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President U Thein Sein felicitates Prime Minister of Japan for his election

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 Mr Yoshihiko Noda on his election as Prime Minister of Japan.—MNA

Our Three Main National Causes

- * Non-disintegration of the Union
- * Non-disintegration of National solidarity
- * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

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



Representatives seen at the second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the eighth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu

Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 385 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. Nine questions were raised and replied, one

proposal discussed, and two new proposals and one bill submitted at today's Hluttaw. Union Minister for

Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing replied to four questions regarding the irrigation sector.

U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Tok of Momeik Constituency raised a question asking that (See page 6)

Plan under way to build three more concrete sleeper factories



Workers seen at worksite of Concrete Sleeper Factory (Okshitpin).

By Kyemon

To substitute reinforced concrete sleepers in the places of old ones along railroads across the nation and to install the sleepers at construction of railroads, a plan is under way to build three concrete sleeper factories in Bhamo, Hsipaw and Namsang. (See page 5)

Worn banknotes can be changed with new ones at Myanma Economic Bank

YANGON, 31 Aug—Myanmar Economic Bank has been changing worn banknotes in circulation with the new ones with the same value. Without limitation, worn denominations ranging from 10 to 200 kyats can be changed at the separate counters of Myanma Economic Banks (Saving) daily. MNA

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—According to observations at 5:30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 1 September, 2011

Better transport—key to regional development

As better transport plays a key role in regional development, new motor roads and railroads are under construction across the nation. Thanks to new roads and bridges, local people gain easy access to other regions and states in the country.

Regions with poor transportation had faced difficulties due to barrier of mountain ranges but now have easy access to other areas within a day trip. Regions teeming with rivers and creeks which had to rely only on water transport can now enjoy road trips. Smooth and swift flow of commodities makes all the regions achieve success in trade and business.

Nagapauk Bridge on DaikU-Sittoung Road in Waw Township of Bago Region was commissioned into service on 27 August. It is 240 feet long RC facility that can withstand 60-ton loads of individual vehicle.

Nagapauk Bridge is located on the shortcut linking DaikU on Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway and the Sittoung on Yangon-Bago-Mawlamyine Road. In the past, the route was 46 miles long. Thanks to the new bridge, the route can be shrunk to the 21-mile facility by saving time.

Opening Nagapauk Bridge contributes to smooth flow of commodity from Bago Region to Upper and Lower Myanmar. Local people can travel to Mon State, Kayin State and Taninthayi Region.

At present, the government is building new roads and bridges across the nation. Emergence of new roads as networks from the east to the west and from the north to the south and bridges on them or spanning rivers are improving economic, social, education, health and trade sectors of the regions across the nation.

Transport News Journal to come out on 5 Sept

YANGON, 31 Aug—The Transport News Journal, forth monthly journal of the Ministry of Transport aimed to inform its air, water and road transportation sectors to the public in real time, will come out every Monday commencing on 5 September.

The 20-page biweekly will feature news related to transportation and arts and entertainment as well as ask & answer column for the readers. The journal introduces the 12 enterprises and departments under the ministry for public knowledge.

The press conference for introduction of the journal will be held at Yuzana Garden Hotel on 4 September.—MNA

Oil and gas companies urged to pay attention to public interest

Work coordination meeting of the companies making joint venture with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy through PSC to explore and produce oil and gas at inland oilfields in progress.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The work coordination meeting of the companies making joint venture with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise through PSC agreements to explore and produce oil and gas at inland oilfields, was held at the Ministry of Energy here today.

Present were Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung and heads of 20 petroleum companies.

The Union Minister made a speech that at the time when the State is taking measures to develop the country in all sectors laying down new policies and work procedures, the companies are responsible to work hard in conformity with the State policies without harming the interests of the citizens and environment. He called for attention to provisions of agreements based on mutual benefits.

MNA

4m GSM installation project swings into action

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and 11 local companies signed contracts for extended installation project of 4 million GSM mobile lines for the first year on 26 August, said Project Manager of the project General Manager U Thein Oo of MPT.

According to the contract, local private companies will spend monetary, man power and skills to implement the project under the supervision of the MPT of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.

In the five-year project period, a total of 30 million GSM mobile lines will be installed. The plan is under way to install four million lines in the first year, five million lines in the second year, six million lines in the third year, seven million lines in the fourth year and eight million lines in the fifth year.

The project's first year commenced on 27 July with three steps. Within one year starting the project, a total of 204,365 lines will be installed in Nay Pyi Taw, 52,307 lines in Kachin State, 8374 lines in Kayah State, 74,352

lines in Kayin State, 12,320 lines in Chin State, 400,842 lines in Sagaing Region, 86,019 lines in Taninthayi Region, 390,129 lines in Bago Region, 403,240 lines in Magway Region, 555,580 lines in Mandalay Region, 203,405 lines in Mon State, 142,572 lines in Rakhine State, 797,766 lines in Yangon Region, 173,929 lines in Shan State and 494,729 lines in Ayeyawady Region, totalling 4,000,109 lines across the nation. Moreover, a plan is under way to extend installation of CDMA mobile phones. In the

first year, 100,000 each lines of CDMA-800 mobile and CDMA-450 mobile phones will be installed. On completion of the five-year plan, a total of 187,000 lines each will be installed.

Mobile phones will be installed at fair charge, but it hasn't been priced yet.

In focusing on installation of GSM in the five-year plan, the GSM system has better advantage in international roaming than CDMA system. A total of 239 countries are using 4970 lines of CDMA system across the world while 121 countries are using 564 lines of CDMA system. A total of 46 countries in the entire world are applying both GSM and CDMA.—Yan Gyi Aung

Myanmar to compete in 28 sports events of XXVI Games

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The XXVI SEA Games will be organized in Palembang and Jakarta of Indonesia, commencing 11 November.

Of 44 sports events, Myanmar sports contingent will take part in 28 sports events.

Myanmar will participate in swimming, diving, archery, track & field, badminton, basketball, billiards, boxing, canoeing/kayak, chess, cycling, football, futsal, golf, judo, Karatedo, martial art, western style rowing, sailing, Sepak Takraw, shooting, table tennis, Taekwondo, tennis, traditional boat race, volleyball, weightlifting and Wushu events.

A total of 542 gold medals will be presented to

the winners in the games. A total of 357 gold medals for the sports events in which Myanmar will take part will be awarded to the winners.

At present, Myanmar sports teams are taking vigorous exercises at the camps for securing medals with victories.

Myanmar will host the XXVII SEA Games, so the country will accept the sports flag of the SEA Games at the closing ceremony of the XXVI Games.

The SEA Games is the highest sports competition in Southeast Asian region once every two years as of 1959.

Tin Htwe



Photo shows the site of the wreckage after the jets' collision.—INTERNET

Planes collide during training in Lithuania

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—A French *Mirage* 2000 jet fighter collided with a Lithuanian plane during a training mission Tuesday in Lithuania, the French Defence Ministry said.

No one was hurt during the training exercise at an air force base in Siauliai, Northern

Lithuania, military officials from both countries said.

Two French jet fighters and a Lithuanian jet trainer were in the air when one of the jet fighters collided with the Lithuanian plane, officials said.

Both pilots of the Lithuanian *L-39* Alb-

atross ejected and are safe. Their plane crashed.

The French jet landed, Lithuanian officials said.—*Xinhua*

Petraeus to officially retire to take CIA job

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug—US Army Gen David Petraeus, who served as the top US commander in Iraq and then Afghanistan, will hang up his uniform for a civilian suit Wednesday.

He will leave the Pentagon for the halls of another hallowed Washington institution: the CIA.

Petraeus' experience in working with the CIA on counter-militancy efforts in the field was cited as a reason for his nomination as its director.

He assumes his new role on 6 September.

As the top US commander in Iraq, Petraeus was dubbed King David for turning around what seemed like

a losing battle.

He took over in Afghanistan in July 2010 after a *Rolling Stone* magazine article prompted the resignation of Gen Stanley McChrystal.

On 18 July, he handed over Afghan command to Gen John Allen. Some were stunned that a decorated military career was ending

US Army Gen David Petraeus. "I wanted this job. I am taking off the uniform I have worn for 37 years to do this the right way," Petraeus said earlier this year.

INTERNET prematurely. Petraeus is only 58. "I wanted this job," Petraeus said at his Senate confirmation hearing. "I am taking off the uniform I have worn for 37 years to do this the right way."—*Internet*

Eleven killed, 25 injured in blast in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 31 Aug—At least eleven people were killed and 25 others wounded when a powerful blast hit Pakistan's southwest City of Quetta on Wednesday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

Over ten cars were also destroyed following the blast that occurred at about 9:50 am Wednesday at a parking lot on the Alamdar road in the city, said local media reports, adding that nearby buildings were also partially damaged. Police said that it was a remote-controlled bomb attack. All the injured have been shifted to nearby hospital. At least two



wounded people died later at hospital.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast yet. This is the first serious blast reported in Pakistan at the very beginning day of Eid, a festival celebrated by all Muslims after one month of fast, which is officially observed from 31 Aug to 3 Sept.

Local residents gather at the site of a car bomb blast in Quetta, Pakistan, on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Local watchers believed that more possible attacks could happen in the country during Eid. On Tuesday morning, two suicide bombers riding a motorcycle accidentally killed themselves when their motorcycle slipped on

the way to an unknown suicide attack target in Pakistan's southern port City of Karachi.

Over the last week, several suicide attack attempts were reportedly foiled by police across the country.

Xinhua

US airmen's alleged killer on trial in Germany

FRANKFURT, 31 Aug—Prosecutors say a 21-year-old Kosovo Albanian charged with gunning down two US airmen in at Frankfurt Airport intended to kill a large number of Americans.

Prosecutor Herbert Deimer told the court at the opening of the trial Wednesday that Arid



Uka went to the airport on 2 March with the aim of shooting US servicemen and women.

Uka is charged with two counts of murder and three of attempted murder in connection with the attack. He faces a possible life sentence.

Internet

In this file photo, police investigate the scene after a gunman fired shots at US soldiers on the bus outside Frankfurt airport, Germany. INTERNET

HEALTH

Family heart disease risk linked to genes, not lifestyle



Pregnant women with heart disease face a 100-fold increased risk of death, with the danger for offspring multiplied by ten, according to figures released at a medical congress in Paris.

INTERNET

MALMO, 31 Aug—Genes affect hereditary coronary heart disease risk but family lifestyle does not, according to a new study.

While it's long been known that hereditary factors influence this risk, it hasn't been clear whether this is due to genes or unhealthy

lifestyle in the family, the Swedish researchers said.

In order to answer that question, the investigators examined the health records of 80,214 adopted men and women in Sweden who were born in 1932 or later and developed coronary heart disease between 1973 and 2008.

The researchers also studied the participants' adoptive and biological parents.

Adopted people with at least one biological parent with coronary heart disease had a 40 to 60 percent higher risk of coronary heart disease than people in a control group.

There was no

increased risk for people with one or two adoptive parents who had coronary heart disease, the researchers reported in the August issue of the *American Heart Journal*.

"The results of our studies suggest that the risk of coronary heart disease is not transferred via an unhealthy lifestyle in the family, but rather via the genes," study leader Kristina Sundquist, a professor at the Centre for Primary Health Care Research in Malmo, Sweden, said in a journal news release.—Internet

More evidence links genes to Parkinson's

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—A genetic variation that reduces the risk of Parkinson's disease by nearly 20 percent in many populations has been found by an international team of scientists. They also identified other variants of the same gene—LRRK2—that double the risk of Parkinson's in whites and Asians.

The Genetic Epidemiology of Parkinson's Disease consortium's findings are from a genetic analysis of samples from more than 8,600 Parkinson's patients and almost 7,000 controls across 15 countries on five continents.

The investigation was led by neuroscientists at the Mayo Clinic in Florida, and the findings appear in the 31 Aug online issue of *The Lancet Neurology*.

"The idea that Parkinson's disease occurs mostly in a random sporadic fashion is changing," lead investigator Owen Ross said in a Mayo news release.

Internet

HEALTH



This tiny cluster of bacteria is methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), seen under a microscope. This strain of the common "staph" bacteria causes infections in different parts of the body - including the skin, lungs, and other areas. MRSA is sometimes called a "superbug" because it is resistant to many antibiotics. Though most MRSA infections aren't serious, some can be life-threatening.

INTERNET

Health Tip: Feel more rested during pregnancy

Fatigue is a common complaint among pregnant women, but there are things you can do to get better sleep and boost your energy.

The Womenshealth.gov website suggests how to feel more rested during pregnancy:

- * Sleep on your left side with pillows between your knees, under your belly or wherever you need support.
- * Go to bed at the same time each night, and get up at the same time each morning.
- * Go to bed a bit earlier when you feel very tired.
- * Take a nap during the day if you can't get enough sleep at night.
- * Drink most of your fluids earlier in the day, limiting them at night.

Internet

HEALTH

Asia stocks mixed as US, EU confidence slumps

BANGKOK, 31 Aug—Asian shares searched for direction Wednesday as investors weighed slumping consumer and business confidence in developed economies against a session of gains on Wall Street fueled by bargain-hunting. Oil prices edged lower toward \$88 a barrel after the drop in sentiment suggested growth was likely to slow further in coming months.

After four days of gains, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 lost 0.4 percent at 8,918.50. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was little changed at 4,268.70. Shares were also lower in mainland China, New Zealand and Taipei (China).

But Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 0.3 percent to 20,262.99 and South



People walk by an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, on 30 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Korea's Kospi index was 0.4 percent higher at 1,850.56. Benchmarks in the Philippines and Singapore also rose.

A persistently strong yen continued to place a drag on Japan's powerhouse export sector, particularly consumer electronics. Panasonic Corp lost 2.3 percent, Sony Corp fell 1.7 percent and Toshiba Corp dropped 1.8 percent. Copier maker Ricoh Co lost 0.7 percent.

Internet

BUSINESS

S Korea output growth slows amid global weakness

SEOUL, 31 Aug—South Korea's industrial output grew in July at its slowest pace for 10 months, official figures showed Wednesday, amid economic uncertainty at home and abroad.

Statistics Korea said production in mining and manufacturing expanded 3.8 percent last month compared to a year earlier, the slowest rate since September 2010 when it rose 2.9 percent.

It was the 25th straight month of expansion but the figure fell sharply from June's

revised 6.5 percent growth. Output declined 0.4 percent month-on-month.

"The on-month contraction seems to have been partly caused by a

slump in the construction sector," Yoon Jong-Won, director general of the finance ministry's economic policy bureau, told *Yonhap* news agency.

Internet



South Korean auto industry workers are seen on a Ssangyong factory line in Pyeongtaek.

INTERNET

Myanmar establishes diplomatic ties with Bosnia and Herzegovina

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept.—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Bosnia and Herzegovina, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassador level with effect from 25 August, 2011.

The Joint Communiqué on the agreement to establish diplomatic

relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Bosnia and Herzegovina was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations in New York on 25 August, 2011.

Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with all countries all over the world and Bosnia and Herzegovina has become the 104th country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister makes inspection tour of Mudon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug.—Chief Minister for Mon State U Ohn Myint attended an opening ceremony for basic course No. 34 for vocational handicraft (cane) at women's vocational training school in Mudon on 29 August.

The chief minister

viewed paddy growing in central farm, and inspected the chosen site for construction of motorboat quay in Azin Creek.

He inspected paddy farms and mangrove forests along Thanlwin River bank by boat, and stressed forest

conservation to prevent erosion and natural disaster preventive measures.

He then arrived at basic education primary schools, and inspected

MNA

Medicines donated to monasteries, nunneries

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — The 126th Medicines Donation Ceremony was held at Sacred Hair Relic Kyaikthoke Pagoda in Mawlamyine on 28 August.

Altogether 114 monasteries and six nunneries in Mon and Kayin State were donated medicines worthy of K 40 million.—MNA

Plan under way to build three ...

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In addition to already-built five concrete sleeper factories, more six factories will be built. Therefore, there will be 11 concrete sleeper factories to produce 2.2 million concrete sleepers yearly.

Among completed concrete sleeper factories, one factory in Myitnge of Mandalay Region produces 300,000 sleepers per year, one more in Mottama of Mon State 200,000 sleepers per year, another one in Pyuntaza of Bago Region 100,000 sleepers yearly, the next one in Okshitpin 200,000 sleepers per year and the last one factory in Pakokku of Magway Region 200,000 sleepers per year. Five factories produce 1 million sleepers a year. Moreover, one

each sleeper factory were constructed in Minbu of Magway Region, KhinU of Sagaing Region and Shwenyaung of Shan State (South). Furthermore, three factories will be built in Bhamo of Kachin State, Hsipaw and Namsang in Shan State (North). As such, there will be 11 sleeper factories in the nation.

As Myanma Railways is building railroads across the nation, there will be 1944 miles long railroads and 6743 miles long rail tracks on completion.

A total of 1448 pieces of sleepers are to be laid along one mile long railroad. Therefore, 16,506,864 pieces of sleepers must be used for 6743 miles long railroads. Each wooden sleeper can be used for five years. To be able to strengthen the railroads, it is necessary to substitute sleepers once every five

Tech

New iPhone app offers rewards for exercising

TORONTO, 31 Aug.—Need some motivation to hit the gym? Perhaps some free merchandise will do the trick. At least this is the premise that Nexercise is built upon, a free iPhone app that tracks activities ranging from running and weightlifting to fencing and polo and rewards users with free and discounted merchandise in the hopes

that users will adopt long-term exercise habits.

"We're trying to create a lifestyle - not a quick fix," said co-founder Benjamin Young. "We don't focus on how many miles you ran or how many pounds you've lifted. You get points in the game for healthy behaviors." Users can accumulate points based on the length of their workouts

and for other behaviors that reinforce frequent exercise habits. Exercising with a friend or on a rainy day, for instance, allows users to accumulate bonus points. "A lot of it is driven by research studies. If you exercise with someone, you're more likely to continue to exercise," said Young. Receiving prizes is more of a lottery rather than

direct redemption. Users with more points have greater chances of winning prizes, and those that have reached higher levels have access to more valuable prizes.—Reuters

New research shows that panda feces contains bacteria with potent effects in breaking down plant material in the way needed to tap biomass as a major new source of biofuels.

INTERNET

Science

International Day of Democracy 2011

People's Voice

Hluttaw's (Parliament's) Voice

People's Will

Hluttaw's (Parliament's) Will

People's Expectation Hluttaw's (Parliament's) Implementation

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Naypyitaw

Pensioners' Smiles

- * When service personnel become pensioners, No one can see bright future. Hopes and prospects are a blur, Become neither here nor there.
- * Pensioners have done all their best, Have time to earn their rest. Vicissitudes torture them almost to death, Scanty pension made them nearly mad.
- * Feebly walk and frugally spend, Hardly see the ways to mend. With grandchildren around them, Will expectations come tomorrow or when?
- * Old and new rates are equalized The government has taken its pride. Strength of morale comes to rise, Together with them are physical might.
- * Increasing old pension rates bring benefits, In recognition of the past service, Enjoy the fruits of what they did, Pensioners are to do their bit.
- * Old pensioners are now overjoyed, State's benevolence is kept in mind. The nightmare has been left behind, What we see is their smiles... Bell chimes thousands smiles...

Maung Swe Ngae

years. Hence, the railroads need 3,301,370 pieces of sleepers yearly. To do so, it is necessary to saw 100041 tons of timber. As part of efforts to conserve environments, concrete sleepers that can be used for about 60 years are to be substituted in the places of old ones along the railroads.

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Kyemon: 29-8-2011



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whether the fertilizers produced by State-owned fertilizer plants are distributed to the farmers or not, and he wanted to know how fertilizer will be distributed to regions and states.

The Union Minister replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation directly took fertilizers from the Ministry of Energy for growing crops and distributed them to farmers up to 2005. Beginning 2006, requirements of urea fertilizer for farmers and farms of the enterprises under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation were listed for cultivation of paddy, maize, beans and pulses, edible oil, cotton, sugarcane, jute and other crops and the lists were sent to the Ministry of Energy.

The Ministry of Energy that cannot sell fertilizer to each farmer sell fertilizers in cash or six-month installment system to them through region and state governments and paddy companies. Up to 10 August 2011-2012 financial year, the ministry has distributed 250 tons of fertilizer to Kayah State, 256.50 tons to Kayin State, 3963.50 tons to Mon State, 560.10 tons to Rakhine State, 100 tons to Shan State (North), 2850 tons to Sagaing Region, 1275.85 tons to Mandalay Region, 12.50 tons to Magway Region, 4572.80 tons to Bago Region (East), 4670.75 tons to Bago Region (West), 19282.55 tons to Ayeyawady Region, 3163.75 tons to Yangon Region and 1125 tons to Nay Pyi Taw totalling 42183.3 tons.

Although the fertilizer plants of the Ministry of Energy plan to produce fertilizer to meet the target this financial year, it is necessary to effectively provide basic inputs to the farmers with invitation to local and foreign investment for production of about 3 million tons of fertilizers in addition to more productions of the government-owned plants. Only when fulfillment of fertilizer requirement can be carried out, will production of crops and paddy be increased by meeting the target.

U Aung Sein Tha of Minbya Constituency said he would like to know how many acres of pasture lands across the nation, how many acres of pasture land and acres of meat, fish and prawn breeding ponds in Rakhine State after 1962 and how many acres of pasture land, restricted land and livestock breeding farms in Minbya Township in 2010-2011 and whether granted farms for breeding of fish and prawn on the pasture land can be immediately lifted for poverty alleviation and living of draught cattle. Regarding the question it was replied that according to the data on

conservation of pasture land issued by Central Security and Management Committee on 8 February 1974, there were 917,206 acres of pasture land before 1962. According to the 2010-2011 statistics, there were 760,991 acres of pasture land in the Union. Rakhine State General Administration Department cancelled 4460 acres of pasture land from 2001 to 2007 in Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, MraukU, Minbya, Myebon and Yathedaung townships. In the 2010-2011 statistics, there remains 79,972 acres of pasture lands across the state. Although fish and prawn ponds were officially allowed on pasture lands, a total of 2453 acres of lands are used as fish



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Maung Maung Soe of Thakayta Constituency raising question.

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and prawn breeding in the state.

According to the 2010-2011 statistics, Minbya Township has 11,793 acres of pasture land, and state GAD allowed to cancel 1236 acres of pasture lands to grow paddy in 2014. Although fish and prawn ponds were officially allowed on pasture lands, a total of 424 acres of lands are used as prawn breeding in the township. Some differences may be seen in the statistics in comparison with the actual ground stocks. The Union government and those of State level always urge respective township and district administrative bodies and region and state governments to supervise collection of ground stocks by Settlement and Land Records Department for ensuring correct land utilization and accurate data.

The GAD of the Ministry of Home Affairs supervises management of pasture lands according to the reports of regional administrative bodies under the laws. With regard to the question, requirements of farmers are to be reported to the state government and it should be scrutinized in conformity with the actual circumstances. As breeding of cows and buffaloes and other animals in rural regions contributes to uplift of living standards of the farmers and creation of job opportunities, region

and state governments are to manage development of systematic breeding tasks in addition to livestock breeding on a manageable scale for fulfilling requirements of the local people. Moreover, it is necessary to continue fulfillment plans for the local people in line with laws and regulations. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will provide necessary assistance for the local people.

In shooting a question, U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency said that the cultivable lands in Kawa Township of Bago Region are located in the low land between Bago River and Sittoung River. Therefore, farmlands are flooded in the rainy season. He



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Zaw Win Aung of Myinmu Constituency raising question.—MNA

asked whether there is a plan to dredge the canals to drain more water for prevention of floods or not. The Union Minister replied that due to heavy rains and overflow of Bago River in Bago Region at the end of July and early August, the areas were flooded. For the first phase, it is necessary to dredge Abya-Shankai drain, Minywa-Kokko drain, Minywa-Kalai Bridge-Paingkyin drain and Hsema Creek. For the second phase, the drain from Kalai Bridge to Ohnhne Road is to be dredged and then to be connected with 30-mile greening canal. Moreover, it is necessary to build Phonemasoe sluice gate beside Bago River in Kawa Township and re-dredge Kayan Creek in Yangon Region. The plan on flood prevention and farmland reclamation plan at Sittoung Basin (Pyuntaza Plain) and the plan on flood prevention at Kawa-Thanaipin area have been submitted to the State.

Kodukwe Dam Project is being implemented in Bago Township of Bago Region, and feasibility studies are being conducted for implementation of Salu Creek and Shwelaung Creek Dam Projects. On completion, preventive measures can be taken in Bago Township, and the plans will be submitted to the State. Depending on the budget, the



Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein replies to questions.—MNA

plans will be implemented to effectively prevent floods of Bago River. The State will allot funds for the projects while the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will seek funds from the Union government for carrying out tasks effectively in open season. According to the priority of the State, implementation tasks will be undertaken with momentum.

In his question, U Moe Zaw Hein of Katha Constituency said that the 36,800 feet long Shweli embankment in Katha Township of Sagaing Region is damaged at some parts. Despite preparing it on a self-reliant basis, river overflows the farmlands yearly. He asked whether there is a plan to rebuild Shweli embankment or not. The Union Minister replied that Shweli embankment along Shweli River is 36,800 feet or 6.97 miles long from Wrttu Village to Nannwe Village in Katha Township. The original embankment was eight feet wide, seven feet high and 36 feet wide at the base. It was built in 1982-83 with the participation of local people and Irrigation Department. Thanks to the embankment, a total of 6,862 acres of arable lands were protected against floods in Wettu, Seiktha and Ngate village-tracts. About 20 years later, there was damage to some parts of the embankment.

It can be found that it is necessary to change the alignment of the embankment due to bank erosion of Shweli River. Therefore, it is necessary to repair the embankment meeting set standards for prevention against flood of Shweli River. As such, a plan is under way to make field trips to the area for detailed survey in 2011-2012 open season. Depending on the budget, the embankment will be rebuilt.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe replied to four questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

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U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency asked whether there is a plan to practise pre-paid card for payment of housing electric meters and power electric meters of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 or not. The Union Minister said that up to July 2011, Yangon City Electric Supply Board has installed 850,784 housing electric meters and Electricity Supply Enterprise, 1,412,630 electric meters, totalling 2,263,414. For practising pre-paid card system, one pre-paid meter for housing electric meter or power meter may cost US\$ 100-150 depending on brands. Industrial-used transformer city meter is more expensive. It can be estimated that value of one electric meter is valued at K 100,000, and substitution of meters the whole nation may cost K 2263.414 billion. Moreover, such amount can be added with values of other accessories and infrastructures.

There will be time limit to complete



**Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan
Constituency raising question.**

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substitution process of electric meters. In the neighbouring countries installed electric meter at residences similar to that of Myanmar, and the residents can pay meter bills at the designated places instead of respective offices, through online system. They are on test of pre-paid card system as pilot project. Some countries practise 10 per cent of pre-paid card system. The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 started discussions to practise charging of electric bills through online system. At present, there is no plan to practise pre-paid card system for charging electric meter bills.

U Maung Maung Soe of Thakayta Constituency said that some wooden lamp-posts were substituted with concrete lamp-posts in roads and streets in wards of Thakayta Township in Yangon Region after 1988. A total of 175 wooden lamp-

posts on 62 streets came into damage, and some of them are supported with buttresses. Whether there is a plan to substitute the damaged lamp-posts with new one. The Union Minister replied that the ministry has substituted 10,448 lamp-posts with concrete facilities from 1988 to date. A total of 7316 concrete lamp-posts damaged in the Storm Nargis were substituted with new ones in 2008. In 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 financial years, a total of 9186 concrete lamp-posts will be substituted in the places of old ones in townships of Yangon Region. In Thakayta Township, the YESB has planned to substitute 90 lamp-posts in third and fourth quarters of 2011-2012 financial year and 85 in first and second quarters of 2012-2013 regardless of budget of the board.

U Win Thein of Pinlebu Constituency said that Pinlebu of seven townships in Katha District of Sagaing Region cannot enjoy electricity from the power grid supplied by the State, and he asked whether there is a plan to supply electricity to the township or not. The Union Minister said that one Hino engine and two 150 KV dynamos of the department run to supply electricity to 530 persons of the town. The department is spending 980 gallons of diesel monthly to generate electricity two hours a day. The department collects 25 kyats per unit of electricity. The power grid supplies electricity to Katha District through Kyaukpahto 132/33/66.6 KV, 15 MVA sub-power station. To supply electricity to Pinlebu from the national power grid, a 33 KV power line is to be built to line Kawlin-Wuntho 33 KV power line.

It is needed to build a 33/11 KV power station in Pinlebu as the cable line is estimated to be about 35 miles long; that the estimated cost for a mile of cable line is about K 25 million, so the total cost for the whole line is about K 875 million; that the estimated cost for a 33/11 KV power station is about K 120 million, so it brings the total cost to about K 995 million; and that the government has passed a budget covering all the projects for power supply across the nation, and to supply power to Pinlebu will be underway in a certain period.

When asked by Daw Mi Myint Than from Ye Constituency if there is a plan to supply power to Ye Township from the power line that goes as far as Thanbyuzayat Township, he said that electric power is supplied from the national grid to Mawlamyine in Mon State with 66 KV system, and it is received at 66/33 KV 20 MVA power station in Mawlamyine; that power is supplied from Mawlamyine to Mudon and Thanbyuzayat with 33 KV power line (40 miles), so the power from the national grid is supplied to Thanbyuzayat in Mon State; that a project is in progress to extend the

230 KV cable line up to Mawlamyine for extensive power supply to Mon State; that the project covers Thaton-Mawlamyine 230 KV cable line (50.1 miles), two cable lines passing through Gyaing and Thanlwin rivers, and a 230/66/11KV (2x50=100 MVA) main power station in Mawlamyine; that so far, the project has been completed by 35 per cent, and the whole project will be completed in



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2012-2013 fiscal year; that a power supply committee is working with four 300 KVA coming generators in Ye; that power charges are collected under the supervision of local authorities and the committee; that Ye is 97 miles from Mawlamyine and Dawei is 100 miles from Ye, so power is to be supplied to those townships only through cable lines; and that ongoing major projects already cover supply of power to Myeik through Ye and Dawei.

U Zaw Win Aung from Myinmu Constituency asked if it has been planned to upgrade the lab of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Myinmu, Sagaing Region, to a lab that produces vaccines against foot and mouth disease. Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein said that the lab established in Insein in 1975 launched its production line in April 1984; that 2011-2012 fiscal year, it produced vaccines against foot and mouth disease for 221,000 cattle; that the department already had a plan to set up a lab to produce vaccine against foot and mouth disease in Myinmu, but the plan was not launched due to several reasons such as the underground water around the lab does not meet the quality to produce vaccine, the vaccines supplied from the lab in Insein are enough for Myinmu, and if a lab was built in Myinmu, transportation charges and production of vaccines might be costly; and that the lab in Myinmu will be upgraded to FMD Diagnosis

Laboratory by providing necessary laboratory apparatuses and conducting related courses to make medical tests with Enzyme Linked Immuno-sorbant Assay (ELISA) method.

U Maung Maung Thein from Kayan Constituency submitted a report to ask if there is a plan to handle the challenges on fish breeding. But, he said that the Union minister



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concerned did not need to reply to the question, and the question would be read out just for the knowledge of Hluttaw representatives and putting on record. Then, U Maung Maung Thein read out the question.

The proposal submitted yesterday by U Soe Tha from Twantay Constituency "regularly operating business facing crisis due to falling exchange rate between US dollar and Myanmar currency" was under discussion by seven Hluttaw representatives.

U Htay Myint from Myeik Constituency discussed that the value of one US dollar fell from 1000 to 700 kyats or by 30 per cent in a year; that therefore, entrepreneurs are facing varieties of problems to continue their businesses; that so it is time to address this issue with all possible ways; and that he is in support of the proposal.

Dr Win Myint from Hline Constituency said that the nation's production enterprises such as agriculture, cooperatives and garment factories are no longer in a position to continue operation due to the sharp fall in US dollar value; and that therefore, he seconded the proposal.

U Ko Gyi from Aungmyethazan Constituency said that the fall in US dollar value has impact on agriculture produce, and farmers in Myanmar are facing many distresses; that so, necessary measures should be taken promptly for their businesses to return to normal; and that he seconded the proposal.

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difficulties in receiving treatment as no doctors-in-charge has been assigned to hospitals in Naga Self-Administered Area.

The Union Minister replied that assistant doctors from Kalay People's Hospital and Monywa People's Hospital are assigned to hospitals in townships and sub-townships in Naga Self-Administered Area on four-month shift under the arrangement of Sagaing Region Health Department; that his ministry is also taking measures to assign experienced doctors from hospitals to townships and sub-townships in Naga Self-Administered Area.

U Thein Win from Constituency No.9 of Sagaing Region asked the Union Minister **if the ministry has a plan to establish FDA branches in border trade camps and launch a programme to ensure safety in consumption of foodstuffs and medicines that come through borders saying that although foodstuffs and medicines can be imported through border trade with the recommendation of the Food and Drug Administration of the Ministry of**

Health, it usually takes a long time as license is issued in Nay Pyi Taw whereas recommendation is made in Yangon in addition to some other contributing factors; that when the license is permitted, the goods are already in the market through illegal channel which requires no recommendation and thus there has been a great deal of cases those who follows procedures suffer losses.

The Union Minister replied that Food and Drug Administration Committees

in regions, states, districts and townships have been exposing and taking actions against illegal importation of foodstuffs and medicines. Customs Departments in border regions also seize illegally imported foodstuffs and medicines and hand over to the FDA taking actions against such acts. Food and Drug Administration has its branches in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and that there is plan to open FDA branches in border trade camps and to expand the structure of the FDA.



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U Aung Nyein from Constituency No. 2 of Magway Region said that a **16-bed station hospital is under construction in Sutaw Village of Myaybadon Village-tract of Chauk Township, Magway Region with the permission of the Ministry of Health and about K 130 million will cost for construction of the main building, mortuary, doctors' residence, 8-unit nurse quarter, 7-unit staff quarter, 4-inch diameter tube well, waterwork, lake, water tank, generator, and 18-ft** (See page 9)

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U Nyunt Hlaing from Pyu Constituency said that he notices that in addition to ongoing measures, effective short-term and long-term plans should be implemented to ease the hardships of entrepreneurs, workers and the people due to the fall in US dollar value and to boost the national economy; and that so he seconded the proposal.

U Ye Min Tun (a) U Min Tun from Hsipaw Constituency said that the prices of agricultural produce such as peas, corn and rice are falling and that causes impact on growers, producers and exporters; that further, cheap products will flow into the nation from neighbouring country in abundance; that then, that will have effects on export and tourism industry that are gathering momentum; that the problem will flare if it is not handled in time; and that therefore, he seconded the proposal.

U Win Oo from Ye Constituency said that the Union government and Hluttaws are solely responsible for national economic growth, but that issue is the concern of the whole nation and the entire people, and all are to cope with the problem in concert; that the Union government is taking measures for stability of commodity prices, reducing taxes and transportation charges at the national

level; and that therefore, he seconded the proposal.

U Kyi Myint from Latha Constituency said that State-run enterprises are being privatized, and the privatized enterprises need to be implemented the quickest way and on a broader scale; that the number of businesses operated in US dollar in Myanmar is growing, so it is needed to reduce the number; that all due work should be done for national development; and that he supported the proposal.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that in Myanmar there are different exchange rates such as official foreign exchange rate, foreign exchange rate in markets, FEC exchange rate, handy exchange rate, earning exchange rate, and account transfer exchange rate; that therefore, that causes complications and inconvenience in doing businesses; that the only means to remedy the situation is to adjust the foreign exchange rates; that the Central Bank of Myanmar has studied the situation to fix the standardized foreign exchange in cooperation with IMF; that changing foreign exchange rate in an easy and quick way may be followed by adverse effects in the nation's economic and social affairs; that in the process, it should take into account GDP, inflation rate, the nation's budget, foreign debts, foreign investment, the amount of the nation's private foreign reserve, tactics to stabilize foreign exchange market, human resources, infrastructures, and sufficient funds; that after the process,

the government will be able to handle the foreign exchange market in accordance with the tax policy, commercial policy and exchange rate policy; that steps are also being taken to adjust the bank interest rates in accordance with the objective conditions; that it is pursuing programmes to address the issues due to the fall in US dollar value; that the ministry in the process reduced commercial tax and granted tax exemption from exports, and reduced tax paid in foreign currency; that some enterprises in the nation are going through hard times, import licenses were issued within two weeks and company licenses, within two months; that the ministry has reduced tax rates, lifted non-customs commercial barriers, standardized and mitigated commercial and customs rules and regulations, business licenses, and procedures, and worked in cooperation with international and regional organizations; therefore, private enterprises can grab those good opportunities; that therefore, the government has taken some measures in connection with the proposal; and that he clarified ongoing measures and follow-up programmes.

The proposal does not need voting process, and it should go on. So, the Hluttaw approved and put it on record.

U Soe Soe from Htigyaing Constituency put forward a proposal **"to deal with land cases by a committee, rather than replacing words and assigning duties exclusively to a person"**. In relation to Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill and 2011

Farmland Bill submitted to the Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee needs to report back in that regard. Based on the reports submitted by the committee, the matters will be discussed, and those representatives wishing to take part in the discussion are to register this evening.

U Zone Teint from Chipwe Constituency tabled a proposal **"to supply irrigation water, build dams according to the geographical features of the regions for furthering the goal that Kachin State will become the fourth granary in Myanmar"**.

Pyithu Hluttaw passed a resolution to discuss the proposal. The proposal will be discussed on 1 September, and those representatives wishing to take part in the discussion are to register this evening.

In the sector of submitting bills, Union Election Commission Member U Myint Naing submitted a bill of amending Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law. Committee member U Thein Tun read the report of the findings of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee in connection with the bill.

Pyithu Hluttaw passed a resolution to discuss the proposal. The proposal will be discussed in the second week of September. Those representatives wishing to take part in the discussion are to register by 2 September, stating paragraph, sub-paragraph and subject of the bill to be amended in accordance with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 156 and 157.

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long road; that as the local villagers funded K 30 million for the construction works and the facility has been completed for 30 per cent and remaining works are under implementation; and that the local peoples are poor and thus have difficulties in completing the facility and asked the ministry if the State can provide reasonable allocation.

The Union Minister said that his ministry has been constructing new hospitals, adding more beds to the existing hospital, setting up special treatment sections, and providing workforce to the hospitals. In constructing hospitals, the Ministry of Health has been acting on lists of priorities according to the needs based on the allowed budget of the State and that as his ministry has permitted the opening of Sutaw Village Station Hospital, it will provide cash assistance

grades; that it should be reconsidered that if it is worthwhile to let students to learn for 11 years so as to sit for the matriculation exam, an entrance to the future life and asked there is a plan to test Grade-5 students who will complete the primary education by township board of examinations, and Grade-9 students who will complete the middle education by region/state board of examinations for promoting academic standards while the current system is inevitably in practice and the estimated time of introduction to the new system if the government has such a plan.

The Union Minister replied that level of educational qualification is usually measured by the results of the exam after completion of the final term of a particular basic education level in most of the nations; that Myanmar used to practise such system by asking township board of examinations to test Grade-5 students who will complete primary education, Myanmar Board of Examinations or state/division board of examinations to test Grade-9 students

criticized by teachers of the schools for not being able to catch up the lessons, noted the Union Minister. He went on that as teachers of basic education schools are allowed to take full responsibility of teaching and organizing exams, they put fewer efforts in teaching and completing curriculum.

With a view to development of innovation, invention, analytical thinking, and problem-solving skills, he added that, his ministry has been working in cooperation with UNICEF and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for shift to student-centered-approach; as the approach has proved to be useful, measures are underway to train all primary assistant teachers from 2012-2013 academic year to 2014-2015 academic year to launch the approach nationwide.

He said that his ministry is still reassessing the qualification-measuring schemes for primary and middle basic education level for enhancing teaching skills of teachers and abilities of students and he hoped that the schemes could be

ratio of male staff in the entire academic and administrative staff of the Ministry of Education is 23 per cent; that according to the list of workforce in March, 2011 of Basic Education Department, the number of male teachers is 48000 out of 273000 male and female teachers, accounting for only 17.7 per cent; of the 45000 staff of schools and office, there are 24600 male staff, accounting for 54.5 per cent and the ratio of male staff in 0.318 million staff engaged in basic education sector is approximately 23 per cent.

To increase the number of male teachers in basic education schools, allowance of male trainees to pre teachership course has been increased up to 40 per cent but the actual ratio of males in course for those who have passed matriculation examination is only 22 per cent and course for those who have got a degree is only about 7 per cent.

In order to turn out more male teachers, the matriculation exam marks of the male to join the course is set at 260 marks and the graduated males are given favor regarding their marks in entrance tests to the course, but the number of male applicants to the course is relatively low, noted the Union Minister.

Although the numbers of male and female trainees are designated according to respective regions, states and districts so as to assign them back in their home regions, if the number of qualified male applicants of some regions and states exceeds the designated quantity, the surplus trainees are allowed to attend the course as the strength of other regions and states that does not have the required quantity of male trainees.

That male only account for around 42 per cent of yearly total matriculation exam pass rate, that most of the male students join armed forces and police force, that other institutions except Nursing University and Institute of Economics has allowed more male students, that males have to lead the business of their parents, that the number of educated females are increasing are found to be contributing factors to drop in number of male teachers, noted the Union Minister.

He went on that there are over 0.318 million of education staff in basic education sector. Of them, number of male officers is 1600. The ratio of officers to non-gazette officer stands at 1:200. It takes too long to promote from one position to another according to PAT, JAT and SAT ranks. In promoting PAT and JAT, only some teachers aged of about 50 can reach junior officer level (head of high school). Most teachers have to take pension as JAT (upper division clerk) or SAT (branch clerk). Despite promotion, the pay scale for most of positions at the office of education officer in township and Region/State are the same. Those facts are problems for male teachers to join education field.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U San Pyae of Kachin State Constituency (7) participates in discussion.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Maung Thar Khin of Rakhine State Constituency (8) raising question.—MNA

based on the budget of the State.

U Maung Thar Khin of Constituency No. 8 of Rakhine State asked the Union Minister if his ministry has a plan to extend the 50-bed Maungtaung People's Hospital. The Union Health Minister answered that his ministry will upgrade Maungtaung People's Hospital according to the list of priorities.

Next, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye replied to three questions raised by U Nu of Constituency No. 10 of Yangon Region.

First, he said that in the basic education sector, students have to learn for 11 years, only when they finish the Grade 11, they can sit for the matriculation exam held by the government and go to university if qualified, but in the primary and middle basic education sectors, students just have to sit for exams held by the schools they are in and can go the next grade easily whether they are qualified or not, leading to decline in teaching capacities of teachers as well as qualifications of students at different

who will complete middle education and Myanmar Board of Examinations in cooperation with universities to test Grade-11 students who will complete the high school education.

Due to the overwhelming effects of such exam system, the school-quitting rate and exam-failing rate was relatively high, so the exam system of primary education and middle education was canceled in 1972 and 1992 respectively and schools were allowed to test their students, noted the Union Minister.

He went on that teachers can organize the tests and check the answer papers in their own schools thanks to the new system and thus can enjoy the summer holidays to the full and Myanmar Board of Examinations, Region/State, and township Education Officer's Office can focus more on future education projects due to less exam management works.

But, when students who have qualified for the middle education level go to middle/high schools, they are

implemented within the fifth five-year educational promotion programme.

U Nu then said that **number of schools with only female teachers and no male teachers have been on the increase though today's basic education schools should have both male and female teachers who are like father and mother to students, thus leaving a gap in the mind of the students in their student's life as well as weakening academic matters, administration, management, development and discipline enforcement to some extent; that reasons why number of male teachers are on the decline in education field should be found out along with the remedial measures; and asked if the Ministry of Education has any particular plans to attract male teachers to join the education field to avoid the serious shortage of male teachers and the time when it can be put into practice.**

The Union Minister replied that the

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Before 1970, due to insufficient educated female force, male teachers outnumbered female ones. At present, Myanmar education is believed to be higher because of growing number of female teachers. But, it is found that there are shortcomings in male teachers who look like fathers for students.

Looking forward to more increased male teachers, measures are being taken to give favour to male teachers in PGDMA, give promotion to some who are in the same rank, grant fee for teachers for extra-time teaching, give priority to assiduous male teachers to be promoted, and provide extra provisions for teachers with the arrangement of Region/State development affairs committees in addition to salary.

Designating the positions needed to raise salary and enjoyment of extra-time fee are concerned with more spend of the State budget. It is required to have permission of the Union Government to set pay scale and allocate budget. So, the starting academic year cannot be answered yet.

There are primary, middle and high levels in basic education level where there is the appointment of primary assistant teacher (PAT), junior assistant teacher (JAT) and senior assistant teacher (SAT). He wondered whether or not appointment of PAT, JAT and SAT in basic education primary level (Grade 1 to 5), appointment of JAT and SAT in basic education middle level (Grade 6 to 9) and appointment of SAT not only in basic education high level (Grade 10 to 11) but also basic education primary and middle level (Grade 1 to 9) at their discretion. He asked about the academic year to realize such plan if there is such plan.

In response, the Union Minister said that there are appointments of PAT, JAT and SAT in basic education level, anyone who got BED and DipEd are engaged as one-higher position of JAT and SAT in the townships they are pleased. Graduate PATs with teaching certificate are engaged as JAT or SAT.

In basic education sector in Myanmar, teachers have been given related trainings and after ending training, engaged as PAT, JAT and SAT in order of vacancy. In doing so, PAT who is promoted to JAT needs to learn middle school level teaching. Similarly, JAT who is promoted to SAT needs to learn high school level teaching.

PAT and JAT are employed in primary level. There is no plan to employ SAT in primary level for now. JAT is now in middle level and SAT in high level. There is not a plan to engage SAT in primary and middle levels yet.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 saying **“for government’s measures to reset the amount of kyats equivalent to one US\$”**. In his discussion, if there is setting exchange

rate, investors from abroad who will come and invest in Myanmar will trust Myanmar currency. Although one US\$ was less than K 200 in 1996-97, it rose year by year and reached around K 1300 last year. Due to lack of IMF recommendation, successive governments could not range currency rate despite their efforts. Now, such steps will be able to be taken due to IMF helps. He approved the proposal assuming that it is needed to set currency exchange rate which is crucial for economy.

U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State Constituency No. 12 in his discussion said exchange between US dollar and Myanmar currency will exist as long as trade with foreign countries is running. Exchange rate between US dollar and Myanmar currency as from 1960 in Myanmar was set as one US dollar to be six kyats. After 50 years, the exchange rate is no longer agreeable to present situation. Smooth flow of economy is fundamental to building up economic strength. It is required not to be very large gap between Myanmar currency and foreign exchanges so as to drive up economic mechanism. He showed his approval to the proposal saying that it is needed to reset exchange rate as the State will exercise market economy system.

U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 8 in his discussion said that present exchange rate problem in the country is an opportune moment to change exchange rate of the country. Grasping such opportunity, it is needed to implement an international-standard foreign exchange market. The market will lead fairly stable exchange rate. The Central Bank is in need to take necessary preparatory measures for exchange rate to be effectively used in management. It is needed to change exchange rate in real-time situation. He was glad to hear that Myanmar has asked for helps from well experienced IMF in the event of complicated technical issues, and approved the proposal.

Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 in his discussion said that it is not appropriate to fix exchange rate. Internationally, currency exchange works with currently happening rate and floating value exchange system is realized. Government needs to keep a balance for stable rate in case of changes in rates that can harm economy. Billions of foreign exchange will stream into the country if there is strong Myanmar currency strength in connection with IMF, low-cost good service of bank, rightness of laws and governmental staff, and millions of migrant workers transfer money to the country.

Therefore, he asked to correct the proposal on practicing Floating Value instead of fixing the new exchange rate.

In response to the question, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than said to underpin the State’s market oriented system, the State has practiced the Fiscal Policy and Monetary Policy. The State’s fiscal policy has allowed the state to spend the state’s budget every year on development of the economy and improvement of the livelihood and living standard of the

people. Meanwhile, to make the local currency “Kyat” strengthen, the state has practiced the monetary policy for stability of commodity price and for smooth running of financial services. As they are financial services, the ministry has to carry out the services in accordance with the rules and regulations and has to make the services of the State’s monetary policy improve.

Thanks to the effective implementation of the fiscal policy and monetary policy laid down by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Central Bank of Myanmar, the country has enjoyed the stable banking system and currency and was not hit seriously by the 2008 global financial crisis.

Since the 2008 global financial crisis started in the US, the nations in the world are still working hard to revive economy and financial situation. It is found that continuous weak of US dollar hits Myanmar currency exchange rate more and more.

The country’s multiple exchange rates such as the official exchange rate, exchange rate in markets, exchange rate for foreign-exchange certificates (FEC), exchange rate for earning and account transfer exchange rate make businesses very complex. Therefore, the Central Bank of Myanmar is now cooperating with the International Monetary Fund to carry out the Exchange Rate Unification in the country.

The exchange rate is one of the most important components of the Monetary Policy, thus special emphasis should be put on the Exchange Rate Unification. Considering only gold price in the world markets and Myanmar market, exchange rate of Myanmar currency Kyat against US dollar and exchange rate at border areas is not enough to fix the exchange rate. It should be aware that easily and quickly changing and fixing the exchange rate can cause adverse effects on the State’s economy and socio economy. The facts that also should be taken in account are trade with foreign countries, inflation rate, the State’s budget and debts, foreign investment in the country, foreign reserve, financial tactics to handle the foreign currency market, human resources and sufficiency of State’s funds.

Every member of the IMF has rights to practice a exchange rate programme that is agreeable to its financial policy. Besides, a member of the IMF shall inform its exchange rate arrangements and any changes of the exchange rate programme to the IMF.

Myanmar has become a member of the IMF on 3 January, 1952. The IMF fixed that one SDR unit was equivalent to 5.80717 kyats on 27, December, 1971, to 7.74289 kyats on 25, January, 1975 and to 8.50847 kyats on 2 May, 1977 respectively. Still, one SDR unit is equivalent to 8.50847 kyats. The Central Bank of Myanmar introduced foreign exchange certificates (FECs) for foreigners on 3 February, 1993 and foreign visitors can change notes of Euros, Yen, Pound Sterling, Swiss Francs, US dollars and cheques with FECs, and one FEC is equivalent to one US dollar.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue will cooperate with the IMF to carry out the Exchange Rate Unification

in an attempt to protect the interests of the State and the people and socio-economy of the people. Implementation of the Exchange Rate Unification includes withdraw of FEC, and when the government buy back the FEC currency from holders with dollars and kyat, the rate would be one US dollar for one FEC or the street exchange of kyat against one dollar.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue has coordinated with the Union Attorney-General’s Office to amend some provisions of the existing Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (1947) to be agreeable to the current time with the aim of underpinning the development of State’s economy.

Afterwards, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No. 5 discussed the proposal **“formation of standing committee for ensuring eternal peace and stability in Myanmar”** submitted by U Tun Lwin of Kachin State Constituency No.9 yesterday. He said to gain an eternal peace, it is necessary to combine the facts that are agreeable to both sides while setting aside the diversity. The country did not enjoy peace and stability across the country cent per cent till 60 years after independence. Thanks to the efforts of the Tatmadaw government, over 40 armed groups including 17 ethnic armed groups returned to the legal fold and the country has enjoyed the peace and the government had worked hard for the development of the country. The current government has also been making efforts for turning the temporary peace gained during the time of previous government to an eternal peace in the country. Therefore, he seconded the proposal and urged all national brethren to join hands each other to build an eternal peace.

Afterwards, Dr. Win Myint Aung of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 4 discussed that the people are worrying that they would lose the peace and development that Thatmadaw Government had restored. Therefore, all national races should accept the Our Three National Causes and should work together within the framework of the constitution. He continued to say that they, all representatives, are also responsible to discuss and coordinate the task. Therefore, he seconded the proposal, he added.

U Mann Kan Nyunt of Kayin State Constituency No. 2 discussed that those who want peace most are armed members of both sides and their family members. They have the same intention of no fighting, and so there must be one way of stopping fighting. There should be one committee to find the way, he said. He also seconded the proposal.

U San Pyae of Kachin State Constituency No. 7 discussed that the reason why the country lagged behind in development is outbreak of armed insurgencies in the country. But, today, people can express their wishes at the Hluttaw through the representatives as the country is practicing the parliament democracy system. Therefore, all should take that opportunity to work for the unity of all national races, he said.

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He also said that he seconded the proposal in an attempt to find ways for solving conflict in peace.

Defence Services Hluttaw Representative Maj Maung Maung Gyi in his discussion said that the State was not developed to the extent it should be because of the lack of peace and stability; the government issued Notification No (1/2011) dated 18 August, 2011, inviting national races armed groups for peace talks; appropriate negotiations suited the current reality is essential now; and the proposal was deeply seconded.

U Paw Lyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency (9) discussed that national races stood under the same flag in the affairs of the State despite different cultures and customs; taking lessons from the history, it is the right time to perpetuate peace handed down by the Tatmadaw government and build the democratic nation; so, the proposal was seconded.

Daw Khin Wine Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (1) discussed that Hluttaw representatives have to handle the responsibility to ensure the solid foundation as they are taking part in opening new page in the history of the State; they are to translate the eternal peace into reality as well; negotiation is the only way to bring about peace to the people; and there is a pragmatic need of a committee for peace; so, the proposal was seconded.

In his discussion, U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency (10) said that the lagged economy is seemed to be the result mainly of the civil war; for instance, roads and bridges, colleges, universities, schools, irrigation facilities, dams, transport enterprises, communications enterprises and hydropower projects were necessarily upgraded after civil peace in 1990; everyone could freely run their own businesses; grass-roots level conflicts sparked attacks in Kachin State since 9 June, 2011, and roads and bridges were destroyed and innocent civilians lost lives as a result; we all are brothers and sisters; local people in Kachin State have fallen to the status of war refugees as they had to flee from war, abandoning property, farms and cattle; citing the examples that the wars caused many damages, the proposal was seconded for ending up years-long civil wars and building the nation with peace and stability.

Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1) discussed that the Constitution grants rights for every races to make the sense of Union more meaningful; instead of an only committee as proposed, another committee with national races representatives from every parties who are respected by majority and accepted by both sides should be established; and the proposal was seconded.

U Saw Taw Palal of Kayin State Constituency (7) discussed that he was born in a region lack of peace and is still suffering the consequences of instability;

development of the State is now a matter of discussion; though, with no peace, it would not be accomplished; the local people of his region are desiring peace; and so, the proposal was seconded.

U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency (4) discussed that the region was developed thanks to temporary peace realized by the Tatmadaw government; the local people just hope peaceful lives; to satisfy the desires of the people, the committee should be broadly established; and the failures of previous peace attempts should be reviewed.

U Khat Htain Nan of Kachin State Constituency (1) discussed that previous error cycles caused the failure in national reconciliation; Kachin State which claimed peace in 1994 is now experiencing gun fires and bomb explosions again; no one wants to return to the past conditions; and the eternal peace is the most important political duty.

The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

U Khin Maung Htay of Mandalay Region Constituency (10), Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7) and U Zon Hlal Htan of Chin State Constituency (2) discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by U Tin Maung Win of Mandalay Region Constituency (3) about **"Hluttaw's appraisal and record of measures of the Union, and Region/State governments in over 100 days"**.

The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

U Hmat Gyi of Mandalay Region Constituency (9), Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7), U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency (4) and U Bran Shaung of Kachin State Constituency (3) discussed the proposal submitted yesterday by U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency (9) 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 right 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"**.

The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

U Tin Maung Win of Mandalay Region Constituency (3) submitted the proposal **"the Union government is urged to add trustworthy townsenders into investigation groups for complaints of misapplication of power to public"**.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko discussed that Myanmar starts practicing modern and lawfully administration and development basis administration; Section 289 of the Constitution which suited these facts suggests that the ward or village administration shall be assigned in accord with the law to a person whose

integrity is respected by the community; ward and village administrators are assigned in accord with that provision; those administrators will settle down the arguments and complaints among the public or between the government staff and the public fairly; proficiency courses are being conducted to equip ward and village administrators with proficiency to complete the duty in accord with rules and regulations; and township administrators are supervising at each level.

Arguments and complaints between the service personnel and the public are investigated by groups assigned by heads of respective departments and regional administration; despite varying investigation techniques in regard of different fields, their sole objective is to discover the truth.

Investigation teams are to report their assessments to the authority, who originally assigned the duty; if the authority does not satisfy the report, the additional investigation will be instructed; if the report is doubted, another investigation team will be formed; if needed, the legal advices will be acquired and it will continue in judiciary framework; the responsibility of revealing the truth falls on the investigation team; the judiciary will take action against those who are found guilty.

Concealing the truth and omitting some investigated facts in some cases happened because of individual weakness and corruption of the investigators; if such cases happen, one may complained in accord with legal procedures; existing laws including Penal Code and 1985 Service Personnel Disciplinary Manual are prescribed for investigation.

Investigation teams are assigned by the authority and heads of department, based on their experience and proficiency; they have to gamble their pride and service personnel status on the case.

For handling complaints, the courts under Penal Code Article 159 and 200, Myanmar Police Force under Article 156 and 157, and members of Special Investigation Department under Article 6 and 7 of 1951 Special Investigation Team and Special Investigation Department Act are invested the power; and only law enforcement bodies are found to be invested the power and ordinary people who are not service personnel are not invested the power.

According to Article 31 (c) and 41 (b) of 1985 Service Personnel Disciplinary Manual, those who are included in the investigation team shall not be those who interested personally in the case and indirectly related with the case; as a nature of investigation, the skilled staff are more appropriate for conducting the investigation; townsenders of respective regions are invited to the site of investigation as witnesses; and Penal Code and rules and regulations will be the answers to the proposal.

After the Union Minister made clarification about the proposal, the proposal was changed to the question and the answer of the Union Minister

was recorded, the Hluttaw Speaker announced.

U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency (9) submitted the proposal that **"the Union government is urged to amend (a) The Myanmar Companies Act, (b) The Partnership Act, and (c) State-owned Economic Enterprises Law which are administrative laws of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development"**.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein explained that the amendments of The Myanmar Companies Act, The Partnership Act and The State-owned Economic Enterprises Law out of 10 administrative laws by the ministry are being drafted to be suited with the age under the guidance of the President Office in coordination with the Union Attorney-General's Office.

In addition, the amendment of Foreign Investment Law and new Competition Law is being drafted.

The President Office has asked not only the ministry but all other ministries to list the laws to be amended.

The proposal submitted by U Thein Win was seconded and the ministry is undertaking the task as well.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal to discuss.

U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10) submitted the proposal that **"the Union government is urged to review existing laws which are administrative laws of nine organizations and 15 ministries to revoke, amend and replace"**.

Regarding the proposal, Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin said that some of the prescribed laws were revoked and amended as they were not suited with the current situation, were not referred and would not be useful in the future; there are 401 existing laws listed under Union Attorney-General Law by the Attorney-General's Office; those which handle the laws are Union ministries; and the office has listed the laws and to revoke, amend and replace in coordination with respective ministries.

The office has requested the ministries to review the laws which are not suited with the age and do not contribute to the State and the people and to send to the office with comments just after the first regular session concluded; the ministries are submitting the laws; and the office is replying with comments after analyzing whether it is accorded with the Constitution or whether it is accorded with the existing laws.

Union level organizations and Union ministries are submitting new laws and to-be-amended laws to this Hluttaw session.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal to discuss.

The eight-day second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 5.10 pm. The ninth-day session continues at 10 am on 1 September, 2011 (Thursday).

At today's session, nine questions were raised and answered, four proposal submitted yesterday were approved and three proposals were submitted.—MNA

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Obama vows to work with new Japanese PM

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug—US President Barack Obama on Tuesday offered his personal congratulations to Japan's new Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, saying the United States will work with him and the Japanese people "on initiatives that benefit our two countries, the region and the world".

"For the last half-century the US-Japan Alliance has served as the linchpin of peace and security in the Asia Pacific region and, together, we can ensure that the next half-century enjoys the same stability and prosperity," Obama said in a statement. Describing US-Japan relationship as one based on common interests and values, the US president pledged to work with Noda to tackle "the broad range of economic and security issues that require our attention".

MNA/Xinhua

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Dated: 1st September 2011

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (601)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (601) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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(L to R) Miss Malaysia 2011 Deborah Henry, Miss Poland 2011 Rozalia Mancewicz, Miss Estonia 2011 Madli Visar, Miss France 2011 Laury Thilleman and Miss El Salvador 2011 Mayra Aldana visit the Jockey Club horse race track in Sao Paulo on 27 Aug, 2011. The contestants are in Sao Paulo for the 2011 Miss Universe pageant which will be held on 12 September. — XINHUA

Meat diet may increase green house gas emission

STOCKHOLM, 31 Aug — Meat diet, a dietary habit popular in some developed countries, can produce more greenhouse gas and thus is likely to actually cause more impact on climate, said a Swedish study published on Tuesday. According to Swedish Radio's Ekot news programme, the meat diet, also known as Low Carb High Fat (LCHF) diet, doubled the greenhouse gas emission compared with the balanced diet recommended by the Swedish Food Administration.—Xinhua

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION MYANMA RAILWAYS

Invitation of Open Tenders

- Open tenders are invited for supply of the following items in Japanese Yen:-

Tender No	Description	Quantity
1/MR/Rail Bus(M) 2011-2012	Inservise Rail Buses(RBE) with Roof Mounted Air Condition	20 Nos

Closing date/ time - 30.9.2011 (Friday) / 12:00 hr

- Tender documents are available at our office starting from 1.9.2011 (Thursday) during office hours and for further details, please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291994, 95-1-291985.

Deputy General Manager
 Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Yangon

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Panamanian president appoints new FM

PANAMA, 31 Aug— Panama's President Ricardo Martinelli on Tuesday appointed Trade and Industry Minister Roberto Henriquez as the new foreign minister, replacing Juan Carlos Varela.

Martinelli asked for Varela's resignation after political differences emerged between Varela's Panamist Party and Martinelli's Democratic Change Party. The 60-year-old new minister, a leading member of the ruling party, secured important international trade agreements for the country when serving as the trade and industry minister. Henriquez got diplomas in economics at University of Jerusalem and sociology at Universidad Santa Maria la Antigua de Panama. — MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Auckland named world's 10th most liveable city

AUCKLAND, 31 Aug— New Zealand's largest city Auckland has been named as the 10th best city in the world to live in while the capital Wellington occupied the 23rd position, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's latest survey of ranking among 140 locations. Melbourne came in as the best city in the world to live in, knock-

ing Vancouver off its perch.

It's the first time in almost a decade of the global livability survey that Vancouver hasn't ranked as the best place to live in

the world. Bottom place went to Harare in Zimbabwe. Cities are assessed on 30 different factors, including stability, healthcare, culture and environment. — Xinhua



Auckland, New Zealand

Boy gets noise complaints playing outside

Officials in an English Town told a couple their 4-year-old son may have to be "monitored with digital equipment" after complaints he's been too noisy outside.

Simon and Pippa Lansdell of Hull said they received a letter from the Hull City Council's environmental health team saying their son Alfie may have to be "monitored with digital equipment" if he continues to garner complaints while playing in his garden, Express reported Tuesday.

The letter said the "noise-nuisance" allegations related to a "child screaming/playing in garden."

"When I first opened the letter I was shocked, then fuming. Alfie can be noisy and boisterous, but he is just a normal 4-year-old," Simon Lansdell said.

The parents said the letter also informed them they could be fined more than \$8,000 if complaints continue.

"Legally, we have to investigate any noise complaints we receive, regardless of the source of the noise," the Hull City Council said in a statement.



A worker polishes the surface of an unfinished miniature submarine at a workshop of Zhang Wuyi, a local farmer who is interested in scientific inventions, in Qingling Village, on the outskirts of Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province on 29 August, 2011. Zhang has successfully tested his self-made miniature submarine "Shuguang Hao", which is 3.6 m (12 feet) long, 1.8 m (6 feet) high, has a maximum diving depth of 20 m (65 feet), can travel at a speed of 20 km per hour for 10 hours underwater and is shaped as a dolphin.

Airline passenger had snakes in pants

Authorities at a Miami Airport said they found seven snakes and three tortoises concealed in the pants of a man seeking to fly to Brazil. Jonathon Allen, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, said officers at the Miami Airport Thursday discovered the reptiles hidden inside nylon of the pants of



TSA intercepted seven snakes and three tortoises concealed in the pants of a man seeking to fly to Brazil.

the TAM Airlines passenger, whose name was not released, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported Tuesday. Allen said US Department of Fish and Wildlife officers took the man, and the reptiles, into custody.

Fly robot inspired by da Vinci

The creators of a fly-like robot with a 1.18-inch wingspan on display in Italy said they were inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's research from the Renaissance. Robert Wood, the Harvard University researcher who designed the robot, and US aerospace engineer David Doman, who designed the flight mechanism, are showing off their creation this week at the triennial meeting of the International Federation of Automated Control in Milan, ANSA reported Monday.

The robot, which aims to replicate the shape and movements of a fly, was inspired by da Vinci's studies on flight. "Leonardo da Vinci's dreams are coming true," IFAC president Alberto Isidori said. "This is the first concrete example of a wing-flap aircraft capable of mimicking the performance of a moving helicopter." The creators of the robot said their project has received funding from the US Department of Defence.

News Album

George Michael wants peace of mind

LONDON, 31 Aug—Singer George Michael says he is searching for "peace of mind" following his split from boyfriend Kenny Goss.

Michael revealed last week he had split from Goss more than two years ago and has now admitted that he is still struggling to get over the separation, reports contactmusic.com.

"I pray he (Goss) is searching for peace of mind as hard as I am. In the meantime I have a huge



Singer George Michael

family of friends in the people I sing for. Thanks," the 48-year-old posted on micro-blogging site Twitter.

Internet

Diana is still the People's Princess 14-years after her death

LONDON, 31 Aug—On the eve of her 14th death anniversary, a survey has revealed that Princess Diana is still Britain's favourite Royal. The Princess of Wales was dubbed the Queen of Hearts for her ability to connect with ordinary people and those less fortunate than herself, the *Daily Express* reported.

The poll carried out by Skype, the computer software maker that allows users to make video calls over the Internet,



Diana

revealed that Diana was the only woman in the Top 10 list of celebrities with whom Briton's would like to talk.

Kate languished in seventh place with just

four percent of the vote in the poll. Above her came Henry VIII, Queen Victoria and Prince Harry, while Camilla was bottom of the list.—*Internet*

Jessica Simpson to launch jewellery collection

LONDON, 31 Aug— Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is set to release her first fine jewellery collection with Firestar Diamonds. Simpson has become the first celebrity to work with the company. "Jewellery is such personal expression of style and taste. This collection has allowed me to create pieces that truly reflect who I am, and that can become a keepsake for lifetime," contactmusic.com quoted the 31-year-old as saying.

"I love that a piece of down from generation to pieces that were given to be able to design my own beautifully crafted. The and so easy to wear,"she

The collection called Friend" consists of bracelets and bangles in

The range which will be available in price range between \$79 and \$999, this year. Simpson has shoes, clothes, accessories and fragrances.—*Internet*



fine jewellery can be passed generation. I cherish the to me, so it is really special and the collection is designs are airy and artistic added.

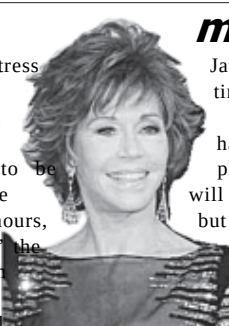
"Diamonds Are a Girl's Best friends" consists of pendants, earrings, rings, gold, silver and diamonds. be available in price range will be released October, previously leant her name to

I'm not getting

LONDON, 31 Aug—Veteran actress she is set to wed for the fourth never walk down the aisle again.

The Barbarella star, 73, is Perry, and the pair was reported to be But Fonda is adamant that she

"I know there have been rumours, I'm not getting married again," the Seven magazine. Fonda has been French director Roger Vadim, Tom Hayden, and media mogul



married again

Jane Fonda has dismissed rumours that time, insisting that she will

happily dating music producer Richard planning nuptials for this year. will never exchange vows again.

but I'm not. Let's put that to bed. *Daily Express* quoted her as telling married three times before - to late former politician Ted Turner.—*Internet*

Rooney wants to be a record breaker

LONDON, 31 Aug — Manchester United's Wayne Rooney is setting his sights on Sir Bobby Charlton's all-time club scoring record. Rooney played a pivotal role in United's stunning 8-2 annihilation of Arsenal at Old Trafford on Sunday. The England forward curled home free-kicks either side of the interval before completing his latest hat-trick eight minutes from the end of an astonishing rout.

His first effort saw him become the latest man to score 150 times for United. By the end he had overtaken Ruud van Nistelrooy as the 10th most prolific player in Red Devils' history. Still aged just 25, Rooney now has Charlton's 249 in his sights. "It is always a great feeling to score," he said. "Now I have over 150 goals for a club like United and hopefully there are many more to come. "I am delighted with the way it is going. I worked hard in pre-season. I have started well and the team have started great.—Internet



Wayne Rooney completes his hat-trick from the penalty spot.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Arsenal agree Park Chu-Young deal



Park Chu-Young has joined Arsenal from Monaco.—INTERNET

LONDON, 31 Aug — Arsenal have completed the signing of Park Chu-Young from Monaco, subject to a formal registration process. The striker has penned what is thought to be an initial two-year contract, amid reports he will be forced to return home in 2013 for a period of military service. The Gunners have signed the 26-year-old from under the noses of Lille, who were convinced they had

reached an agreement for the player to join them on Saturday.

Park, who scored 25 goals in 91 Ligue 1 matches for Monaco, made his South Korea debut aged 19 and played at both the 2006 and 2010 World Cups. He succeeded Park Ji-Sung as captain of his country earlier this year following the latter's international retirement.

Manager Arsene Wenger, whose personal intervention reportedly convinced Park to pull out of his move to Lille, added: "We are delighted to have signed Chu. "He will add true quality to our attacking forces and will be a valuable addition to the squad." Park will wear the number nine shirt.

Internet

Nadal has shaky start to US Open title defence

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Rafael Nadal's first match as defending US Open champion was hardly a tour de force. He would fall behind in a set, then come back. Fall behind, then come back. His serve was broken six times; that happened a total of five times in seven matches during his 2010 run to the title at Flushing Meadows. His shots didn't have their normal depth. He needed to save seven set points during the second set.



Rafael Nadal, of Spain, celebrates his 6-3, 7-6 (1), 7-5 victory over Andre Golubev, of Kazakhstan. INTERNET

Locked in a struggle for nearly three hours, the second-seeded Nadal eventually got past 98th-ranked Andre Golubev of Kazakhstan 6-3, 7-6 (1), 7-5 on Tuesday night to

reach the second round of the US Open. "Well," Nadal conceded, "I was a little bit lucky to win today in straight sets." That's for sure.

Internet

Wozniacki wins in straight sets to start US Open

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Caroline Wozniacki cruised into the second round of the US Open on



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark

Tuesday as the top-seeded Dane again seeks her first major title. Wozniacki beat Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1 in an hour, 20 minutes. She won last weekend at New Haven to regain some momentum heading into the Open. Wozniacki broke for the fourth time to clinch the match. She faced only one break point on her serve. The 125th-ranked Llagostera Vives has never won in seven tries at the US Open.

Internet

City pair excited by prospect of Hargreaves transfer

MANCHESTER, 31 Aug — Manchester City duo Joleon Lescott and Joe Hart believe Owen Hargreaves will fit right in should he join Roberto Mancini's already formidable squad. The England midfielder signed for Manchester United for £17 million from Bayern Munich in 2007, but made just 39 appearances for Sir Alex Ferguson's side over four seasons as he battled persistent knee problems.

Eventually, United lost patience and released Hargreaves, who took to posting a video on the YouTube site to demonstrate his fitness, having travelled the world to receive treatment on his knee. Lescott and Hart are both currently with the England squad as they prepare for Friday's Euro 2012 qualifier



Manchester City duo Joleon Lescott and Joe Hart believe Owen Hargreaves, pictured in 2008, will fit right in should he join Roberto Mancini's already formidable squad.—INTERNET

away to Bulgaria. But the pair, speaking on the eve of the closure of the transfer window, were excited by the prospect of Hargreaves joining them at Eastlands.

Internet

Newcastle sign Italian international Santon

LONDON, 31 Aug — Newcastle signed defender Davide Santon from Inter Milan on Tues-



Newcastle signed defender Davide Santon

day as the north-east side found a replacement for Jose Enrique following the left-back's departure for Premier League rivals Liverpool. The 20-year-old Italian international signed a five-year deal for an undisclosed fee, reported to be around £5million, after flying into Tyneside for a medical earlier on Tuesday.

Venus a winner at US Open; sister Serena up next

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Venus Williams takes these tournaments one match at a time. Not a bad plan for a player who's played only one match since Wimbledon. Williams returned to tennis on the big stage Monday, winning her first match at the US Open after a two-month break she needed to fight off a viral illness.

"A lot of the battle is just trying to be fit and stay healthy," Williams said after her 6-4, 6-3 victory over Vesna Dolonc. "Sometimes I've been losing that battle a lot. But I do feel like I can play six matches. I need to win them. No one is more in one-match-at-a-time mode than me now at this tournament."

Williams, a two-time champion at Flushing Meadows, came into the tournament unseeded for the first time since 1997, when she was 17 and made a run all the way to the final. Of course, people

overlook her at their peril. When healthy and motivated, she and her sister, Serena, are the biggest X-factors in any tournament they enter.

Serena opens play on Tuesday against Bojana Jovanovski in much the same situation as her sister — seeded a lowly 28th after missing a big chunk of the year with an injury. But unlike Venus, who had not played a competitive match since Wimbledon, Serena has had a good lead up to the US Open, winning two tournaments earlier this month. — Internet



Venus Williams

His shoulder OK, Djokovic wins in walkover at Open

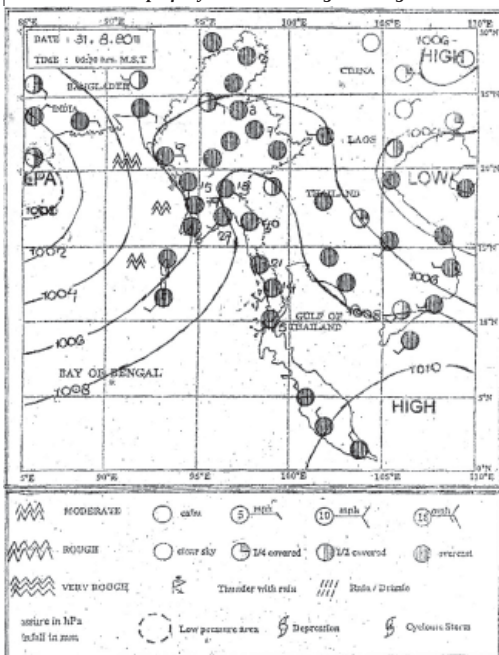
NEW YORK, 31 Aug — If Novak Djokovic's shoulder was still bothering him, it didn't show. Then again, he was barely around long enough to tell. He spent 44 minutes on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court Tuesday, taking a 6-0, 5-1 lead in his first-round match at the US Open against Ireland's Conor Niland before Niland retired because of food poisoning.

It wasn't much of a test for the top-seeded Djokovic, who pulled out with an ailing shoulder while trailing in the second set of the Cincinnati Masters final on 21 Aug. In his first match since, Djokovic won the first seven games, then after Niland won his single game, Djokovic tore off 16 points in a row before Niland retired. Djokovic moved to 58-2 on the year and this might have been the easiest of them all.

"Throughout the whole week I was carrying the pain and discomfort in my shoulder," Djokovic said.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 1st September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayah	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
4	Chin	24/75	12/54	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	36/97	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tanintharyi	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
9	Magway	33/91	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	33/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
12	Yangon	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	23/73	Some rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	26/79	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 Chin State, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan State, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy fall in Mandalay Region and Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thabeik (3.78) inches, Manung (3.43) inches, Kyaukhani (3.31) inches, Pyu (2.95) inches, Gwa and Lunglun (2.68) inches each, Chawngun (2.52) inches, Madon (2.17) inches, Natogyi (2.10) inches and Tada-U (1.14) inches.

Bay Inference
 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 in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days
 Continuation of increase of rain in Rakhine Coast.

Chinese, Philippine presidents hold talks

BEIJING, 31 Aug—Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Philippine counterpart Benigno Aquino III held talks in Beijing Wednesday afternoon.

Hu said he believes that Aquino's visit to China, the first of his visit to a country outside the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), will further promote bilateral traditional friendship and pragmatic cooperation, and lift bilateral strategic relationship of cooperation to a new level.

Aquino apologized for taking too long to visit China, saying the visit will serve as an opportunity for the two sides to "broaden and deepen bilateral ties and friendship existing between the two peoples for centuries."

Hu hosted a red-carpet welcome ceremony for Aquino, who is on his first state visit to China, at the Great Hall of the People before their formal talks.

Chinese ambassador Liu Jianchao said earlier that Aquino's delegation would group many business magnates and he would attend three business forums during the five-day visit.—MNA/Xinhua

Philippine President Benigno Aquino



President Hu Jintao

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Thursday,
1 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:50 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
7. Dances Variety
- 8:15 am
8. Songs Of National Races
- 8:20 am
9. Documentary
- 8:30 am
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education) (Level Men)
- 8:40 am
11. International News
- 8:45 am
12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

- 4:20 pm
3. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:30 pm
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:50 pm
5. One Village and One Product
- 5:00 pm
6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Chemistry)
- 5:15 pm
7. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:20 pm
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:30 pm
9. Science and Environment
- 5:40 pm
10. Singing In Different Versions

- 5:50 pm
11. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education) (Level Women)
- 6:00 pm
12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
14. Myanmar Series
- 6:40 pm
15. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm
16. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
17. News
18. International News
19. Weather Report
20. Documentary
21. TV Drama Series

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Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(1-9-11 09:30 am ~ 2-9-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "Myanmar's Secret Beautifier"
- * News

- * To be with you (Press Conference)
- * News
- * Delicious Dishes by Khin Phone & Mg Thet
- * Mosquito control Activity Equipment Donation Ceremony
- * News
- * A Trip to the City of Rakkhita, Rakhine
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- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth (OBF student)
- * From Yangon to the Peak of Mt. Victoria
- * News
- * Aesthetic Jade Wares
- * Shwe Than Lwin Home For Aged
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Transportation)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * All Lives Under The Sky: "Catch of Fish by Cooperation of Fisherman and Dolphin"
- * Myanmar Movies "Great Goodwill"

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First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session goes on for eighth day



Hluttaw representatives attending second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug.—The second regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw went on for the eighth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today.

It was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 211 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives. At today's session Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union Minister for Health, replied to queries of six representatives.

U Aye from Constituency No. 7 of Mandalay Region asked for **opening of a station hospital in Bagan Myothit, saying Bagan Myothit with ancient cultural heritage pagodas in NyaungU Region is the major tourist attraction to globetrotters, but the cultural city currently has only regional dispensary and if it can be upgraded to a station hospital, over 60000 residents in surrounding village-tracts can receive treatment there; that there is a 100-bed hospital in the nearest town of Bagan, NyaungU, but locals from village-tracts with poor access to transportation and economic hardships have difficulties in going there and that if they can enjoy health services in**

their own region, Bagan Myothit, it would be a contributing factor to poverty alleviation.

The Union Minister replied that the ministry has opened 100-bed NyaungU District People's Hospital, 25-bed Bagan Myothit Hospital, 25-bed Ngathayauk Sub-township Hospital, and 16-bed Taungzin Station Hospital in NyaungU District of Mandalay Region, and that Bagan Myothit is only eight miles far from NyaungU and 25-bed Bagan Myothit Hospital was opened with Letter No Ka Ma Ba/Ga-954/80 dated 10-9-2003.

He went on that currently a doctor-in-charge, an assistant doctor, and a senior nurse were assigned to the hospital and necessary measures will be taken after assessing population density, transportation, location of current sub healthcare centres, and the extent of how much the hospital is used.

Afterwards, the Union minister replied the question of U Aung Chit Lwin of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 11. U Aung Chit Lwin said that though Khamti District hospital was upgraded to the 100-bed one, the number of doctors, nurses and staff have not increased at the hospital. There are only 5 sisters instead of 10, only 4 nurses instead of 22 and

only two assistant doctors instead of 11 and there is no specialist at the hospital. Therefore, for health care of the local people, the hospital urgently needs child specialists, obstetric and gynecologists, dental specialists, surgery specialists, anaesthetists and assistant doctors as well, he added. He asked if the government had a plan to assign specialists, assistant doctors, nurses and staff to the Khamti District 100-bed hospital. The Union minister replied that there are one head of Khamti District Health Department, one assistant doctor (surgeon) and one assistant doctor (anesthetists) at Khamti District Hospital. One assistance doctor (anesthetist) and one specialist (obstetric and gynecologist) have been assigned to the hospital. Arrangements are being made to assign specialists of (medical/paediatric/orthopaedic), assistant doctors and dentists.

U Myat Ko from Constituency No. 12 of Sagaing Region asked the Union Minister **when the Ministry of Health can assign doctors-in-charge in hospitals in townships and sub-townships in Naga Self-administered Area as local nationals are facing**

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Stolen bird recognizes owner, imitates goose

BEIJING, 31 Aug.—A stolen hill myna recognized its owner, who had discovered it in a local bird market, and parroted a goose to prove the man's ownership. It was then returned home in Beijing's Haidian District, said the *Beijing Evening News* on Monday.

The bird had been stolen by a man surnamed

Hu, who had followed the bird's sound to the house where the hill myna was kept on 1 July.

One week later, Hu snuck into the house and stole the bird. That same afternoon, he sold it at a bird market for 600 yuan (\$94). However, from then on the bird refused to make a sound or entertain anyone at the market.



It turns out that the bird's owner also runs a business at the same market, and recognized his beloved bird the next day. He immediately

offered to buy it back. To prove ownership, the owner named Mr Wang was asked to talk to the

A stolen hill myna bird recognized its owner and parroted a goose to prove the man's ownership.

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bird, which responded by making goose sounds. Wang explained that he kept two geese at home that the bird had learned to imitate. —Xinhua

Real Madrid loan Leon back to Getafe

MADRID, 31 Aug.—Real Madrid have loaned out of favour winger Pedro Leon back to his former club Getafe for the season, the two clubs said Wednesday.

Leon, who scored one goal in six appearances for Real Madrid last season, played for Getafe in the 2009-10 season before joining Real for a reported fee of 10 million euros (\$14.5 million) in July last year.

"Real Madrid and Getafe have reached an agreement by which Pedro Leon will be loaned out to the latter club.

Leon has also played for Spanish sides Levante, Murcia and Valladolid.—Internet

Getafe reserve the right to purchase the player at the end of the present season," the two clubs said in a statement. Real coach Jose Mourinho warned Saturday that he saw no place in his squad for Leon, Dutch midfielder Royston Drenthe and Argentine midfielder Fernando Gago, saying "they won't be options for me because they don't enter into my plans."

Leon has also played for Spanish sides Levante, Murcia and Valladolid.—Internet



Eleven killed, 25 injured in blast in Pakistan

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Family heart disease risk linked to genes, not lifestyle



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New research shows that panda feces contains bacteria with potent effects in breaking down plant material in the way needed to tap biomass as a major new source of biofuels.

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