish happy to entertain

LIVERPOOL, 30 Aug — Kenny Dalglish was keen to spread praise across his whole Liverpool team after their 3-1 win over Bolton Wanderers. Luis Suarez was the inspiration for an electrifying 3-1 win at Anfield that saw summer signings Jordan Henderson and Charlie Adam on target either side of powerful Martin Skrtel header. Dalglish, whose Reds renaissance is continuing apace, accepts Suarez may command most of the headlines but wanted to recognise all contributions.

"Some days Luis will play better than somebody else and on another day it will be someone else's turn to show up," he said. "The most important thing



Dalglish was delighted to see Jordan Henderson score his first Reds goal. — INTERNET

is we have got different people that can play and produce a high quality of performance." Dalglish added: "In any one season there are going to be individuals that grab the headlines but for us it is a team event. We passed and moved and thoroughly deserved the victory. Everyone who came would have been thoroughly entertained." — Internet

Wenger sorry for Old Trafford pain



Arsene Wenger has apologized to Arsenal fans after defeat to Man Utd. — INTERNET

LONDON, 30 Aug — Arsene Wenger has apologized to the Arsenal fans for their 8-2 defeat against Manchester United on Sunday. The Gunners conceded eight goals for the first time since 1896 during the Barclays Premier League defeat at Old

Trafford. Wenger has insisted he will not walk away from what is clearly a massive job to rebuild the confidence of a club who are still to find replacements for Cesc Fabregas and Samir Nasri, and have collected just a single point from their three Barclays Premier League matches so far.

The Arsenal manager has pledged to try and find some new players ahead of the transfer window closing on Wednesday night. However, for now, the best he can do is say sorry.

Internet

Barca beat Villarreal 5-0 to kick off the season on perfect note

MADRID, 30 Aug — Defending BBVA Primera Liga Champions FC Barcelona kicked off their league campaign with an easy 5-0 win against Villarreal in the Camp Nou Stadium on Monday night. Barcelona were playing on Monday because they had played the European Supercup Final on Sunday night, beating Porto 2-0 in Monaco. If Villarreal were hoping that the Catalans may have been suffering from tired legs or a post celebration hangover, they were to be disappointed.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola produced a surprise in his starting line-up: with central defenders Carles Puyol and Gerard Pique both injured, he started the game with just three defenders on the pitch, but with Cesc Fabrigas, who was



Barcelona's Thiago Alcantara celebrates after scoring a goal against Villarreal during their Spanish first division soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 29 Aug, 2011. — XINHUA

making his league debut for Barcelona, Seydou Keita, Andres Iniesta and Thiago Alcantara in midfield, while Xavi Hernandez was on the substitutes' bench. Xinhua

Sisters have no plans to retire: Venus

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — The tennis obituaries will have to wait for now. The Williams sisters have no intentions of quitting anytime soon. If they have their way, they will be around for a lot longer yet, perhaps adding records for longevity to their records on the court. For years,



Venus Williams

people have speculated about how long they would stay in the game, predicting they would eventually lose motivation as they racked up the titles. But the speculators have been wrong and Venus said the American sisters were more motivated than ever to keep going after a long injury layoff. "We've decided we're not going to lead a traditional career," Venus said on Monday, with no hint of irony. "We haven't to this point, so we won't. So we're going to play past the limit that anyone has ever played." Venus is 31 and has not won a grand slam singles title since 2008. —Internet

Aguero hopes Tevez stays

MANCHESTER, 30 Aug — Sergio Aguero hopes his fellow Argentine Carlos Tevez will have a change of heart and stay at Manchester City. City were rocked earlier this summer when their talismanic striker revealed that he was looking to leave. The Blues had fended off a similar announcement last season and believed that their South American star was settled at Eastlands. Speculation has suggested that Tevez is a target for a number of clubs, but no deal has been done as yet. He remains in England as a result and has been included in Roberto Mancini's first-team plans this term.

City believe Tevez will

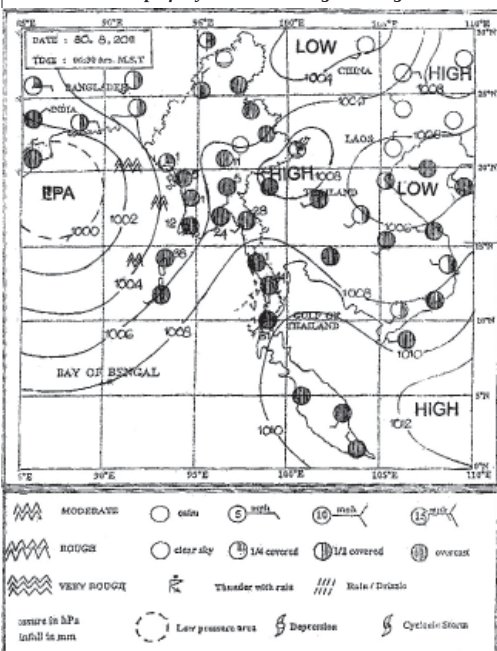
now see out the season on their books, with there few clubs capable of meeting their asking price. Aguero is keen to see his countryman stay, allowing the pair to work on a strike partnership that could prove to be destructive at domestic and international level. "We have spent a lot of time together and we talk about everything," Aguero said.

Internet



Sergio Aguero hopes his compatriot Carlos Tevez stays at City. — INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 31st August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%
2	Kayah	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
3	Kayah	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
4	Chin	19/66	14/57	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	33/91	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%
7	Tanintharyi	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
9	Magway	36/97	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
10	Mandalay	32/80	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
11	Mun	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	100%
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	100%
13	Rakhine	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
14	Southern Shan	27/81	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
15	Northern Shan	31/88	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/80	23/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayah States widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mon State and heavy fall in Magway Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (3.66) inches, Kyaikkhami (3.43) inches, Thabeik (3.23) inches, Mandalay (2.80) inches, Nyaung-U (2.44) inches, and Hlittin (1.60) inches.

According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Bay Inference

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) mph.

State of the Sea

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Northern Myanmar Area.

Rooney wants Walcott at his best against Bulgaria

LONDON, 30 Aug. — Wayne Rooney said he hopes Theo Walcott will put the memory of Manchester United's 8-2 rout of Arsenal behind him to focus on England's upcoming Euro 2012 qualifier away to Bulgaria.

Rooney scored a hat-trick for United at Old Trafford on Sunday as Arsenal, for whom Walcott netted one of two goals, shipped eight for the first time in over a century. But the two players now find themselves on the same side as members of an England squad that play Bulgaria in Sofia on Friday before the Group G leaders face Wales in another Euro 2012 qualifier on Tuesday.

"We're here to concentrate on England and," Rooney told a news conference at the squad's hotel on Tuesday. "We want Theo at his best so don't really want him to remember that result."

However, United striker Rooney was certainly buoyed by his own performance last weekend.

"It's always great to be in good form and scoring goals."

"I'm looking forward to getting back playing for England, playing well, and helping us get the points we need."

As for the upcoming England fixtures, Rooney said: "I think it'll be a really tough game, Bulgaria away."

"I'm sure it'll be a good atmosphere and a difficult game to come away with three points from. "Wales are a good team but I'd like to think we've got enough to beat them at home."

Internet



Wednesday, 31 August

View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
7. Cultural Dances

- 8:20 am
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:25 am
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Women)

- 8:40 am
10. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Dance of National Races
- 4:15 pm
3. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Zoology)

- 4:45 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
7. Classical Songs
- 5:00 pm
8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Men)
- 5:05 pm
9. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 5:15 pm
10. International Science News
- 5:25 pm
11. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)
- 6:00 pm
12. Evening News

- 6:15 pm
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
14. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm
15. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:00 pm
16. Myanmar Cultural Dances
- 7:10 pm
17. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe
- 7:35 pm
18. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Music)
- 8:00 pm
19. News
- 9:00 pm
20. International News
- 9:15 pm
21. Weather Report
- 9:30 pm
22. Monthly Weather Report
- 9:45 pm
23. Korea NG Award
- 10:00 pm
24. TV Drama Series
- 10:15 pm
25. Dramatic Arts Competition (Traditional Drama)

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (31-8-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(31-8-11 09:30 am ~ 1-9-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- * News

- * Creative Expert in Myanmar "The Life of an Artist"
- * News
- * Myanmar Chess Federation President Cup (Myanmar Traditional Chess)
- * News
- * A Day Out with Sarah (Episode-5)
- * Overseas Transmission
- * Opening
- * News
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- * News
- * A Day Out with Sarah (Episode-5)
- * News
- * As a White Candle
- * News
- * The Art of Paper Folding "Origami"
- * Seven Special Stops around Inlay Lake
- * News
- * Products of Myanmar "Velvet Slipper"
- * Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * From "Putao" to "Machan Baw"
- * Myanmar Movies "The Spouse And The Lover"

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First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session continues for seventh day



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends seventh-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The first Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session went on for the seventh day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Present were Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing replied to the queries of five Hluttaw representatives.

In response to the question of U Thein Hlaing from Sagaing Region Constituency (8) that Yazagyo Dam

Project in Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, was launched in 2005, and the project on completion will be able to irrigate 6500 acres of farmlands and generate four megawatts; that when the water from the dam is supplied, local farmers can use double- and triple-cropping patterns and the project will help improve agriculture and industry and satisfy the electricity demand of the region and asked how soon the project will be completed, the Union minister said that the multipurpose dam project is being implemented by damming the

Nayyinzaya Creek, about 2 miles north of Yazagyo Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Region; that green light to implement the project was given at Meeting (2/2004) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee on 27 December 2004; that pre-engineering works, feasibility study and groundwork were launched in 2003-2004; that in proportion to the size of the budget allocated by the State, the project was completed by 35 per cent; that plans are underway to import necessary hydropower equipment; that when the equipment is imported, the project will be resumed with added momentum with ministry-owned machinery and vehicles along with entrepreneurs; and that the project is due to be completed by 2013-2014.

U Win Tint from Sagaing Region Constituency (1) in his question said that Monywa-Mandalay Road and villages were flooded, and asked if Thitlein Creek Dam will be built in Myinmu Township, Sagaing District, Sagaing Region, to prevent floods and supply water to Letpan Dam, and when the project will be launched. The Union minister in his reply said that Letpan Dam was built by damming the Letpan Creek in Myinmu Township, Sagaing Region; that with the water storage capacity of 4910 acre feet, the earthen facility was intended to irrigate some 2500 acres of farmlands; that the estimated amount of annual inflow water into the dam was about 5500 acre feet,

but the highest amount of inflow water was only 3965 acre feet in 2010 so that the dam could not irrigate 2500 acres completely; so, feasibility study was launched in 2008 to build Thitlein Dam (supporting dam for Letpan Dam); that if the findings show possible, a budget will be submitted to the government to continue, based on the amount of the government budget.

U Soe Myint from Magway Region Constituency (6) in his question said that the government is building new dams, so it should make major repair and maintenance to old irrigation facilities like Wetthi Lake in Salin, Minbu District, and asked if land survey can be carried out for maintenance of the irrigation facilities. The Union minister said that the lake was built in the times of Myanmar monarchs; that the lake is under maintenance of Shwesettaw Sanctuary Administrative Office not under the Irrigation Department; that related ministries are now working together to supply water to Linzin Dam at stone pillar No. 82000 through Myaungmadaw Canal along the outlet channel of Wetthi Lake sluice gate; that a budget of 41.5 million kyats was passed from the 2011-2012 fiscal year, so the rebuilding of the lake is due to be completed by this dry season; and that the Irrigation Department will submit a bill for a budget to the government to start maintenance of old dams and lakes this dry season.

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Ceiling tiles save shopkeepers from heat at Thiri Mingala Market

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photo: Myint Aung (Ahlon)



Photo shows ceiling tiles being installed at complex (B) of Thiri Mingala Market.

Thiri Mingala Market was built near Padauk Creek in Hline Township by spending K 532.8 million. The market was completely moved from Kyimyindine Township on 23 December 2010. The new market was opened on 24 December. The market was built with six large complexes, three small complexes, totalling nine in addition to two vast car parking.

A shopkeeper from fruit row said that they suffered heat due to lack of any shade at the environs of the market and roofs of corrugated iron sheets.

On 25 August, we the news crew of the Myanmar Alin daily visited the market. We saw that ceiling tiles have been installed at the complex (A) of the market, and more ceiling tiles were being installed at the complex (B). In meeting with in-charge of the market U Myo Win at this office, he introduced us to the market development committee. Secretary of the market development committee U Than Tun explained, "The market development committee organized the installation of ceiling tiles with half by half contributions by the market families and Markets Department of Yangon City Development Committee. Installation of the ceiling tiles for a large complex cost K 16.2 million."

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Low pressure area forms over Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—According to the observations at (6.30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Rooney wants Walcott at his best against Bulgaria



Wayne Rooney said he hopes Theo Walcott will put the memory of Manchester United's 8-2 rout of Arsenal behind him to focus on England's upcoming Euro 2012 qualifier away to Bulgaria.

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