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Our Three Main National Causes

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* **Perpetuation of Sovereignty**

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended a meeting at the hall of Danu Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Office in Pindaya on yesterday morning.

Also present at the meeting were Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Shu Maung, members of the Leading Body for Danu Self-Administered Zone, township level departmental officials, social organizations and local people.

The Assistant Director of Pindaya Township General Administration Department reported on appointments of township/ward/village-tract administrators, number of houses, households and population, land utilization, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and nine major crops, livestock breeding, forestry sector, mining sector, education, health and five rural development tasks and arrangements for opening the brokerage in Danu Self-Administered Zone.

Chairman of the Leading Body U Htoo Ko Ko reported on tasks of the zone in education, health, transport and regional development and requirements. Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted reports on undertaking of tasks, and submission of Ward and Village-tract Administration Bill to the Pyithu Hluttaw.

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***Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets those present at the meeting.*—MNA**

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Work in concert with innovative measures for regional development

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo on his inspection tour of Taunggyi in Shan State arrived in Ywangan of Danu Self-Administered Zone on 6 September.

In 2010-2011 fiscal year, people of Shan State exceeded the target of K 520,000 for per capita income and the target of K 670,000 for the Union. People in Ywangan earned about K 750,000 per capita income.

The majority of the population of Ywangan Township is residing in rural region, engaging in agriculture as main business. In the township, the paddy sown acreage on croplands is about nine times larger than farmlands.

The Vice-President stressed the need to use quality strain of paddy not only for farmlands but for croplands. It is necessary to make strenuous efforts for production of paddy meeting 100 baskets per acre on farmlands and 50-60 baskets per acre on croplands. Moreover, he stressed the need to use quality strains of groundnut, edible oil crops and maize.

Ywangan Township, blessed with plenty of water and land resources for achieving success in agriculture sector, has vast area of fallow and virgin lands to be reclaimed for efficient land utilization. The local people are to make collaborative efforts with innovative measures for developing agriculture-based businesses.

Thanks to Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan Road, the region has easy access to betterment of education and health sectors. Local farmers enjoy fruits of market access. Opening a brokerage in Kyon region established by the state contributes much to smooth trade of agricultural produce among the local people.

As Ywangan is rich in water and land resources, the local people are to work in concert with innovative measures for achieving greater success in agriculture-based businesses.

Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo 619 cm has exceeded by 19 cm (about 0.6 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

Similarly, the water level of Sittoung River in Madauk 1150 cm has exceeded by 80 cm (about 2.6 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

The water level of Ngawun River in Ngathainggyoung 1156 cm has exceeded by 26 cm (about 0.9 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Union FM felicitates DPRK counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—On the occasion of The Day of the Foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Pak Ui Chun, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.—*MNA*

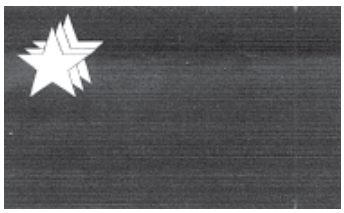
MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Rector Dr Tin Tun of Yangon University of Higher Education Department under the Ministry of Education on expiry of the one-year probationary period.—*MNA*

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The New National Democracy Party headquartered at No (72), Laydaunkkan Street, (Za/Myauk) Ward in Thingangyun Township of Yangon Region on 8-9-2011 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Union Election Commission



Flag of the New National Democracy Party

Seal of the New National Democracy Party

Myanmar, Bangladesh to resolve maritime boundary delimitation at International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The Government of Bangladesh, on 8th October, 2009, proposed the Government of Myanmar to resolve the issue concerning the Maritime Boundary Delimitation between Myanmar and Bangladesh in accordance with the dispute settlement procedure under United Nations Law of the Sea. The Government of Myanmar has taken into account the friendly relations between two neighbouring countries and agreed to settle the issue in accordance with the United Nations Law of the Sea.

Thereafter, the Government of Myanmar and the Government of Bangladesh submitted the dispute concerning the Maritime Boundary Delimitation between Myanmar and Bangladesh in the Bay of Bengal and procedural matters for proceeding before the tribunal have been carried out by both parties. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea which composed of 21 honorable judges will consider oral hearings and pleadings for the dispute from 8th September to 24th September 2011 in Hamburg, Germany.—*MNA*

***Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society Professor Dr Tha Hla Shwe and officials on 8 September view skills of the members of Region/State Red Cross Associations partaking in first-aid giving skills contest to mark the 9th World First-Aid Day-2011.*—MNA**

Myanmar to take part in China-ASEAN Basketball Tournament

YANGON, 8 Sept—Myanmar Men's Basketball Team will participate in China-ASEAN men's basketball tournament to be held in Nanning of the People's Republic of China from 25 to 30 September.

With a view to bringing honour to the nation in coming 26th SEA Games, Myanmar Basketball Federation has trained 15 selected basketball players over one year and selected the 12 final players who are now being trained by Malaysian Coach Mr Tan Hoke Kang.

The federation described the China-ASEAN Basketball Tournament an opportunity for Myanmar team to seek international experiences and mend its weak points in time.—*MNA*

Seven militants killed, 32 detained in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Sept—Seven militants were killed and 32 detained during 10 separate operations launched by the Afghan and NATO-led forces in eastern Afghan Provinces, said a statement issued by the US military here on Thursday.

"Ten Afghan and Coalition force operations in Regional Command- East (RC-East) resulted 7 enemies killed, the detention of 32 suspected individuals and a weapons cache turned in over the past 24 hours throughout the region," said the statement by the US forces with NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

A concerned local Afghan civilian turned over a weapons cache that included 11 60mm mortar rounds, two anti-tank mines, a jug of homemade explosives, a bag of improvised explosive device (IED) components, four hand grenades, two 82mm recoilless rifle rounds, two bolt actions rifles as well as two shotguns and on heavy machine gun barrel, according to the statement.

It also confirmed a drone with the military alliance crashed in Sar Rowzah District of Afghanistan's eastern Paktika Province over the same period of time.

"The unmanned aerial vehicle was recovered and there was no enemy activity in the area prior to the crash," it said, adding operations in RC-East are still ongoing.

Xinhua

People inspect the scene of rocket attack at a residential complex in Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

Senior police officer shot dead in E Afghanistan

JALALABAD, 8 Sept—A senior police officer was shot and killed by armed militants in Afghanistan's Nangarhar Province with Jalalabad as its capital 120 km east of Capital Csity of Kabul, an official said on Thursday.

"Unknown armed men broke in the house of a high-ranking police officer named Sayed Hakim spreading bullets and killing him on the shot in Bati Kot District on Wednesday night," administrative chief of Bati Kot District Esrarullah Qari Zada told *Xinhua* on Thursday morning.

He said the police official Hakim, who was serving as head of intelligence department of police in neighbouring Pachir Wa Agam District, was visiting his family in Bati Kot District when the militants attacked his house and killed him.

In the meantime, Taleban militants claimed responsibility for the incident.

Xinhua

Afghan security personnel look at the scene of a suicide attack near a guesthouse that catered to foreigners in Kabul, Afghanistan.—INTERNET

India arrests five on New Delhi high court blast, death toll rises to 12

MUMBAI, 8 Sept— Indian security agencies arrested five people in Kishtwar of northwest Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday morning by tracing the origin of an email claiming responsibility for a blast at high court in New Delhi one day earlier. Included are Khawja Mehmood Aziz, an Internet caf owner, and his brother Khalid Aziz, said local media report.

Multi media organizations received an email Wednesday shortly after the deadly blast, alleging from terrorist group Harkat-ul- Jihad al-Islami (HuJI).

The email demands immediate repealing of death sentence with Mohammed Afzal Guru and threats to attack major high courts and the Supreme Court of India. An investigation team is quizzing the suspects and examining relevant records of mails and other details.

The death toll of high court has risen to 12 now with more than 70 people injured.—*Xinhua*

A vehicle is towed from the scene of a suspected suicide car bomb attack in Kabul.—INTERNET

Pakistani passenger plane resumes flying after bomb hoax

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Sept—A Pakistani passenger plane resumed flying as Malaysian police searched and cleared of any explosives on Thursday morning after the aircraft landed at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport following a suspected bomb threat.

The plane, which belongs to the Pakistan International Airlines, touched down and was immediately evacuated as the airport authorities were alerted by the Pakistan International Airline Headquarters which received an anonymous email warning of a bomb onboard the PK898 flight, the airport said.

All 164 passengers who disembarked the plane was interviewed by the police and later released for clearance.

Many of them were confused.

"Seriously I have no idea what happened in the flight. I think there was a threat aboard and police interrogated us," a Pakistani passenger told *Xinhua*.

Xinhua

An injured victim is comforted at Ramadi hospital after the suicide bomber attack.
INTERNET

Two killed, eight wounded in bomb attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Sept—A soldier and a civilian were killed, and eight people wounded in two bomb attacks in and near Baghdad on Wednesday night, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

A civilian was killed and six others wounded when a roadside bomb ripped through a marketplace in Baghdad's northern neighbourhood of Adhamiyah, the source said on condition of anonymity, because he was not authorized to speak to media.

In a separate incident, a soldier was killed and two others wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near their patrol in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, the source said.

Earlier in the day, the police reported the killing of two anti-Qaeda paramilitary groups members, also called Awakening Council groups, in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in eastern and central Iraq, while two motor rounds struck Baghdad's Green Zone, which houses some of the Iraqi government offices and the US embassy, early in the morning.

Sporadic attacks remain common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.

Xinhua

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin pay homage to ShweUmin natural cave pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, accompanied by Union Ministers, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, deputy ministers and departmental heads, yesterday morning arrived at ShweUMin natural cave pagoda in Pindaya where they were welcomed by members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Next, the Vice-President and wife offered flowers, water, oil lights and fruit to the Hsutaungpyae Pagoda and the Buddha image in the cave and donated gold foils to the pagoda. The Vice-President, wife and party paid homage to Buddha images and pagodas in the cave.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko and wife Daw Sao Noon Khun Hsam, presented cash donations by the Vice-President and party to members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees who gave replica of the pagoda to them.—*MNA*

***Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pay homage to Buddha images in ShweUmin natural cave in Pindaya.*—MNA**

After approving Ward and Village Administrator…

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Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein gave suggestions on GDP of the zone in April and May, trade value and service value, formation of village-based groups for rural development, and ways of cultivation from manageable to commercial scale.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than reported on the ways to extend sown acreage and per-acre yield for the increase of agricultural production, research and distribution of quality strains of crops for cropping paddy and farming paddy cultivation, assistance of the ministry and systematic use of fertilizers.

Townselder U Ba Shwe reported on construction of inter-village roads in the township, permission for construction of Pindaya-Aungpan Road through BOT system, development of regional economy due to upgrading of Kyon-Ywangan-Hanmyintmo Road and requirements of education and health sectors.

The Vice-President reviewed reports of the officials after attending to the needs.

Next, he gave instructions on extension of land utilization, increase of per-acre yield, collaborative efforts to be made by not only the government but also farmers, companies and entrepreneurs for use of quality strains of crops, achievements for projects of the region in 2011-2012 fiscal year, per capita income to meet the target, successful realization of learning compulsory primary education, enrolment of all school-going age children, assistance for continuous learning, coverage of efforts of primary, middle and high school groups in the region for promotion of academic task, raising health care services with the assistance of dispensaries and hospitals and keeping correct accounts.

Afterwards, the Vice-President said that organizations concerned are taking responsibilities for legislative, executive and judicial tasks as three sovereignty powers of the State in accord with the constitution. Within the six-month period, the administrative mechanism is gathering momentum to some extent. Strenuous efforts are to be made for emergence of a dynamic administrative system.

Likewise, region and state governments, self-administered division and zone leading bodies are taking responsibilities of political, economic, administrative and social tasks of the respective regions. Rights have been granted to do the businesses under their arrangements according to the constitution. They may do the allowed businesses based on loan from the government or on their self-reliant basis.

The Vice-President said that National Workshops on Reforms for National Economic Development was held to seek the way of contributions to development of the State economy.

As a result of the workshops, necessary committees were formed for rural development and poverty alleviation, reduction of the development gap between urban and rural regions at various levels under the leadership of the President. Emphasis is being placed on equitable development of urban and urban areas. Arrangements are being made for providing capitals to the farmers and odd-job people to be able to alleviate poverty.

As the government manages provisions of capitals to the people from the manageable to commercial scales, supervisions are to be made for avoiding the malpractice and misuse. It is necessary to group themselves to do their tasks systematically and to organize the people for making collaborative efforts comprehensively. Only when initial tasks achieve success, will number of participant increase.

Nowadays, many global countries are suffering environmental degradation. Being a member of the world family, Myanmar is carrying out environmental conservation on a wider scale. Special emphasis is to be placed on conservation plans by avoiding acts of degrading the environments. Systematic supervisions are to be made for achieving success in prevention of deforestation and establishment of rural fuel-wood plantations.

At present, ward and village administrator bill has been submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw to seek approval. Ward and village administrators are at the basic level of State administrative mechanism and they have close relations to the people. After approving it, the prestigious townselders with volunteering spirit are to be elected correctly.

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***Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo encouraging students studying at No. 1 BEHS in Pindaya.*—MNA**

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In conclusion, he urged those present to join hands with the governmen in building a modern and developed nation, ensuring peace and stability and perpetual existence of the nation.

Chairman of Shwe Than Lwin Co presented Sky Net TV receivers (MPS and DTH channels) to Shan State Government Office, Danu Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Office, Pindaya Township People's Hospital, Pwayhla Station Hospital, Pindaya BSHS No 1, BEHS No 2, Pwayhla BEHS (Branch), Kyon BEHS (Branch), Wabya Affiliated BEHS, Mongtin Affiliated BEHS, Pindaya BEMS, Pindaya BEHS No. 5, Tame Village and Pindaya ShweU Min natural cave pagoda board of trustees.

At Pindaya Township People's Hospital, the Vice-President donated cash to the hospital's fund through the acting medical superintendent.

At Pindaya BEHS No. 1, the Vice-President gave instructions on drawing the master plan for extending the school buildings in conformity with estimated number of students, availability of necessary area for the school buildings and sports ground and assignment of subject-wise teachers for the school.

After viewing learning of students, the Vice-President donated cash to the funds of the school.

They left Pindaya by car and arrived back here in the evening.—*MNA*

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meets President of Standing Committee for Constitutional Affairs of Senate of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received President of Standing Committee for Constitutional Affairs of Senate of Thailand Mr Jittipot Viriyaroj and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 9 am today. Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Hluttaw representatives of various parties and races, and independent Hluttaw representatives, together with the visiting President and party were officials of Thai Embassy.

The Speaker explained about procedures for Legislation, holding Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, selecting number of Hluttaw representatives and electing Hluttaw representatives, formation of standing and ad-hoc committees in Hluttaws, functions of the committees, and sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers. The president explained parliamentary affairs of Thailand and issues of international relations. They exchanged views on strengthening bilateral relations through inter-parliamentary cooperation.

MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives President of Standing Committee for Constitutional Affairs of Senate of Thailand Mr Jittipot Viriyaroj.
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Shan State Government, "Wa" Special…

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After the meeting, initial agreements for cooperation of ensuring peace and stability and development of Wa Region and related areas was signed and both sides agreed to continue to hold peace talks with Peace-Making Committee that will be formed by Union Government.—*MNA*

***Shan State Peace-Making Committee and "Wa"Special Region (2) Peace-Making Committee sign initial peace agreements.—*MNA**

Shan State Government, Mongla …

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After the meeting, initial agreements for cooperation of ensuring peace and stability and development of Mongla Special Region (4) was signed and both sides agreed to continue to hold peace talks with Peace-Making Committee that will be formed by Union Government.—*MNA*

***Shan State Peace-Making Committee and Mongla Special Region (4) Peace-Making Committee sign initial peace agreements.—*MNA**

Second regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 14th day

Seven questions raised, two new proposals submitted, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — The second regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 14th day at Pyithu Hluttaw building of the Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today.

Today's session was attended by Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 382 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

During the session, seven questions were raised, two new proposals were submitted and one proposal was discussed.

Five representatives asked questions related to the agricultural sector and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing replied them.

U Thein Tun of Kyaungon constituency asked the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation whether the ministry had a plan to sufficiently distribute quality of strains of paddy and vegetables produced by the ministry's agricultural research farms as seeds from foreign countries were very expensive and had no guarantees.

Hluttaw representatives at 14th-day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

In his answer to the question, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing said the ministry had placed emphasis on distribution of high-yield quality seeds which are also being economic to the farmers as part of efforts for undertaking the "To use of high-yield quality strains" which was the first one of the five tasks for boosting the agricultural produce; however, the task was being undertaken in a manageable scale at the farms of the Myanmar Agricultural Service and agricultural research farms; it was, though, found that the amount of high-yield quality strains distributed had hardly reached only 10 per cent of the supply required for the 20 million acres of rain-fed and irrigated fields across the country; therefore, Region/State governments are to cooperate region-wise for the benefit of farmers; it is needed to attract agricultural specialized companies and persons who have necessary investments to involve in strain production; the ministry's scholors are producing and distributing strains for quality vegetables and fruits; high-yield hybrid strains of sunflower, green gram, cotton, sugarcane and rubber are widely distributed; he simply wanted to present that discussions and raising and answering questions will be finished as only reasonable suggestions and those with no practical work will go nowhere; and so the competitive measures of Region/State governments and entrepreneurs in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are highly needed.

Regarding the question raised by U Ba Htay of Laymyethna Constituency that **the dyke preventing flood caused by Ngawun and Ayeyawady Rivers should be repaired in summer than making emergency repair in rainy season; the height of Ngawun dyke between Laymyethna and Yekyi Townships is at the same level with danger water level; whether there is some plan to increase the height of Ngawun dyke because the people within the protection area of embankment are at risk**, the Union Minister answered that the area of Kongyi Ngawun dyke between Laymyethna and Yekyi Township in Ayeyawady Region is the area of Kanyinthaung surrounding dyke; the length of surrounding dyke is 1950 ft and there is original riverbank dyke 400 ft east of the surrounding dyke; 50 ft of the original riverbank dyke was worm out by Ngawun River on 18 June, driving water into the original riverbank dyke and surrounding dyke; sand bags were piled as some places on surround dyke became lower; Kanyinthaung surrounding dyke will systematically be reconstructed with earth in coming open season; there are 1341.56 miles of dyke in Ayeyawady Region; to increase the height to five feet may cost K 2760 million; it will be implemented depending on the government's budget in order of priority; Ngawun dyke now has six feet high earth surface above datum; dyke repair works are done in every open seasons; measures to straighten the waterway, prevention systems against erosion and repair of the bottom and surface of the dyke are constantly carried out.

Regarding the question raised by U Han Sein of Taikkyi Constituency that **farmers want to grow crops which will be more beneficial in their own regions as second crops apart from the second crop designated by the respective department while paddy is the main crop in double-crop pattern; and whether there is some plan to allow farmers to grow the second crop they want,** paddy consumed by the whole nation 60-million population is the essential and national crop; deprivation of food will happen with no sufficient amount of rice; it is needed to consider the importance of food, seeing food deficiency as the potential hazard to all citizens; 8-10 million tons of rice is expected to export to Indonesia, Philippines and African nations where the rice demand is always on the increase and 6 million tons to Vietnam; related farmers are earning more incomes; economic development of the country is being implemented through rice sector; the use of new high-yield strains from hybrid strain production with new technology, and sharing deserve market values to farmers benefit farmers by making more incomes and encourage them to grow more paddy; the desire to grow paddy two times a year and five in two years in irrigated farmlands is growing among farmers in Thailand and Vietnam; it is needed to ensure ready market and right price to bring about wealth to farmers; well-informed persons including Region/State governments, Hluttaw representatives are to help paddy farmers by providing ways to fill practical needs; in irrigated areas with no adequate storage and distribution of water, water has to be used effectively and profitable crops with less need of water should be chosen; and the crop which is suitable for the region and is really profitable for farmers.

For the national interest and food security, it is suitable to grow only paddy with the use of irrigation water from all constructed dams. It is of paramount importance to take measures for benefit of farmers in growing paddy. He said he firmly believed that his explanation is acceptable for long-term national interest and short-term interest of farmers.

U Than Win of Kyaiklat Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to open agricultural training school in Pyapon to develop agriculture sector, educate farmers to have quality and high-yield paddy strain through systematic growing method as local people living in four townships of Pyapon are farmers.** In response, the Union Minister said that seven agricultural institutes have been opened in Myaungmya of Ayeyawady Region, Thayawady of Bago Region, Phatheingyi of Mandalay Region, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Pwintpbyu of Magway Region, Shwebo of Sagaing Region, and Thaton of Mon State; two training schools for crop growing, in Aungban and Myeik; University of Agriculture (Yezin) and branches of the university majoring crops, in Hmawby, Hlegu, Hpa-auk, Nyaungbintha, Magway, Lunkyaw and Aungban. So, family members of farmers can pursue agricultural education at the nearest training school. From 1998-1989 to 2009-2010, the university and training schools have conferred Diploma in Agriculture on 9776 and Bachelor of Agriculture on 3845, and are also generating post-graduate diploma holders, Master of Science degree holders and PhD holders.

Those wishing to study agriculture in Ayeyawady Region may attend agricultural institute in Myaungmya. The State is making efforts in every sector in order of importance. So, there is no plan to open agricultural institute in Pyapon for now, he said.

Dr Soe Thuya of Kyonpyaw Constituency asked that **in this raining season, large amount of water from highland streamed into Kawtthahlaing reservoir in Danaw Village-tract of Kyonpyaw Township resulting from hammering rains, flooding more than 10,000 acres of farmlands. It was because the reservoir has Khayakan water spillway only. He asked whether there is a plan to install sluice gate in Kawtthahlaing reservoir to release surplus of water and other plan to prevent farmlands from flooding.** In response, the Union Minister said that Kawtthahlaing reservoir which is a farmer reservoir was constructed in Danaw Village in Kyonpyaw township of Ayeyawady Region in 1994-1995 with the might of villagers. Construction of the reservoir aims to prevent monsoon and summer paddy farmlands in west Bawdi of Pantanaw Township from flooding and use as village-to-village road. Water from Danabyu and Hinthada townships Kyonpyaw wetland is released from Hsinchaung sluice gate in south of Kawtthahlaing reservoir to flow to Pathwal creek through Khayakan spillway and Kyonkayin creek in parallel with Kawtthahlaing reservoir.

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Due to remarkable rainfalls in this year, water streaming from Kyonpyaw, Danubyu and Hinthada townships could not be taken out from Khayaykan water spillway. So, Kyonpyaw was flooded for the time being. To prevent the township from flooding, arrangements will be taken for extension of Khayaykan-Ganain-Gyongyonkya creek, Kyonkayin and Mwehtayan creek, Kyonpataw-Kyontama and Kyonpataw-Gayatgyi creek. Accordingly, there is no need to build particular sluice gate in Kawtthalaing reservoir.

U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Constituency asked that **how Union Attorney-General's Office will arrange plans for laws and rules that are no longer agreeable to present situation and helpful to the people out of the many existing laws and rules in the State.** In response, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said that required laws were enacted according to requirement of political, economic and social affairs in successive eras in Myanmar. Of them, some laws are inappropriate for present situation, out of effect for long time and do not need to be practiced in the future. So, there are laws needed to be revoked and amended. Union Attorney-General's Office has made list of existing laws according to Union Attorney-General Law. But, only Union ministries are organizations that manage and implement laws. So, Union Attorney-General's Office in coordination with related Union ministries is taking measures for revocation and amendment to laws, and enacting new laws.

In doing so, after first regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw, Union Attorney-General's Office coordinated with Union ministries, asking to send the lists relating to amending, revoking and enacting laws with remarks. Union ministries are also sending remarks scrutinizing laws. Related Union ministries have sent some laws that are not agreeable to present situation and beneficial to the State and the people to the Union Attorney-General's Office. Attorney-General's Office is taking steps to submit laws to be revoked and amended to Hluttaw. To do so, it is needed to take account of whether a law is conform to the Constitution or not, agreeable to the present situation or not, beneficial to the people or not, and in effect or not. As taking action in prescribed period is legal measure according to a law. So, it is needed to seriously think about whether or not the law is still in effect. As completely revoking a law is making a law terminate, it is needed to take account of whether or not a law is should be completely revoked. So, Union Attorney-General's Office in coordination with related Union ministries is carrying out measures for revocation, amendment and substitution of laws in accord with Union Attorney-General Law.

U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency asked that **in confiscating lands in project areas that help develop economic status of the State, only the required lands are confiscated after being thoroughly scrutinized in order not to be burden over landowners. He asked wherther there is a plan to take measures for completion of project on schedule, repay the lands that are not required for the projects to primary farmers, strict measures against confiscation of farmlands for other use for private interests.** In response, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint said that in confiscating lands, Ministry of Home Affairs vested power in related district administrators for confiscation of lands in accord with Land Confiscation Act (1894) for governmental organizations, corporations and ministries in view of public interest. If confiscated land is farmland, General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs assembles the dossier **only after permit for the use of farmland is acquired in accord with Farmland Centralization Act 39 (1953).**

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing answering questions.—MNA

The district administrator who has authority to confiscate land has been carrying out measures to thoroughly investigate that whether proposed land is suitable for bona fide use in view of public interest, and making field trip in accord with Land Confiscation Act (1894). Only the required minimum area of land is confiscated. Applicants take charge of work procedures in scheduled period. Confiscation of land for private interest is not allowed at all. With the recommendation of region/state governments, Ministry of Home Affairs submits proposal of regional administrative bodies for confiscation of land to the Union Government.

The applicant may return to the State if the land is not used in designated ways or not needed to use; the State is strictly carried out allowing farmlands to use in prescribed ways and centralizing lands for public interests in accord with existing Farmland Law, rules and regulations.

Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency submitted the proposal "**to distribute fertilizers at reasonable price the farmers can afford**" and U Lun Thi of Kungyangon Constituency, "**to prescribe a law to designate area of paddy (monsoon or summer)**".

The proposals will be discussed on 9 September (Friday) and Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the proposals were to submit their name lists this evening.

Five Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal "**male and female students from remote areas should be given favour regarding their grades in the matriculation examination for entrance to education colleges, midwifery and nurse training schools with consent to discharge duties in their own regions**" submitted by Daw Dwe Bu of M'Jiangyang Constituency on 6 September.

U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin Constituency in his discussion said that only when the growing number of national race educated persons born to the public assume duties in their own regions, will the region benefit from their hard works; and so, he seconded the proposal.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr Soe Thuya of Kyonpyaw Constituency raising question.

MNA

U Sikanram of Khaunglanphu Constituency discussed that it is to set forth the nurturing of youths who love their own region and its people and are interested the job.

U Htan Lain of Mindat Constituency said that conditions and requirements should be continued to relax as before in education and health courses which will contribute towards development of hilly regions, remote and undeveloped.

Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathaedaung Constituency said in his discussion that if Daw Dwe Bu's proposal is passed, it will benefit not only local people but the staff who are assigned in remote areas; and so, the proposal is seconded.

U Shi Thee of Leishi Constituency discussed that the proposal is seconded for helping school-age children at hilly regions to go schools, providing healthcare of rural folks and assisting national reconciliation.

Regarding the proposal, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye said that among those matriculated in 2009 in Kachin, Kayah, Chin and Shan States with 269 marks and over are allowed to join Education College; but the entrance mark for other regions and states is 280 and above; the female applicants outnumbered the male counterparts; so, the lower entrance marks are set for male applicants; the average mark of those who passed matriculation is only 43.3; university first year literature subjects and skills for primary teacher are taught in first year of Education College; those who matriculated with low marks from the Training School of Border Areas and National Races Development at request of the said ministry.

Up to present, applicants of district-level are chosen based on order of exam results and thus those from township in which district-level governmental institutions are based may get higher marks than those from remote townships. It is focused on amount of marks as the central level institution has to take the responsibility with strict procedures to ensure there is no bribery. PAT may discharge duties at their home region, however, with promotion to JAT, SAT, most of local teachers prefer to transfer to schools in other developed towns and villages in their own region/state or other regions/states, in which they have social links. It is difficult for Ministry of Education to differentiate between who is to be assigned in his home region and who has no such consent as personnel responsible at different levels will be changing.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thein Tun of Kyaungkon Constituency raising question.

MNA

When a person has completed two-year period of duty, he can apply to get transfer, and he will be transferred to the place he proposed if it is vacant. Those who ask for promotion are allowed to transfer to the place he proposed with promotion according to order of services if the place and the position is vacant. When admissions to courses are announced, those from remote areas often fail to enroll in time and lose the chance to attend the courses in spite of being qualified because they do not receive the information in time. PGDMA course to be opened at Education College in December in 2011 was announced in dailies issued on 23 and 26 August.

So, matriculation graduate living in remote areas will be favored regarding their results in the exam on principle and to let the trainees with consent that they would assign duties in their home regions is somewhat a difficult case in the long-run and the proposal should be reassessed and recorded.

Daw Dwe Bu proposed to the Hluttaw to record her proposal and the Hluttaw did so."**Ward or village administration bill**" submitted on 29 August will be discussed and confirmed on 12 September.

The 14th-day second regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw adjourned at 2 pm and the 15th-day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.—*MNA*

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw goes on for the 14th day

Eight questions answered, four new proposals approved

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 14th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 212 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 asked **how private sector can operate measurement of banking services in line with the provisions on obligation and authority of the monetary organizations law. If it is unsatisfactory measurement, whether there is a plan to create the best development way for private banks as quickly as possible under law.** Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than replied that in line with the policies of market-oriented economic system, the board of directors of respective banks are freely giving banking services such as savings and disbursement with the management of reserve requirement, liquidity requirement, capital adequacy requirement in accord with existing Central Bank of Myanmar Law, Myanmar Monetary Organization Law with a view to realizing monetary system and enhancing monetary service of banking sector.

Central Bank of Myanmar supervises and inspects private banks for strengthening their monetary affairs and scrutinizes whether the private banks abide by law, rule, regulation, discipline and directives in functioning their works. CBM orders all the private banks to send their daily accounts and checks daily, weekly and monthly financial affairs of the banks. As such, the banking sector of Myanmar secures stability and development.

The Myanmar Banks Association was set up on 1 April 1999 with the aim of contributing to policies and directives adopted by the State, making coordination among banks within the framework to stabilize the value of Myanmar kyats at home and abroad, uplifting cooperation between banks, playing a leading role in assisting banks, broadening horizons of the people to use banking system, fulfilling requirements of changing banking system and turning out skillful banking experts. At present, Myanmar Banks Association holds banking matters at the monthly coordination meetings so as to ensure stability and development of banking sector. Myanmar Institute of Banking established by MBA has been conducting Diploma in Banking for post-graduates since 2007 for development of human resources. So far, a total of 123 diploma holders have been conferred degrees by the Yangon Institute of Economics. The institute is turning out diploma holders by conducting full time one year DB courses and part time two years course. Moreover, the institute provides 10-day banking courses.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue formed the Banks Supervisory Committee on 13 June 2005 with the aim of supervising State-owned banks and private banks whether they follow rules and regulations of banking services and monetary policies, and issues directives and instructions in controlling the banks.

Hluttaw representatives at 14th-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

Due to systematic supervision, banking sector has been gaining development with stability. The Central Bank of Myanmar has allowed establishment of private banks since 1992-1993. Development of businesses pushes banking services to extend their works. Therefore, the government allowed four private banks for their establishment on 2-7-2011. Thus, a total of 19 private banks are functioning their 305 branches.

At present, State-owned banks and private-owned banks are applying Information and Communication Technology and create networks among head offices and branches with the use of MPT Satellites, IP Star and ADSL. In the past, banks provided fax service to the customers for remittance. Now, these banks can provide online service for remittance and they are trying to conduct online e-banking system for remittance. With a view to giving smooth banking services, the Banks Supervisory Committee formed the Banking Network Committee on 20 September 2007 with the participation of State-owned banks and private-owned ones by building the banking network so as to carry out the bank mill and file transfer protocol (FTP) for the first phase, the online financial report for banks supervisory and the electronic funds transfer (EFT). For the second phase, arrangements are being made for implementation of the Automated Clearing House-ACH.

On completion, clearing of cheques and PO will be carried out more quickly, and use of money can be reduced among the customers for speedy flow of money. At present, banks use certified cheques to win more attracts of customers.

Myanmar Banks Association reorganized the Payment Enhancement Committee on 12 October 2010 with the participation of State-owned and private-owned banks. The formation of the committee is aimed at reducing payment in cash and applying small- and medium-scale cash payment through international payment technique. Arrangements are being made for applying internal currency for all banks, Myanmar Payment Union Card (MPU Debit Card) and other e-payment cards.

Myanma Insurance will implement insurance against deposits like international system so as to protect the loss of deposits that flows into the banks.

The banking service extension plan was drawn in 2011-2012 fiscal year for systematic development of banking service in conformity with market economy system. Depending on status of banking services and regional development, bank branches were allowed in regions and states. Moreover, banking new products will be allowed more.

As a plan is underway to systematically implement development of banking services that plays a key role in growth of State economy. Therefore, facts in the question have been implemented and are being implemented. Moreover, future tasks will be undertaken. That is why private banking service will achieve development in the near future.

U Paul Thang Thaing of Chin State Constituency No. 3 asked **according to Section 362 of the constitution, how will transform the buildings, land plots and materials owned by Christianity, Islam, Hindu and animism recognized by the State into the respective religion-owned. Section 363 states that the Union may assist and protect the religions it recognizes to its utmost. I would like to know how to protect them. I would like to know how many religions recognized by the State and number of population who believe in respective religions. And, he asked whether there a plan to create the opportunity for responsible persons of Christianity, Islam and Hinduism to administer religious affairs once a month through MRTV.** Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung replied that if there were buildings and materials owned by the respective religious organizations, the property would be managed under respective organizations. With regard to land plots, all the government-owned lands, farmlands, croplands, pasture lands, forests, gardens and granted lands are owned by the State. Of them, religious lands were sought permission for type of tax free. There is no type of religion-owned land extracted from the State-owned land. The application together with respective recommendations can be submitted for tax free religious land. However, when the projects of the State and necessities of the State emerge, religious buildings, religious land and property of all religions including Buddhism had been resettled in other placed.

The government has been providing proper rate of cash assistance to Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and animism in successive era. Tickets of free transportation charge for road and water (inland) have been issued to religious leaders. The application with ownership evidences and respective recommendations will be submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The recognized religions are Buddhism, Christian, Islam, Hinduism and other religions. According to the statistics of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, there are over 53.42 million Buddhists, over 2.98 million Christians, over 2.27 million Islamists, over 0.3 million Hindus and over 0.79 million of those who believe in other religions.

According to the constitution, all the religions recognized in the nation have been allowed to publish journals and magazines for their religions and respective calendars for Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. Moreover, religious publications were allowed through the submitting and publishing system. At present, publishing of the book on Kayin Baptist's motivation for women, and the book on Resurrection of Christ for the Christianity, books on Da-ei notes, and Namaz reading method for the women for the Islam, and Natimala and

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Sathsangayuttaka books for Hinduism have been allowed. With regard to broadcasting respective religious talks, the leaders of the State and the Union Minister for Religious Affairs attend the ceremonies to mark significant religious days, and the ceremonies were covered through media. In the future, arrangements will be made for broadcasting respective religions on their significant days within a prescribed duration at opportune time.

***Amyotha Hluttaw Representative of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 Dr Khin Shwe tabling motion.*—MNA**

Three Hluttaw representatives raised questions on transport sector. Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied to the questions.

Regarding the question raised by U Thet Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No 8 who asked about **the measures to be taken for maintaining river bank in order to reduce bank erosion in Nyaungdon as there is a situation in which the river bank of Nyaungdon is very close to the embankment which is 12500 feet long and 6000 feet is adjacent to Panhlaing River**, the Union Minister replied that Nyaungdon located near the mouth of the Panhlaing River where Panhlaing River meets the Ayeyawady is 34 miles far from Yangon by land and 68 miles by water. The Panhlaing River is a waterway for vessels to Yangon Port. The danger level of Nyaungdon is 22.5 feet (6.85 meters) above MSL (Mean Sea Level) and the surface of the land is 20 feet (six meters) above MSL. As the town is three feet under the water level in rainy season, it is under protection of the embankment. The embankment is 29 feet (nine meters) above MSL. When the town was under flood in 2004, the water level was 26 feet (eight meters) MSL. As from 1930, the embankment was built on the bank of Panhlaing by township development affairs committee not as to destroy urban wards and arable lands by floods.

As current from the Ayeyawady River to Panhlaing is so strong in the flood season and Nyaungdon is located outside the meandering pattern of the river, it is found that bank erosions occurred yearly. The section which was eroded heavily was from 12th street to 41st street (jetty) measuring 5000 feet in length. A dyke was built from the jetty to 31st street. The bank erosion which is the nearest section of the embankment was an estimated 3500 feet long from 31st street to 12th street, and Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems retained the banks from 1997-1998 to 2020-2011 fiscal years spending K 474.54 million. A plan will be implemented to prevent the 130 feet long landslide area of the bank in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Due to year-wise prevention against bank erosion, Nyaungdon could be free from flood for many years. As construction of over 6000 feet long dyke of 12,500 along the bank of Panhlaing River in Nyaungdon and prevention of bank erosion are heavy task for the department, priority will be given to respective sites for construction of dyke and prevention of bank erosion depending on the funds allotted by the State.

U Khin Maung (a) U Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constituency No. 3 raised questions asking **whether there is a plan to systematically repair the ports in Sittway and MraukU to be free from any danger and whether there is a plan to upgrade Sittway Airport to International Airport.** The Union Minister replied that the Myanma Port Authority under the Ministry of Transport built Mingan Jetty, Phaungdawgyi Jetty and No 2 Bokseik at Sittway Port. Mingan Jetty accommodates trawlers and cargo boats, Phaungdawgyi Jetty, coastal liners and No. 2 Bokseik Jetty in Hsatyoekya Creek, river liners.

No. 2 Bokseik Jetty in Hsatyoekya Creek of Sittway Port was built in1957. The facility is 45 feet long and 12 feet wide wooden type attached with two 140 feet long and 12 feet wide approach bridges. Moreover, two 60 feet long and 21 feet wide passenger lounges were built near the jetty.

The ministry has spent K 5.4 million on major maintenance of the jetty in 2008-2009 financial year. The 130 feet long area near the bridge was fenced with barbed wires and iron sheet for its security. The dredger of the department always dredges silt around the jetty to be six feet deep of draught for safely docking of vessels.

The jetty where vessels dock in MraukU is located outside the port area of Myanma Port Authority. Therefore, the jetty is being maintained by respective Township General Administration Department and Township Development Affairs Committee. Rakhine State branch based in Sittway of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport runs 21 vessels and tug boats along four routes such as Sittway-Buthidaung, Sittway-MraukU, Sittway-Taungup, and Taungup-Manaung routes. Of them, Khayaing vessel and Thanthar vessel along Sittway-Mrauk route twice a week (Tuesday and Friday).

The jetty in MraukU where vessels of IWT dock is of wooden type. Apart from the wooden jetty, a concrete jetty comprising the 50 feet long and 10 feet wide approach bridge and the 20 feet long and eight feet wide approach bridge will be built by spending K 12.9 million in 2011-2012 academic year.

Therefore, jetties in Sittway and MraukU will be built and maintained for smooth and secure transport of passengers depending on allotment of funds.

Sittway Airport was a military used airfield in the Second World War. On 24 July 1947, International Aero Limited (IAL) Company handed over the airport to Department of Civil Aviation. In 1960, the runway was upgraded to the 6000 feet long and 140 feet wide gravel mixed asphalt facilities.

The 120 feet by 60 feet one-storey RC airport building was extended to the 220 feet by 60 feet wide facility, and it was opened on 22 March 2002.

With a view to ensuring safety landing on and taking off and raising durability of runway, four feet thick asphalt concrete layer was placed on the 6000x150 feet runway, the 525x75 feet taxiway and the 600x300 feet apron. After completion of these facilities, the runway was opened on 20 May 2009 for use of F-28 Jets.

Sittway Airport is equipped with HF, VHF, NDB, Night Landing Facilities such as airfield lighting, approach light and remote control air ground machines. Aircrafts from Myanma Airways run to Sittway Airport daily, those from Air Bagan twice a week and those from Air Mandalay six days a week. The airport is constituted with 220x60 feet RC one-storey airport building comprising VIP lounge, arrival lounge, departure lounge, lobby, separate hall of foreigners. The facility is expected to accommodate 150,000 passengers for arrival and departure yearly.

Types of aircrafts are divided for chartered flights. At present, Sittway Airport admits over 90,000 passengers yearly. The airport building is adequate for passenger, and thus, it is no plan to extend the building. When larger number of passengers and aircrafts use the airport, Sittway Airport will be upgraded to the international facility.

U Saw Maung Pyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 4 asked **whether there is a plan to develop transport of the Laymyo River and if it is true, when the ministry will carry out development of transport.** The Union Minister replied that Laymyo River originates in Matupi Township of Mindat District in Chin State and that the flow of the river passes MraukU, Minbya and Pauktaw townships. Then, the river flows into Kaladan River downstream of Pauktaw. The length of the river is 162 miles. The section of the Laymyo River from Sittway to Pauktaw is 16 miles long and from Sittway to Minbya, 40 miles long. Private vessels run along the river regularly.

Tidal difference of the river is eight feet on average. The section between Sittway and Minbya is shallow area. Although vessels wait for subsiding the tide, they can run along the section when tide rose.

Rakhine State branch of IWT used

***Union Religious Affairs Minister Thura U Myint Maung responding questions.*—MNA**

the Laymyo River before 1998 for runs of vessel along Sittway-Minbya-Panmyaung route. After 1998, water course was blocked near Lanmashay Village upstream of Minyba. Therefore, the water course was closed on17-4-1998, and the runs of vessels along Sittway-Minbya continued.

Thanks to completion of Sittway-An-Minbu-Yangon Highway, transport of passengers and commodities relies on road transport only. Therefore, Sittway-Minbya water transport was closed on 1 June 2005. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems under the Ministry of Transport has been carrying out prevention of bank erosion and change of water course beginning the 1999-2000 fiscal year. In 2011-2012, the department will spend K 94.87 million on prevention of bank erosion in Minbya.

Waterway transport in Laymyo River will face loss in expense and income because passengers and commodities do not use the water transport. At present, IWT has no plan to run its vessels along the Laymyo River and there is no plan for maintenance of the water course. Some local vessels use it at opportune time. When number of vessels using the river is larger, survey of barrier sites in water way should be calculated for carrying out maintenance tasks.

Two Hluttaw representatives raised two questions on regional development, replied by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

With regard to the question raised by U Hwae Yein of Chin State Constituency No. 11 asking **whether there is a plan to improve MRTV channel for Paletwa Township like other townships, and if it is true, when the plan will be implemented.**

Today, education and technology are of paramount importance to have developed status in an individual or in a family or in a region or in a country. Human resource development is also vital. The sources of such things are from school education in addition to printed media such as reading publications and listening to radio and watching television. The question of U Hwae Yein said that 98 per cent of locals from Paletwa Township do not have access to television.

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Out of 85893 in Paletwa Township, only over 1700 (two per cent) have access to television. In reality, 8000 from seven villages of three downtown wards in Paletwa receive television channels.

To have television access in Palatwa Township, a relay station was constructed in 1998 and has aired channels since then. With the capacity of 50 watts transmitter, the station sits on a 400-foot-high hill west of the town. Thirty-metre-high (100 feet) tower was posted in the station. The height of 100 feet of tower and transmission capacity of 50 watts means technical combination of height and transmission capacity. Why 50 watts device was installed at the station is that relay station can work within limitation. If there is high hill or mountain between the station and receiving area, an area will appear in which no signal can be received. According to topographic feature, 50 watts of transmission capacity is the most suitable for the township. There are 330 townships in Myanmar in which 10-watt, 20-watt and 50-watt stations were constructed according to geographic feature. There are 38 10-watt stations and 68 50-watt stations in the country based on technical view.

A 50-watt station can cover 5-mile radius of the area. The 50-watt station in Paletwa is now about 13 years old. According to the nature of machines, there is 20 per cent drop of transmission power every 10 years. So, the reach of 50-watt station in Paletwa is now within 4-mile radius. As a weak point, despite any transmission power, if there is high hill or mountain between the station and receiving area, frequency cannot be received.

As most of the villages are situated in ravine of West Yoma in which no frequency cannot be received, upgrading transmission capacity means nothing to those villages. So, old 50-watt transmitter will be substituted with new one as soon as possible. DTH system is in use in villages and regions sitting in ravines including Paletwa in Myanmar. DTH is the abbreviation of Direct to Home and transmitted via satellite. If locals of Paletwa use DTH system, everyone will be able to receive TV channels regardless of their places. As DTH has been in use, everyone can receive TV channels regardless of their places.

Installation of DTH system is similar to the change of new transmitter. Every village can afford to buy TV and video sets. DTH system is not as expensive that all will be able to receive channels if they use it. The President himself is taking approach to the project of rural development and poverty alleviation. The Union minister said that as he is taking charge of rural socio-economic development sector at which human resource development programmes are on the list, 10 DTH devices will be provided for Paletwa Township.

***Union Transport Minister U NyanTun Aung responding questions.*—MNA**

Rural socio-economic development groups have been formed in respective Region/State governments; suitable systems should be installed in coordination with those groups; the villages will be installed with 10 DTH receivers; if provided 10 DTH receivers, satellite dishes and necessary equipment unite with Televisions in the villages, they will be able to tune MRTV, MI, Channel-4 and other free-to-air channels.

The best way is to equip village libraries which have been established in every village with DTH receivers; this will make every villager have access to these channels; it is planned to provide two receivers to libraries in Paletwa Township which, like TV, help broaden horizons of local people for human resources development; respective Information and Public Relations Department Office needs to coordinate with the group for two DTH receivers for these libraries and 10 others.

Paletwa Township residents can receive TV channels rebroadcasted from new Paletwa relay station or by using DTH receiver; if the libraries equipped with DTH receivers are used as bases, human resources development demanded by U Hwae Yein will certainly be succeeded.

With regard to the question raised by U Myat Ko of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 12 asking **whether there is a plan to alleviate poverty of Naga national race residing in Naga Self-Administered Zone.**

The goal of the State and the people is to build a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. There are three components of the goal. They are peace and stability, development and democratic rights. Every citizen wants the three rights. Today, the government led by President U Thein Sein and respective hluttaws are making efforts to establish the three rights which are set as national duties and national goal. As part of the efforts, tasks have been taken for peace, development and democratic rights in Naga Self-Administered Zone. Plans have been laid down to carry out poverty alleviation tasks in all areas, including Naga zone, of the country.

As part of efforts for drawing plan for rural development and poverty alleviation, the work shop was held on 20 May. According to the ways found at the workshop, work committees were organized on June 20 and the President assigned tasks to each of the work committees. The plan for rural development and poverty alleviation is for all areas including the Naga Self-Administered Zone of the country.

According to the plan, eight working committees have been organized, and the sub-committee for development of agriculture produce can work for the matters discussed by U Myat Ko on high-land cultivation, including coffee, tea leaves, rubber and sandal wood plantations. The measures related to mythun farming can be undertaken in cooperation with the sub-committee. Similarly, efforts should be made for development of small-scale industrial production, micro-credit schemes and cooperative works in cooperation with the sub-committee concerned, the minister said.

The minister also invited to contact him to work with sub-committees for development of socio life in rural areas as the tasks have covered six areas: education, health, human resources development, transportation, communication and safe drinking water.

As part of efforts for development of human resources, there is a plan to donate 3 DTHs each to three townships totaling 15 DTHs in the Naga Self-Administered Zone and to build a library each in three townships. The tasks for choosing sites for building libraries and DTHs are to be carried out with the grass-root level committees, he said.

Regarding the transportation sector in the Naga Self-Administered Zone, the respective Union minister has already answered that arrangements will be made to carry out the tasks for transportation facilities as there are five main roads linking with the Union Highway.

The task for supplying electricity to villages includes in the eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation. If it is required to construct small-scale hydropower plants, efforts can be made in coordination with the committee for supplying power to villages, the minister said.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 submitted a proposal **urging the Union government to initially establish a Stock Market in Myanmar like other ASEAN member countries**; Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representative Officiating Major Soe Hein Naung a proposal **urging the Union Government to supervise the orthography of Myanmar language**; Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 submitted a proposal **urging the Union government to uplift life of educational staff**; U Than Swe of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 2 a proposal **urging the Union government to systematically designate the site for construction of deep sea port (Dawei) in Nabule Village of Yebyu Township, Dawei District, Taninthayi Region, avoiding damages in historical areas**. Each of Hluttaw representatives seconded the proposals.

The 14th day meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw was adjourned at 2.50 pm and the 15th day meeting continues at 10.30 am on 9 September.

Today's session, eight questions of Hluttaw representatives were answered by the Union ministers and four new proposals were approved.—*MNA*

Bank interest rates changed

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept— As it is required to change bank interest rates in order to contribute to development of national economy, Central Bank of Myanmar changed bank interest rates as of 1 September 2011 as follow:-

(a) interest rate on deposits must not be lower than 10 per cent and must not be more than 12 per cent in various kinds of deposits

(b) interest rate on bank loan must not be more than 15 per cent in various kinds of loans

As the maximum interest rate on loans was reduced from previously 17 per cent to 15 per cent at present, entrepreneurs who are willing to do more business can take out loan with low interest rate.

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Myanmar with 95.01% literacy rate standing tall...

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For that relentless efforts of promotion and its achievements, Myanmar was finally awarded by UNESCO, "the Mohammed Reza Pahlavi Prize" and "the Noma Prize" in 1971 nad in 1983, respectively.

As far as education sector is concerned, Myanmar has accomplished a balanced development of both formal and informal education systems. Education is no longer restricted to learning only on the classrooms, but to also take place outside the schools, at any place anywhere that is available and that is convenient.

In the formal education, enrollment of all school age children, with the aim of retaining them as much as possible, is regarded as an important national tasks, thus, enabling the rise in enrolment rate of 5 years old children to 98.47% this academic year.

For all school going age children to start and to continue their education upwards, there are now,

- 28,943 primary schools,
- 6,767 post primary schools
- 3,167 middle schools and
- 2,395 high schools, totaling 41,272 schools throughout the country.

Moreover, just as mobile schools are opened for children whose families have to move their workplaces, to have a chance to continue with their schooling, another non-formal primary education programmes are also being carried out, for those who had to leave the schools early for various reasons.

Inclusive education programmes are being initiated for the handicapped, to make them enjoy equal opportunity like any other ordinary children. In addition, Basic Literacy and Continuing Education Programmes for adults illiterates are also implemented.

Under the Ministry of Education, in all regions and states, including villages in border areas, basic literacy projects that are suitable for them have been carefully planned and carried out with the assistance of local authorities, facilitators and social organizations.

As a result of extensive adult literacy programmes, today, Myanmar's literacy rate is 95.01%. It is now standing tall among the nations of the Asia-Pacific Region, and a high literacy rate is something a nation should be proud of.

Before coming to the conclusion, I would like to stress that, at such a time when we are placing high value on the importance of literacy, scope of knowledge, financial and health status for some, there we can see millions, and millions of people around the globe are still illiterate. Illiteracy somehow means ignorance, ill health, and inability to differentiate what is wrong and what is right, good or bad, leading to widespread of armed conflicts, famine, hunger and so on.

If we are to build a peaceful and prosperous modern developed world today it is high time and it is clear that, we will have to do more to promote literacy literally for all, especially for those people, to whom the education is out of reach, in keeping with the theme of the International Literacy Day of this year which is: "Literacy and Peace".

Next, UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha read the message of the 2011 International Literacy Day sent by the UN Secretary-General.

Myanmar-UNESCO National Commission General Secretary Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages Dr Daw Lwin Lwin Soe read the message of the UNESCO Director-General.

The Vice-President presented first, second and third prizes to Daw Thin Thin Oo (Shein Mya Thin), Dr Nwe Nwe Soe (Nwe Lay-Myanmarsar) and U Than Min Htaik (Than Min Htaik-Myanmarsar) in the open article contest respectively and first year student Ma Ei Ei Phyu of Toungoo Institute of Education, second year student Ma May Inzali Kyaw of Meiktila Education College and first year student Ma Cherry Khaing of Mawlamyine Education College in the university/ college level essay contest respectively.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye awarded first, second and third prizes to winners in the basic education high school level essay contest and middle school level poster contest.

Chairman of MEC Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party viewed the documentary activities of Myanmar literacy campaigns at the booth of 2011 International Literacy Day.

MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party view documentary activities of Myanmar literacy campaigns. **MNA**

***UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha reads the message of the 2011 ILD sent by the UN Secretary-General.*—MNA**

Canadian glacial river runs dry

ATLIN, 8 Sept—A glacial river feeding a large Canadian lake has gone dry, leaving a muddy riverbed strewn with icebergs and dropping the lake's level 50 feet, hikers say. "We were able to walk right into the river bed and stand among the 60-foot icebergs that are grounded now," hiker Diana Thayer of Atlin, British Columbia told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp of the scene she and her companions found near the Llewellyn Glacier along the Sloko Inlet trail in late August. "It just seemed the plug had been pulled on a bathtub." Thayer said as a result Atlin Lake — British Columbia's largest natural lake — has "dropped about 50 feet and perhaps is still draining."

John Lyons, who also lives in the Atlin area, also visited the dried-up river and believes an ice bridge has dammed up Sloko Inlet, forcing the glacial melt water into Llewellyn Inlet.—*Internet*

An aerial view shows houses submerged in flood water caused by the strong tropical storm Talas in Kiho town, Mie prefecture, in western Japan on 4 Sept, 2011.

XINHUA

Sandstorms sweep NW China region, hamper highway traffic

URUMQI, 8 Sept—Sandstorms have swept part of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous since early Thursday, affecting highway traffic, according to local meteorological authorities.

The Turpan Prefecture, a well-known tourist destination in Xinjiang, has been blanketed in yellow dust since early Thursday.

Furious winds carrying sands damaged telegraph poles and trees, and forced autos to slow down, said a spokesperson with the prefecture's meteorological bureau.

Many vehicles are stranded at a section of highway linking the city of Lianyungang in eastern Jiangsu Province and Xinjiang's port of Horgos, as visibility has been reduced to less than five meters, according to the spokesperson.

He said the sandstorms were caused by severe convective weather and winds were moving at speeds of up to 50 km per hour.—*Internet*

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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Myanmar

Vacancy Announcement

VA No. 020/UNDP HR/2011

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

Functional title : Programme Analyst (Microfinance)
Level : NO-B
Type of Contract : Fixed Term
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Assistant Resident Representative (Programme Supervision and Support) and in cooperation with the Microfinance Advisor, the Programme Analyst (Microfinance) will develop strategic plan for the UNDP microfinance programme; oversees and supports implementation, monitoring and reporting and improves standard operating procedures; develops partnerships with stakeholders and contributes to Country Office's resource mobilization for microfinance.

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Space junks threaten future mission

BEIJING, 8 Sept — The amount of space junks floating in Earth's orbit has reached a critical level, warned scientists.

The future space missions may become too dangerous to fly for a risk of colliding with space junks, said a report released recently by the US National Research Council (NRC).

The kinds of space junks range from huge, the report said, there are thousands of discarded satellites and rocket boosters and countless tiny pieces of daily gabages from space missions.—*Internet*

Two dead in Australia's Queensland helicopter crash

BRISBANE, 8 Sept— Two men have died in a helicopter crash near Rockhampton in central Queensland of Australia, local media reported on Thursday. Three people were aboard when the helicopter, from a North Queensland charter company, crashed in dense bushland at Shoalwater Bay, near Rockhampton, at about noon (local time) on Thursday, the *Australian Associated Press (AAP)* said. A man who survived the crash has been taken to Rock-hampton Base Hospital by a rescue helicopter.

Two other men on board at the time were found dead at the scene, according to *AAP*.

MNA/Xinhua

Drunken elk rescued from tree

A Swedish man said an elk became stuck in his tree while drunk from eating fermented apples and required the assistance of emergency responders to get down.

Per Johansson of Saro said he returned home from work Tuesday and discovered "an elk stuck in an apple tree with only one leg left on the ground," *The Local* reported Wednesday.

"I thought it looked pretty bad so I called the police who sent out an on-call hunter. But while we were waiting, the neighbours and I started to saw down some of the branches and then the hunter arrived with a saw as well," Johansson said.

A massive crocodile weighing one tonne (1,075 kg) has been caught by villagers in a remote area of the Philippines. At 21 ft (6.4m), it is thought to be one of the biggest ever caught alive.

Man caught stuffing lobsters in pockets

A Mississippi man was being held for allegedly attempting to steal live lobsters by stuffing them into the pockets of his shorts, police said. Police offers responded Tuesday to a call from employees at the D'Iberville Winn Dixie, who said 35-year-old Nathan Hardy attempted to leave the store without paying for items hidden on his person, WLOX-TV, Biloxi, Miss, reported.

The D'Iberville Police Department said Hardy put two live lobsters in the front pockets of his shorts and stuffed bags of shrimp and a pork loin inside his waist band. He allegedly attempted to flee officers when they arrived on scene, but tripped and fell.

Hardy was arrested and taken to the Harrison County Adult Detention Centre.

University makes 4,010-pound stir-fry

A team of students and faculty members from the University of Massachusetts created the world's largest stir-fry, weighing in at 4,010 pounds, organizers said.

Project manager Christopher Howland said the team, led by the school's executive chef, Willie Sng, and chef Jet Tila, who held the record for largest stir-fry before a South African high school group created a 2,319-pound dish in 2005, created the stir-fry Monday in a 14-foot frying pan, *The Massachusetts Daily Collegian* reported Wednesday.

The dish included 800 pounds of boneless chicken, 500 pounds of onions, 300 pounds of carrots and 300 pounds of broccoli, the chefs said.

News Album

George Clooney, Swinton honoured at Telluride film fest

Hollywood celebrities George Clooney and Tilda Swinton

LONDON, 8 Sept—Hollywood celebrities George Clooney and Tilda Swinton have been honoured at the Telluride Film Festival in Colorado for their contributions to the film world.

Contactmusic.com reports that Clooney gave a discussion on "The Descendants" and received a Silver Medallion award for his significant contribution to the cinema world.

Whereas, Swinton and Pierre Etaix masterpiece "Le Grand Amour" was screened at the event, also received the honour.

The 38th annual festival started 2 Sep and ended 5 Sep.—*Internet*

Singer Julieta Venegas

Singer Julieta Venegas to perform at Miami festival

MIAMI, 8 Sept—Singer-songwriter Julieta Venegas and techno merengue band Proyecto Uno are among the artists set to perform at Miami's first Rock and Pop en Espanol event.

The Rola Music Fest is scheduled for 11 to 13 Nov at the Klipsch Amphitheater in Miami's Bayfront Park.

Also on the bill are Diego Torres, Oscar D'Leon, Jarabe de Palo, Los Pericos, El Grupo Niche, King Chango and Amara La Negra. Caramelos de Cianuro, Divagash, Locos por Juana, Patafunk, Eduardo Osorio, RoBa, Servando y Florentino, Donato Poveda and Estados Alterados have likewise confirmed their participation.

Internet

Penelope Cruz in Sarajevo to shoot movie

SARAJEVO, 8 Sept—Spanish actress Penelope Cruz has arrived in Sarajevo, where she will film "Venuto al mondo", a drama directed by Sergio Castellitto.

"Venuto al mondo" is the film adaptation of the same-named novel by Margaret Mazzantini, Castellitto's wife and one of the most popular writers in Italy. Cruz will play the role of Gemma, a single mother who accompanies her teenage son to modern-day Sarajevo, the birthplace of his father, who died during the 1992-95 war in Bosnia.

Participating in the project are Bosnian production companies Pro.ba and Deblokada. The Oscar-winning actress has worked with Castellitto before on his 2004 film "Non ti muovere".

Spanish actress Penelope Cruz

Internet

Reese Witherspoon hit by car during jog in Calif

SANTA MONICA, 8 Sept—Actress Reese Witherspoon was struck by a car while jogging near Los Angeles on Wednesday morning and suffered minor injuries.

Santa Monica police Sgt Richard Lewis says the Oscar- winning actress was hit by a car driven by an 84-year-old woman. Witherspoon was jogging in an unmarked crosswalk in Santa Monica when the driver struck her at about 20 mph. The 35-year-old actress was taken to a local hospital for treatment. Lewis says the driver was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Witherspoon's portrayal of June Carter in the 2005 film "Walk the Line" won her a best-actress Oscar.

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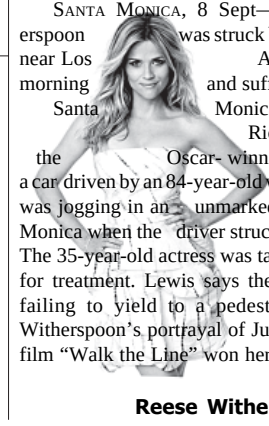


Reese Witherspoon

I'm too old for Mr Bean now: Rowan Atkinson

LONDON, 8 Sept—At 56, Rowan Atkinson, best remembered as Mr Bean, doubts if viewers will get a chance to see any new adventures of the comical character because now he feels too old to play it.

"I've got a feeling I probably won't play the character (Mr Bean) again. Never say never, but I just feel I'm getting too old for it. I've always liked Mr Bean as a cartoon-like figure, who doesn't really age much," daily-mail.co.uk quoted Atkinson as saying.

Atkinson describes the character as "a child in a grown man's body".

"I've always seen him as an ageless and timeless being and I'm clearly not ageless and timeless. The older I get, I feel I am less qualified to play him," he added. MrBean first came as an ITV series which ran for five years from 1990. It became a rage, after which films were also made on the character.—*Internet*

All Blacks ready for bone-cruncher with Tonga

AUCKLAND, 8 Sept — When the All Blacks were last sighted at the World Cup, eyes were glazed and faces expressed shock as they tried to comprehend their earliest exit in tournament history.

Richie McCaw and Dan Carter, both replaced during that 2007 quarter-final, were forced to watch from the stands in Millennium Stadium as France rallied to upset a crumbling New Zealand side.

Four years later, McCaw, Carter and Co and the same coaches reappear under lights on Friday in their revamped Eden Park fortress to begin a new quest to banish those haunting memories when they open the seventh World Cup against a fearless Tonga.

Armed again as the title favorites, the All Blacks are said to be a lot more excited about the buildup than four years ago because they're on home turf. But coach Graham Henry noted theplayers have become quieter, bantered a little less and focused a bit more.—*Internet*

New Zealand All Black captain Richie McCaw runs past assistant coach Wayne Simth.
INTERNET

Schalke face Wolves without centre-back Metzelder

MUNICH, 8 Sept — Schalke 04 coach Ralf Rangnick has said that Sunday's Bundesliga match against VfL Wolfsburg is still too soon to bring centre-back Christoph Metzelder back after four weeks out with injury.

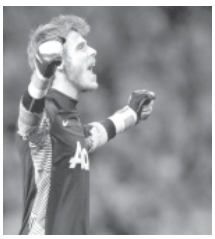
The 30-year-old, who won the last of his 47 caps for Germany in the Euro 2008 final, played in Schalke's 5-2 win over third division side Rot-Weiss Oberhausen on Tuesday as he recovers from a hamstring strain.

However Rangnick feels it is still too soon for Metzelder to return to Bundesliga action with the Royal Blues, who lie second in the table behind Bayern Munich only on goal difference.

"He should have been playing longer, so I do not think that he is really a topic for Sunday," said Rangnick—*Internet*

Ralf Rangnick has said that the Bundesliga match against VfL Wolfsburg on 11 September is still too soon to bring centre-back Christoph Metzelder (left) back after four weeks out with injury.—INTERNET

Fergie backing de Gea to succeed



David de Gea

LONDON, 8 Sept — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has backed new goalkeeper David de Gea to come good despite the Spaniard's shaky start to his career at Old Trafford.

The highly rated £18 million signing has been at fault for goals conceded against Manchester City and West Bromwich Albion so far this season, suggesting the former Atletico Madrid guardian may take time to settle in England.

However Ferguson is in no doubt that United have acquired a goalkeeper of the highest quality as they attempt to fill the vacancy created by Edwin van der Sar's retirement at the end of last season.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Soccer's Andy Carroll: drink and double standards

PARIS, 8 Sept — Walk through an English town or city late on a Friday night and the chances are good that you'll see people staggering drunk out of pubs, perhaps vomiting stomachs of beer into the gutter or simply passed out on the pavement. Yet, if those people include professional soccer players, the chances also are good that it could become news even if they don't have a match to play the next day. Why?

The inference is that soccer players should somehow know better, live more soberly than the fans who pay to watch them play. That kind of thinking is not without hypocrisy because, for many of those same fans, no trip to a game is complete without stopping in a pub or liquor store before or afterward.

The latest player caught in the spotlight of Britain's double fascination with both drink and soccer is Andy Carroll, the towering 22-year-old striker who, if he can only turn his obvious potential into consistent goals, could become the match winner England needs to stop going home from major championships with its tail between its legs. So far, Carroll has made just three England appearances and scored once.

Internet

England's soccer player Andy Carroll

Sneijder says he never wanted to leave Inter

MILAN, 8 Sept — Wesley Sneijder has claimed he never wanted to leave Inter Milan despite reported interest from Manchester United. Speaking to Dutch magazine Nusport, which has been picked up by press in Italy, the 27-year-old insisted he was happy in Italy "If Inter aren't the best club in the world then they're second," he said.

"I wasn't unhappy about (United's interest), I would be mad to say otherwise."For a moment I was closer to joining United (than staying) but in the end nothing happened."It was a very different situation to when I was at Real Madrid. They wanted to sell me but here they didn't.

"I'm happy in Milan and with the president (Massimo Moratti) who didn't want to sell me", he said.

Internet

Inter Milan's Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder

Totti tries to heal rift with coach Enrique

ROME, 8 Sept — Roma club captain Francesco Totti has moved to quash talk of a rift between him and new coach Luis Enrique by urging fans to get behind the team this season.

Last week sports director Walter Sabbatini openly criticised Totti telling the veteran forward that he has to accept that he cannot play in every game and cannot upset team morale when he is dropped.

But now Totti has used his personal blog to show his commitment to the cause."We all have to rally around our new coach, the team and the club so we can start the season in the best way possible," he said.

"We will do that together and with just one objective: Roma, for whom I am the number one fan."Totti couldn't hide his displeasure after he was only named on the bench for Roma's opening Europa League match of the season against Slovan Bratislava, nor when he was substituted in the return match.

Internet

Roma club captain Francesco Totti

Play starts, then stops again, at rainy US Open

NEW YORK, 8 Sept — With a mist hanging in the sky and the back of the court still wet, Rafael Nadal thought it was dangerous to head into Arthur Ashe Stadium to start his US Open match Wednesday. Andy Roddick and Andy Murray weren't thrilled about starting their matches, either.

Too bad, tournament officials said. The show must go on. It did. For about 15 minutes. Then, the rain picked up, and as soon as Nadal, Murray and Roddick came off the court, they were in the tournament director's office to discuss the decision to start the matches in the first place.

Nadal's take: It's all about the money."We're part of the show," the defending champion said in an interview on ESPN after falling behind 3-0 to unseeded Gilles Muller. "They're just working for that, not for us. They know it's still raining and call us onto the court. That's not possible. ... I understand the fans are there. But the players are important in this part of the show, too, and we didn't feel protected."

Aware of the criticism, the US Tennis Association released a statement, saying there appeared to be a two-hour window without rain and because of that, officials decided to start play.

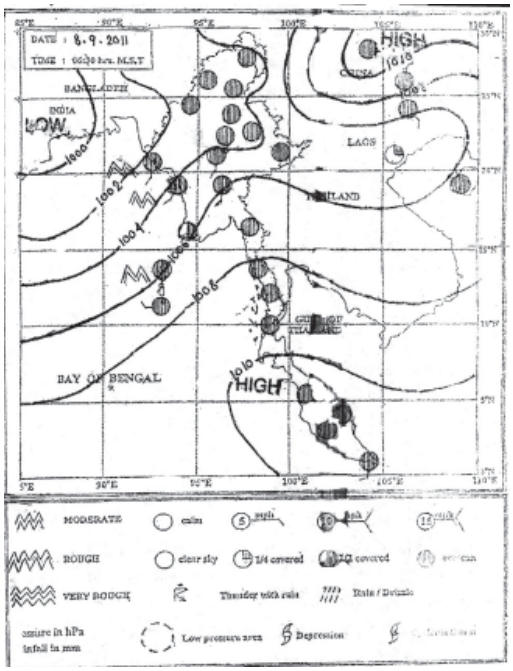
"Unfortunately, not all light rain and mist shows up on radar," the USTA said. "We have experienced referees, and they decide if courts are fit for play. Conditions may be not ideal, but still can be safe. However, if a player or players feel that conditions are unsafe, we listen to them, as we have always done, and the referee uses that information as part of his/her assessment on whether to continue or halt play."

Internet

Rafael Nadal of Spain sits underneath an umbrella during his match against Gilles Muller of Luxembourg.
INTERNET

Andy Murray of Britian reacts to rain during his match against Donald Young.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 9th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
2	Kayah	26/79	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
3	Kayin	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
4	Chin	22/72	14/57	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
7	Taninthayi	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
8	Bago	27/81	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
9	Magway	27/81	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
10	Mandalay	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
11	Mon	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	100%
12	Yangon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
13	Rakhine	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	100%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	29/84	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Magway Region and Shan State, fairly in Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy fall in Chin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggok (7.99) inches, Maungtaw (7.09) inches, Paletwa (4.92) inches, Sittway (4.81) inches, Kyaukpyu (4.57) inches, Kyauktaw (3.93) inches, Kyeikkhame (3.35) inches, An and MraukU (3.25) inches each.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of increase of rain in Coast areas.

Liverpool boss Dalglish backs Carroll

LONDON, 8 Sept—Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said he was satisfied with Andy Carroll's fitness on Thursday following criticism of the striker's lifestyle by England manager Fabio Capello.

Capello raised eyebrows earlier this week after telling reporters Carroll needed to "drink less" if he wanted to be a successful footballer.

However Dalglish shrugged off Capello's comments on Thursday, saying he was satisfied with the fitness of Carroll, who became the most expensive English player in history when he joined the club for £35 million in January.—*Internet*

***Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish has said he is satisfied with Andy Carroll's fitness following criticism of the striker's lifestyle by England manager Fabio Capello.—*INTERNET**

Asleep in Jesus
Mrs Clara Simpson
Aged (86) yrs

Beloved daughter of late U Ba Cho and Daw Mary, beloved wife of (late J. Simpson) of No. 3, Peinnegon St., Kandawgalay, Yangon. Beloved mother of William (RTC-2)-Rose Mary, Charles- Josephine, Grace-Joseph, Margaret (Sumitomo-Corp), Josephine (Ex-Ind 1), Windsor-Irene, Roman (OW Ship Management, S'pore)-Stella, Cathrine- Pascal Ye Tun and Caesar (Ex. R/o, Petroships Pte Ltd, S'pore)- Edwina, grandmother of (23) and great grandmother of (12), expired at her residence at No. (9), 87th St, Kandawgalay on 8th Sept, 2011 at 10:30 am. Her remains will be carried to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Kandawgalay, at 10:00 am on 9th Sept, 2011. The funeral mass will be held at 1:00 pm and thence will be buried at Yeway Christian Cemetry.

Myanmar TV

Friday,
9 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Health Programme

8:15 am
7. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

8:25 am
8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Women)

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Musical Programme

3:30 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Delay) (Magway & Yangon United)

5:00 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:15 pm
3. Songs Of National Races

5:20 pm
4. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:25 pm
5. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Men)

5:35 pm
6. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin

6:00 pm
7. Evening News

6:15 pm
8. Weather Report

6:20 pm
9. Internet Garden

7:00 pm
10. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
11. News
12. International News
13. Weather Report
14. 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Opera)
15. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
16. Teleplay (Traffic)
17. Song Lover

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Programme Schedule
(9-9-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	**(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST**
Overseas Transmission	-	**(9-9-11 09:30 am ~ 10-9-11 09:30 am) MST**

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Products of Myanmazr "Shin Ma Taung Thanakhar"
* Full Moon day of War Kaung (Wagaung)
* News
* Press Introduction of a Music Album
* News
* Music Gallery
* News
* Kyi Hla Han's Journey (A Journey to the Lashio)

Overseas Transmission
* Opening
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* News
* Press Introduction of a Music Album
* News
* Music Gallery
* News
* Kyi Hla Han's Journey (A Journey to the Lashio)
* News
* Kid's Talent "Pre4 (Ahlone)" Kid's Fashion
* Tar Tet Pwe...from Shan Midlands Region
* News
* Icons of Myanmar
* Pride of Place in Bagan (The Ananda Temple)
* News
* A Passage to Lat Yat Ma Village
* Record Album
* News
* Visitation to Mawlamyine (Part-I)
* Myanmar Movies "On Getting Six Lives"

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Dhammacariya ca; lawful conduct; this is the way to auspiciousness

Myanmar with 95.01% literacy rate standing tall among the nations of the Asia-Pacific Region

MEC Chairman Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—A ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day 2011 was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, at 10.15 am today, with an address by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Also present on the occasion were members of the National Education Committee, Union Ministers, deputy ministers, resident representatives of UN agencies, directors-general at the President Office and Government Office, departmental heads, directors-general, chairmen and rectors of departments, board and universities under the Ministry of Education, social organization officials, township education officers and heads of basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw, prize winners, teachers and students.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that it can be recalled that this "International Literacy Day" annual celebration was started, following a recommendation of the World Conference of Ministers for Education on Education of Illiteracy, which met Teheran, Iran, in September 1965.

The conference recommended that, 8 September, the date of the inauguration of the conference, to be proclaimed "International Literacy Day", and be observed annually, throughout the worldwide.

In line with its founding principles and with the aim of obtaining suggestions, ideas and assistances from the international communities, UNESCO has been observing the "International Literacy Day" since 1966.

For the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO, Myanmar also observes the "International Literacy Day", at the national level every year.

If we take a closer look at the state of illiteracy of the world, it is estimated that, 796 millions of the world population were illiterates, out of which two thirds of them are female, and one out of six adults is a complete illiterate.

Moreover, 67 million primary school children do not have the opportunity for schooling, 72 million middle school children are also deprived of the same opportunity.

For those reasons, the General Assembly of the United Nations held in December in 2001, unanimously passed the resolution 56/116 that, a decade, from the year 2003 to 2012, was to be designated as "the United Nations Literacy Decade", and programmes for the achievement of "Literacy for All" were to be followed.

For Myanmar, during the reign of Myanmar Kingdoms, as a result of "Monastic Education" the Literacy rate at that time was said to be about 85%. Moreover, during the colonial rule, it was only 35%.

Ever since its Independence, successive governments had committed, the literacy, as a national top priority. After the introduction of the Public Education Act in 1948, and the public education courses in the formal education, and 3-Rs courses in the non-formal education were started, the literacy rate climbed up again to 57 in 1963.

In order to sustain the momentum gained in the literacy promotion campaign, in 1964, large scale 3-Rs literacy activities were first launched in Meiktila Township and continued to do so under the direction of the "National Literacy Central Committee".

Again following with concerted efforts, similar 3-Rs courses were launched throughout the years from 1969 to 1983, in Mandalay, in Yangon, in Magway, in Bago, inAyeyawady Regions and in Mon State, rapidly increasing the rate of literacy during these years.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents third prize to U Than Min Htaik (Than Min Htaik-Myanmarsar) in open article contest.

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Shan State Government, "Wa" Special Region (2) sign initial peace agreements

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — At the invitation of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for peace talks, "Wa" Special Region (2) that is willing to make peace with the government held discussions with State level Peace-Making Committee formed by Shan State government at Kengtung on 6 September 2011.

The meeting was attended by leader of Shan State Peace-Making Committee Minister of Shan State Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu and members Shan State Advocate-General U Maung Maung, Col Zaw Tun Myint of Triangle Region Command, Coordinator U Aung Kyaw Myint of Department for Border Region Development of Shan State, Leader of Peace-Making Committee of "Wa" Special Region (2) CEC member U Kyauk Kwan Am and members CEC members U Pauk Yu Lyan and U Aung Myint.

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Shan State Government, Mongla Special Region (4) sign initial peace agreements

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — At the invitation of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for peace talks, Mongla Special Region (4) that is willing to make peace with the government held discussions with State level Peace-Making Committee formed by Shan State government at Kengtung on 7 September 2011.

The meeting was attended by Leader of Shan State Peace-Making Committee Minister of Shan State Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu and members Shan State Advocate-General U Maung Maung, Col Zaw Tun Myint of Triangle Region Command, Coordinator U Aung Kyaw Myint of Department for Border Region Coordinator of Shan State, Leader of Peace-Making Committee of Mongla Special Region (4) Vice-Chairman of the Special Region (4) U San Pae and members General Secretary U Aik Shan La, Deputy Chief of Staff U Lam Aung and Liaison Officer U Zin Kham Naw.

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