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Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continues for 15th day

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

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept — The second regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 15th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall 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, nine questions were raised, one proposal was discussed and two new proposals were submitted.

Two representatives asked two questions related to the judiciary affairs and Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo replied to the questions.

U Khin Maung Nyo of Pauk constituency asked **how the Supreme Court of the Union carried out the tasks for issuing writs as the Section 296, Chapter VI, of the Constitution prescribed that the Supreme Court of the Union had the power to issue them writs.**

In his answer to the question, the Union Chief Justice said as of 22 April 2011, so far there had been 16 applications—15 civilian cases and one criminal case to issue writs.

Fifteen applications of civil cases included 10 applications for issuing Writs of Certiorari, two applications for issuing Writs of Mandamus, one application for issuing Writ of Prohibition and Writ of Certiorari, one application for issuing Writ of Mandamus or Writ of Certiorari and one application for the issuing Writ of Certiorari and Writ of Quo Warranto. One application of the criminal case was the application for issuing Writ of Certiorari and Writ of Prohibition. The Supreme Court of the Union processed the applications which were lodged with the Supreme Court in accordance with rules and regulations.

Afterwards, U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya constituency asked **whether authorities concerned had a plan to scrutinize more not to file a criminal case which was deserved as a civil case.**

In his answer to the question, Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo said there were two kinds of the criminal charges: the charges made by institutions concerned and the direct complaint. He continued to say that if there was no evidence to support the charges during trials or if it was found that a case was filed thought it should be the criminal case, a court had to decide to discharge the indictment before the charge was brought to the trial in accordance with Sections 253 (1) or 253 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure not to cause a defendant to make clarification at the court unnecessarily.

In the direct complaint cases, in accordance with the Section 200 of Code of Criminal Procedure, a court had to hear the plaintiff first, and after considering the facts found out and hearing, the court had to made decision whether the case should be accepted as the criminal one or not, he said. The plaintiff might hide truth when they lodged complain to a court, they were also questioned in accordance with the Section 200 of Code of Criminal Procedure and they were also investigated by the police stations concerned in

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True patriotism

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

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending 15th day second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

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Enhance Literacy for All

Nowadays, all the humans wish the world peace and tranquility. They all desire to build a modern and prosperous society.

Millions of people around the globe are still illiterate. Illiteracy somehow means inability to differentiate what is wrong and what is right, good or bad, leading to widespread of armed conflicts, famine, hunger and so on.

At present, over 700 millions of adults are illiterates, most of whom were girls and old women. Moreover, over 60 million of children between five and ten years do not have the opportunity for schooling, and over 70 million of teenagers are also deprived of the same opportunity.

The United Nations General Assembly designated the decade from 2003 to 2012 as the UN Literacy Decade. Therefore, the plan is being implemented effectively for all the people to be literates.

Myanmar on its part has been high in literacy in successive eras. The governments in their times launched literacy campaigns as a national duty. The activities of conducting 3-Rs course that means writing, reading and calculating achieved remarkable successes in all regions and states. As relentless efforts are being made for launching literacy campaign to be all literate citizens, Myanmar can hit over 95 per cent of literacy rate in 2011.

Myanmar with high literacy rate is now standing tall among the countries of the Asia-Pacific Region. The education sector is realizing the basic literacy and continuous learning programme through the Formal Education, Non-Formal Primary Education and Inclusive Education. Therefore, all the people are to actively take part in implementing the Literacy for All with momentum and raising the reading habit for all literates.

Social Welfare Department, INGOs sign MoU

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Social Welfare Department and Save the Children (Myanmar), World Vision (Myanmar) and Help Age International (Myanmar) signed an MoU at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe delivered an address. He explained that cooperation programme will be implemented for conducting proficiency course for staff and local people, giving talks on Convention on Rights of Child and CEDAW, opening multiplier courses and prevention against trafficking in persons.

Director-General U Soe Kyi of SWD and Country Director Mr Chris Paul Herink of World Vision (Myanmar), Country Director Mr Kell and Stevenson of Save the Children (Myanmar) and Country Programme Manager Mr Tapan Kuman Barman of Help Age International (Myanmar) signed the MoU.

Country directors and country programme manager of World Vision (Myanmar), Save the Children (Myanmar) and Help Age International (Myanmar) spoke words of thanks.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and departmental heads of the ministry.—*MNA*

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell. **MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Chairman of Bill Committee and Hluttaw Rights Committee U Mya Nyein, chairmen of committees of Amyotha Hluttaw and national race representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw.

The US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar and party were accompanied by Charge d' Affaires ai of the US Embassy Mr Michael E Thurston and officials.—*MNA*

Union FM receives Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received the United States delegation led by Mr Derek Mitchell, Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar at the Minister's Office, here, at 10 am today.

During the meeting, the two sides had an open and friendly discussion on matters relating to promotion of bilateral relations and mutual interests.

Also present at the meeting were responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr Derek Mitchell, Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar was accompanied by Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Michael E Thurston of the US Embassy.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell. **—MNA**

In the evening, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting US delegation at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—*MNA*

Winners awarded in Kenbo Junior Golf Championship

YANGON, 9 Sept—The prize presentation for winners in the Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2011 Kenbo Junior Golf Championship, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, was held at Myanmar Golf Club at 9th-mile in Mingaladon Township yesterday.

Executive of MGF Dr Myint Oo, Captain of Myanmar Golf Club Col Soe Win (Rtd) and Vice-President of MGF U Tint Oo awarded the winners.

CEO of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd U Chan Han presented champion prizes to winners in the women's event, boys' 8-12 aged, 13-15 aged, men's 16-18 aged and 19-21 aged events.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Outage affects six million in US, Mexico

A San Diego police official directs traffic after a power outage on 8 Sept, 2011, in San Diego. A power outage is affecting millions of people across southern California, Arizona and Mexico.—INTERNET

SAN DIEGO, 9 Sept—A major outage knocked out power in a region of almost 6 million people in the Southwest and Mexico on Thursday, bringing San Diego to a near-standstill and leaving people in the surrounding desert to swelter in searing summer heat.

Two nuclear reactors were offline after losing electricity, but officials said there was no danger to the public or workers.

San Diego bore the brunt of the blackout that started shortly before 4 pms PDT (7 pm EDT, 2300 GMT), darkening much of the nation's eighth-largest city was darkened. All outgoing flights from San Diego's Lindbergh Field were grounded and police stations were using generators to accept emergency calls across the area.

The blackout extended east to Yuma, Arizona, where more than 56,000 people were left in the dark; power was restored there about five hours later. Pockets in California and south of the border in Baja California. But most of the people in the darkened swath were expected to spend the night without power.—*Internet*

The swollen Susquehanna River is seen in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on 8 September, 2011.—INTERNET

Eastern floods force 130,000 to evacuate

WILKES-BARRE, 9 Sept—Relentless rain caused catastrophic flooding in the eastern United States on Thursday, killing at least five people and forcing the evacuation of more than 130,000 more in three states.

Remnants of Tropical Storm Lee, days after slamming the Gulf Coast, swamped homes and businesses from Maryland to New England and dropped up to a foot of rain outside Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which declared a state of emergency.

Flood warnings were in effect in northern Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and upstate New York and flood watches were underway in other areas from Massachusetts to Washington, DC, according to the National Weather Service.

In Pennsylvania, the rising waters of the Susquehanna River forced the evacuation of 65,000 people from Wilkes-Barre and another 35,000 from surrounding counties, said Stephen Urban, commissioner of Luzerne County.

Eight feet of water covered normally picturesque river towns like Tunkhannock and Shickshinny, and residents who disregarded the evacuation rode out the flood in their bedrooms and attics. Others flocked to refuge centres.

Reuters

Israel ready to free 1,000 prisoners for Shalit

JERUSALEM, 9 Sept—Israel remains ready to free 1,000 Palestinian prisoners for Gilad Shalit, according to the captive soldier's father who demanded Thursday that any UN vote on Palestinian statehood be tied to his release.

Noam Shalit indicated that many Palestinian detainees were only being held by Israel because of the dispute with Hamas over his son, now 25, who was grabbed by gunmen from Hamas and two other militant groups on 25 June, 2006.

"Israel is ready to release 1,000 Palestinian prisoners in exchange of my son. So Israel is not asking for Gilad for free," Noam Shalit told reporters at the end of a visit to the United Nations to lobby ambassadors.

The prisoner exchange proposal was made by German mediators to Israel and Hamas in February, but Noam Shalit said the Palestinian side rejected this. "After a deal will be carried out, hopefully very soon, Israel will be happy to free many other Palestinian prisoners that from my point of view are not relevant any more," the father added in an indication of the importance that Israel has put on the soldier's release.—*Internet*

Noam Shalit, speaks as he stands in front of a flag with an image of his captured soldier son Gilad Shalit at the Erez Crossing with the Gaza Strip, Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

US soldier killed BBC reporter in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Sept—The NATO-led foreign military force in Afghanistan admitted Thursday that a US soldier shot dead an Afghan journalist working for the BBC in July after mistaking him for a suicide bomber.

Ahmed Omed Khpulwak, 25, was killed in a case of "mistaken identity" shortly after 20 people died in a suicide bombing at the office where he was working in troubled southern Afghanistan.

The US soldier responsible for his death is not facing any disciplinary action in connection with the incident, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie Cummings said.

Cummings could not confirm whether the soldier was still on active duty in Afghanistan.—*Internet*

World needs to do more against desertification

ALGIERS, 9 Sept—The world needs to do more to combat desertification, which threatens close to a third of the planet's population, Algeria said Thursday at the opening of a conference here. "One of the leading causes of global food insecurity — namely the loss of natural resources, land degradation and desertification — is poorly tackled," Algerian Agriculture Minister Rachid Benaissa said.

He was speaking at the opening of conference in the Algerian capital bringing together around 100 experts from some 40 African countries.

According to the United Nations, at least 43 percent of arable land in Africa is threatened by desertification which implies that 70 percent of the continent's economic activity is under threat.

Desertification and ensuing famine, food insecurity and migrations also threaten 40 percent of the African population, or 400 million people.

Thursday's Algiers meeting comes before the 10th session of the decision-making body of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification which opens in South Korea next month. "Africa is the most affected and most vulnerable continent... but it is also the region where victory against this plague will be the most striking," the UNCCD's executive secretary Luc Gnacadja said.—*Internet*

A view of the Saharan desert in southern Algeria. The world needs to do more to combat desertification, which threatens close to a third of the planet's population, Algeria has said at the opening of a conference in Algiers less.—INTERNET

BofA discussing about 40,000 job cuts

Business

BANGALORE, 9 Sept — Bank of America Corp officials have discussed slashing roughly 40,000 jobs during the first wave of a restructuring, the *Wall Street Journal* said, citing people familiar with the plans.

The number of job cuts are not final and could change. The restructuring aims to reduce the bank's workforce of 280,000 over a period of years, the Journal said.

BofA could not immediately be reached for comment by *Reuters* outside regular US business hours.

The Journal said BofA executives met Thursday at Charlotte, North Carolina, where the bank is headquartered, and will gather again Friday to make final decisions on the reductions, putting the finishing touches on five months of work.

***A Bank of America sign is pictured outside a bank branch in Charlotte, North Carolina on 19 January, 2010.—*INTERNET**

Investors are pressing BofA to improve its performance after it lost money in four of the last six quarters and its stock has fallen by half this year.

The Journal said the proposed job cuts may exceed BofA's last big cutback in 2008 when it called for 30,000 to 35,000 job cuts over three years. That move was triggered by an economic slowdown and the planned takeover of securities firm Merrill Lynch & Co.

Earlier this month, the Charlotte Observer reported that BofA executives were discussing plans to potentially shed 25,000 to 30,000 jobs over the next several years.

BofA had earlier planned to cut 3,500 jobs, its Chief Executive Brian Moynihan had said in a memo to staff on 18 August, as it tries to come to grips with $1 trillion of problem home mortgages.

Reuters

This undated image provided by Nike, the 2011 Nike Mag is seen. Nike is going back to the future. The sneaker maker on Thursday, 8 Sept, 2011 said it has created a limited-edition shoe based on a glowing pair that appeared in the popular 1989 movie "Back to the Future II." The 2011 Nike Mag is designed to be an exact replica of the fictional sneaker, including a glowing Nike name on the strap.
INTERNET

Parents who lose a baby can die of a broken heart

LONDON, 9 Sept—Parents who lose a new baby run a high risk themselves of dying prematurely, according to a British study published on Thursday.

Investigators delved into a random sample of national death registrations for the years 1971 to 2006. They compared deaths among parents who had been bereaved in the first year of a child's life or whose child had been stillborn, against deaths among parents whose baby had survived beyond the first year.

Bereaved parents were between two and four times likelier to die or become widowed in the first 10 years of the child's death compared with non-bereaved counterparts. Mothers in particular were at threat. Bereaved mothers in England and Wales were four times likelier to die prematurely, and bereaved mothers in Scotland six times likelier, than women whose child had survived beyond the first year of life. The risk for mothers lessened slightly over time, but was still significant — 50 percent higher — after 25 years. After 35 years, it was 20 percent higher. The reasons for the mortality are unclear because the data do not give the details.

A man puts his ear to a pregnant woman's belly in the maternity ward of a hospital. Parents who lose a new baby run a high risk themselves of dying prematurely, according to a British study published on Thursday .
INTERNET

The research, headed by Mairi Harper of the University of York in northern England, appears in the specialist journal *BMJ* Supportive and Palliative Care.—*Internet*

Weight Watchers works in tackling obesity

Health

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, 9 Sept—Adults referred to the commercial weight loss programme Weight Watchers shed twice as much weight as people who received standard care over a 12-month period, according to a new study.

In clinical trials, researchers led by Susan Jebb of the UK Medical Research Council assessed 772 overweight and obese adults in Australia, Germany, and Britain. About half the patients received a year's standard care, while the other half were given a 12-month free membership for a Weight Watchers group near their homes.

Sixty-one percent of the participants assigned to the commercial programme completed it, while 51 percent of the "standard care" group finished their programme.

Overall, individuals in Weight Watchers lost around twice as much weight as did those in the other group, a mean loss of 5.1 kilogrammes versus 2.2. Among those who stuck with either programme to the end, the figures were 6.7 against. 3.3 kg respectively.

Participants randomised to Weight Watchers were also more than three times as likely to lose at least five percent of their bodyweight.

Weight Watchers offers weekly weighing and group support. It also promotes a balanced, reduced-energy diet along with increased physical activity.

Primary care providers — sometimes nurses, sometimes doctors — generally offer weight-loss treatment in line with national guidelines, but vary in the level of supervision.

"The similar weight losses achieved in Australia, Germany, and the UK implies that this commercial programme, in partnership with primary care providers, is a robust intervention that is generalisable to other economically developed countries," the researchers concluded.

The researchers emphasised the important role of family doctors and primary health-care providers in providing advice, and in making referrals to commercial weight-loss programmes.

Internet

***A customer is seen here at a Weight Watchers meeting location in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Adults referred to the commercial weight loss programme shed twice as much weight as people who received standard care over a 12-month period, according to a new study.—*INTERNET**

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell. MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 11 am today.

Also present on the occasion together with Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and national race representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw.

The US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar and party were accompanied by Charge d' Affaires ai of the US Embassy Mr Michael E Thurston and officials.

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Union Minister for Border Affairs and for MID receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar

Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay receives Mr Derek Mitchell, US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Mr Derek Mitchell, US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar, at the Ministry of Border Affairs, here, at 5.30 pm today.

They discussed promotion and cooperation in the US-Myanmar relations.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and directors-general.

MNA

Blind fish still 'know' time rhythm

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept—Researchers say animals that have evolved for millions of years underground with no day-night cycle still have a sense of time, a US journal reported.

In a study published in *the journal PLoS Biology*, researchers looked at a species of cavefish, Phreatichthys andruzzii, which has lived isolated for 2 million years beneath the Somali desert and is completely blind.

While the cavefish don't live in a 24-hour cycle, researchers said, they still have a circadian rhythm, one of as much as 47 hours in duration.

Since the normal circadian rhythm ticks along with a period that is not precisely 24 hours, it needs to be "re-set" by signals such as light.

"Cavefish give us a unique opportunity to understand how profoundly sunlight has influenced our evolution," researcher Cristiano Bertolucci said.

While light could reset the rhythm in "normal" fish, it failed to do so in the blind cavefish.

Internet

Dead NASA satellite will soon plummet to Earth

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept—A dead NASA satellite will soon fall to Earth, but the space agency says there is very little chance that a piece of it will hit someone.

NASA says the 20-year-old satellite will probably fall sometime between late September and October. Pieces of it could land anywhere in the six inhabited continents in a worldwide swath from south of Juneau, Alaska, to just north of the tip of South America.—*Internet*

Seeking a keyboard that enhances the iPad

This Sept. 6, 2011 photo shows the Belkin Keyboard Folio for Apple iPad 2 during a product review in San Francisco.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept — The great thing about using an iPad is that you can tote around a skinny device instead of lugging your laptop. The bad thing is that the iPad's virtual keyboard isn't great for extended typing sessions. It's fine for dashing off emails, but I wouldn't use it to type up this article.

These devices all had several things going for them. All were easy to connect with the iPad, either wirelessly via Bluetooth or, in the case of Apple's physical keyboard, a dock connector. They all had a row of buttons to do such things as control music playback or switch to the home screen.

Keyboard Folio for iPad 2 ($100): The Keyboard Folio's material felt cheap, though it did look as if it might be somewhat stain resistant. The process for propping up the iPad or putting it away was complicated. The case was bulky when folded up, too.

Of all the ones I tested, the Keyboard Folio had the most options for viewing angles, which I appreciated. But I could only use it in landscape mode, not turned like a skyscraper.

It also took up the most space of the four I tested — from about 9 inches to more than a foot, depending on how I had it angled. This made it difficult to use in a tight space.

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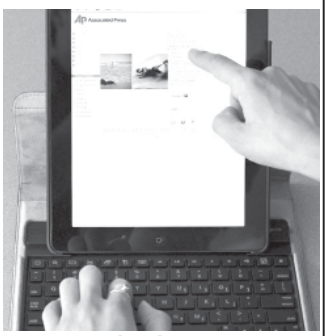

An Associated Press reporter demonstrates the Targus Versave Keyboard and Case for iPad 2 during a product review in San Francisco, on 6 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chairman of Energy Committee of Senate of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Chairman of Energy Committee of the Senate of Thailand Mr Suradet Jiratiticharoen and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call were chairmen, secretaries and members of the Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee, the Economic and Trade Development Committee, and the Investment and Industrial Development Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Chairman of Energy Committee of the Senate of Thailand and party were accompanied by officials of the Thai Embassy to Myanmar.

They discussed economic and trade promotion, investment and industrial development and environmental conservation.—*MNA*

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Chairman of Energy Committee of the Senate of Thailand Mr Suradet Jiratiticharoen.

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Myanmar, EU cooperation focused in meeting with EU Commissioner

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Mr Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, at the Ministry of Border Affairs here today. The meeting focused on cooperation between Myanmar and the European Union.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and directors-general.

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***Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay receives Mr Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.*—MNA**

Union Energy Minister receives Chairman of Energy Committee of Senate of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received Chairman of Energy Committee of the Senate of Thailand Mr Suradet Jiratiticharoen and party at his office, here, this morning.

They discussed sustaining achievement of offshore and inland oil and gas exploration, drilling and production being jointly undertaken by the two countries based on friendly relations, more opportunity for investment of Thai companies in Myanmar energy sector and cooperation in basic production of natural gas.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, the director-general of Energy Planning Department, managing directors and officials.

MNA

Thai flood death toll rises to 78

BANGKOK, 9 Sept—A total of 78 people were confirmed killed by the flash floods and landslides in northern and central part of Thailand on Friday, while almost 30 businesses were seriously suffered by the floods.

The department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said the province that has the most death reports is Phichit Province where 21 people died in floods caused by rains that have pummelled the upper portion of Thailand. The flash floods and mudslides in northern and central provinces of Thailand caused by heavy rainstorms that have hit about 14 provinces for more than three months.

The monsoon also prevails over the Andaman Sea, Thailand and the Gulf of Thailand, according to the department. The latest deaths are reported in Uttaratid, where six people were killed and another is missing after landslides occurred on Friday morning, making the death toll of the province rise to seven. The department estimates that about 2,300 quare metres of farmland have been hit by floods. Meanwhile, about 6,700 employees of 27 businesses have had serious problems this week because of the flooding in the provinces, according to Labour Ministry Permanent Secretary Somkiat Chayasriwong.

The official said the ministry's assistance centres in those provinces along river basins in the central region have reported on the number of workers affected by the flooding from Monday to Wednesday this week.

Somkiat said the ministry had already approved house repair loans for 190 workers, worth a total of 9.5 million baht (about 316,000 U.S. dollars). He added that the ministry had coordinated the efforts of government agencies in providing them assistance, including the distribution of essential commodities and loans for house repairs.

Xinhua

***Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by DPRK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol at the reception to mark 63rd Anniversary of the Founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 9 September.*—MNA**

Donate Blood

Reshuffle of Pyithu Hluttaw representative announced

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept — The Union Election Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification No (48/2011) today. The following is the translation of the notification.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. (48/2011)
12th Waxing of Tawthalin 1373 ME
(9 September 2011)

Announcement on resolution of Union Election Commission in accord with Section 75 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law

1. As U Tun Aung Khaing who stood for same constituency submitted an electoral objection against Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Zan who was elected to Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency in Rakhine State, the Union Election Commission conducted investigation through election tribunal in accord with Section 69 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law and heard Amendment to Note of Election Objection in accord with Section 75 and made a resolution.
2. Under the resolution on Amendment to Note of Election Objection No (8/2011) dated 9.9.2011, election of U Aung Kyaw Zan as Hluttaw representative for Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency was null and void in accord with the law and U Tun Aung Khaing was decided in accord with Section 75 of (a) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law as Hluttaw representative elected to the said constituency in accord with the law.
3. Thus, U Aung Kyaw Zan shall not continue to stand as a Pyithu Hluttaw representative from the day the notification was issued and it was announced in accord with Section 75 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law that Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency in Rakhine State is U Tun Aung Khaing (11/Pa Ta Na (Naing) 003474).

Sd/ **Tin Aye**
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Derek Mitchell, US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received the United States delegation led by Mr Derek Mitchell, US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar at the ministry, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information.

The Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar and party were accompanied by Charge d' Affaires ai of the US Embassy Mr Michael E Thurston.

MNA

Myanmar, Thailand to cooperate in hydropower projects

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min received Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee of Thailand Mr Suradet Jiratiticharoen and party at the ministry here today. They discussed cooperation in hydropower project based on mutual benefits.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw, directors-general, managing directors and officials concerned of the ministry, and Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprates of the Thai embassy.—*MNA*

CBM Governor receives Ambassador of EU Thailand delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue met Ambassador of European Union Thailand Delegation Mr David Lipman and party at the CBM Governor's office, here, this afternoon.

They discussed development of banking services and co-operation in monetary affairs.

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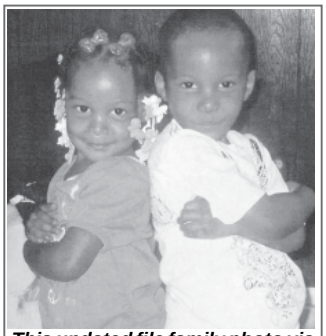
2 Ill siblings killed by gunshot laid to rest



This undated file family photo via the Belleville News-Democrat shows 4-year-old Yokela Smith, left, and 5-year-old LeVada Brown, the children of Yokeia Smith, 25, of East St Louis, Ill.
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WASHINGTON PARK 9 Sept— As their imprisoned father listened by telephone, a boy and his sister who police say were gunned down by their mother were laid to rest in a single white casket Thursday after pastors urged those grieving to turn to scriptures in the absence of answers about the killings.

Some four dozen mourners, including the children's 8-year-old brother, gathered for the funeral for 5-year-old Levada Brown III and 4-year-old Yokela Smith. But their mother, Yokeia Smith, 25, remained jailed on murder charges, accused of carrying out the killings with close-range shotgun blasts to the children's heads eight days earlier in the family's East St Louis apartment.

The children's father, serving time in a Wisconsin federal prison for helping rob a southwestern Illinois credit union in 2006, monitored the funeral from behind bars through a telephone handset perched on the House of Prayer to All Nations' pulpit. He voiced his anguish in a letter about losing "two angels" that was read at the funeral.

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Women spy on partners' online profiles twice as much as men

LONDON, 9 Sept—A new survey has suggested that Britain has become a 'nation of snoops' where one in five women spy on their partner's online accounts.

During the survey by security software firm Norton, women admitted that they have accessed their partner's emails or messages on social networking services such as Facebook without their knowledge, whereas only one in 10 men admitted doing the same.

While almost 15 percent of British women revealed that some information that they had found in their partners' online profiles provoked arguments, only seven percent of men encountered the same situation.

The findings were one of several indications that people's ethical standards may slip online.

"Our research raises some serious questions around privacy and the boundaries people are willing to cross in their own online dealings," the *Telegraph* quoted Simon Ellson from Norton as saying.—*Internet*

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accordance with the Section 202 of Code of Criminal Procedure. After listening to the facts found out during the questioning by a court and investigation by the police in accordance with the Section 202 of Code of Criminal Procedure, the court had to decide to discharge the defendant if it found the complain was groundless, he said.

In the cases of direct complaint, it could found that a plaintiff, hiding the truth of case, could lodge complains that could support to charge a defendant, he said. The direct complaint could not be accepted as the criminal cases if the defendant applied the court to discharge the complaint when important facts that were hidden by the plaintiff were found out at the court, he said. If it was found that the condition was not enough to charge a criminal case, a court had to use the power vested in the Section 561- A of the Code of Criminal Procedure to discharge the complaint to prevent the abuse of the judiciary machinery and to protect the judiciary pillar. The power vested in the Section 561 of Code of Criminal Procedure which had been exercised by the High Court in the past, but today region or state courts exercised it, he said.

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He continued to say that filing criminal cases before they were brought to a court was within the rights of the institutions which lodged the cases, and when the cases were taken to the court, the handling the cases were within the rights of the court. Officials permissions had been given to investigate the cases during the filing period and during trial whether cases should be accepted as the criminal cases or not, he added. In his conclusion, Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo said the courts had been taking measures in accordance with the rules and regulations not to file a criminal case which was deserved as a civil case and not to cause a defendant to make clarification at the court unnecessarily.

Afterwards, six representatives asked six questions and Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint answered them.

U Aung Kyaw Soe of Natmauk constituency asked the Union Minister whether the ministry had a plan to construct concrete culverts across the Thatkekyin Creek and the Taguntaing Creek on the Natmauk-Magway Road Section and the Wahkhot Creek and the Kywemakya Creek on the Natmauk-Pyawbwe as the creeks had sandbanks even in the summer causing hindrance to vehicles.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint said the ministry had already upgraded the Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Magway Road linking Magway and Mandalay regions in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. While the road was being upgraded, two conduits and six concrete culverts had already been constructed on the road. Over 53 per cent of the construction of the iron-reinforced concrete bridge across Kyarhtoo Creek had been completed and 60 per cent of the 553 ft long culvert across the Wahkhot Creek on the Natmauk-Pyawbwe Section in the 2011-12 fiscal year. The Ministry had a plan to construct concrete culverts on remaining the Thatkekyin Creek, the Taguntaing Creek and Kyawemakya Creek in the 2012-13 fiscal year.

U Kyaw Naing Htay of Indaw constituency asked the Union Minister where the ministry had a plan to construct bridges across the Sawmaw Creek, the Narakhaung Creek, the Natmahot Creek, the Khuntan Creek, the Nantthe Creek, the Kunchaung Creek and the Aikma Creek on the Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway.

The Union minister replied that the ministry had plan to construct bridges over the 200 ft long Khuntan Creek, the 500 ft long Natmahotkyi Creek and the 120 ft long Hlweseik Creek and to construct culverts over the 150 ft long Aikma Creek, the 300 ft long Kwin Creek, the 200 ft long Nantthe Creek, the 350 ft long Narakhaung Creek and the 300 ft long Sawmaw Creek on priorities depending on the budget.

There are 815 conduits and bridges on the 168 mile long Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway and 65 bridges need to be repaired and 12 bridges need to be upgraded, the minister said in his answer.

U Tin Myint of Taze constituency asked the Union Minister whether the ministry had a plan to upgrade the damaged 105 miles and 4 furlongs long YeU-Taze-Kalewa Road to an all-weathered road.

The Union minister replied that the ministry had to repair the road section between the Taze and Thakekyin in every opening season as the road section was totally damaged due to the trucks loaded with logs.

During the meeting of the Sagaing Region Government and Myanma Timber Enterprise on 8, July, 2011, the ministry suggested not to use the roads of the Ministry of Construction for transportation of logs and to use the Chindwin River and the rail transportation. Only then, could the ministry carry out roadwork, the minister said. The Ministry had a plan to seek budget in the 2012-13 fiscal year for the roadwork on the YeU-Taze-Kalewa Road and would carry out the roadwork.

Afterwards, U Aung Kyaw Oo of YeU constituency asked the ministry where it had a plan to practice the clear system for collecting tax at toll gates as the businessmen who collected tax for road and bridge use permitted the trucks which were loaded with extra tons of loads after collecting more tax than fixed fee, damaging roads and bridges.

The Union minister replied that the Ministry of Construction had permitted businessmen to run 261 tool gates under the tender system for the 2011-12 fiscal year under the supervision of the regional and state governments concerned. They were permitted to collect tax only after they paid the tender fee to and signed contracts with the Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing making clarifications.
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The Union Minister continued that fixed rates of toll and actions against overcharging are enshrined in road/bridge auction agreements and that on 12-5-2011, the Ministry of Construction met bidders for 2011-2012 fiscal year and explained that they will be warned for overcharging for the first time, for the second time, the ministry will close auctioned toll gates for one month period during which the ministry will collect the tolls and hands over the toll gates to bidders after that period and that bidders will be cancelled for the particular fiscal year if they commit such act for the third time.

However, he said that some toll gates charge more than fixed amount and that 12 toll gates were closed for one month; that to ensure less damages to roads and bridges, actions are taken against overloaded vehicles under the arrangements of Region/State chief ministers and roads and bridges security and discipline enforcement teams of the Ministry of Construction who also give educative talks to drivers to load vehicles in accordance with ASEAN standard and fixed amount of loads (vehicle &loads) based on axles of vehicles.

The Union Minister said that tolls for using roads were fixed since July, 1997 and were not changed for 14 years till 2010; that bridges were divided two kinds, one normal and the other project bridges, and two kinds of tolls collected for two kinds of bridges were fixed since May 2004 and were not changed till 2011 for seven years; that current tolls for private vehicles is fixed at K 2 per mile basically and K 50 per bridge and K 100 per project bridge according to kinds of vehicles; that new charging system is based on number of axles and allowance of loads; the new toll-collecting system at auctioned toll bridges and roads have been confirmed at the meeting of the Union Government; the new system is simpler than the previous one and toll-collection for using roads and bridges will come into effect soon.

In doing so, the Union Minister added that overloaded vehicles will be fined and vehicles which are temporarily allowed by the Ministry of Construction to carry additional loads for public interests will be charged three times more than normal charges for a mile depending on number of axles and kinds of vehicles; and that vehicles that carry more than permitted additional loads will be charged ten time more than normal charges.

He continued that tarred roads which are constructed to have a lifespan of 10 years are damaged within 10 months due to overloaded vehicles, causing heavy losses to the nation; that people should abide by traffic rules so that roads constructed by the State can be used for a long time, said the Union Minister promised that his ministry would strive for provision of smooth public transportation.

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In response to the question raised by Daw Mi Myint Than of Ye Constituency about **"whether there is a plan to repair the road from Thanbyuzayat to Ye and where tolls are used in instead of repairing the damaged roads as there are about five toll gates in Ye Township alone which are always charging vehicles for passing through them",** the Union Minister said that Thanbyuzayat-Ye road section in Mon State is of asphalt facility with 56 miles and two furlongs in length; that the ministry has hired Aye Ko Family Construction Co Ltd to maintain and upgrade 112 miles and six furlongs long Mawlamyine-Ye-Mahlwetaung road section under BOT system since 16-3-2010; that currently the section between Thanbyuzayat and Ye is in more critical condition and the ministry has instructed the state superintending engineer to closely supervise the company in reconstructing and upgrading of the section.

The Union Minister added that Thanbyuzayat-Ye section is 12 feet wide and only 20 feet wide including the shoulders; that the road will be widened further 12 feet to a 24-ft tarred facility which can withstand 60 tons load; that the width of the road section including the borders will be widened to 40 ft on the plain and to 34 ft on the hilly areas; that measures will be taken for smooth transportation on the old road while the new one is under construction; that the road section was severely damaged because the Construction Ministry had complete loads of construction works within 1 year and six months in addition to heavy rainfall and weakness of the foundation; the ministry has done minor repairs on the section on 2-9-2011 and now vehicles can run smoothly on it.

The Union Minister continued that major repairs will be carried out in open season and the asphalt has been stockpiled and gravels are being produced at Mahlwetaung quarry; that there are only two toll gates auctioned by the Ministry of Construction, one for the road and the other for the bridge on Thanbyuzayat-Ye road section; that the ministry has handed over the cash received from auction and that the ministry is not concerned with charges of other gates and that he himself and the State chief minister had met with personnel of Aye Ko Co which is operating Mawlamyine-Thanbyuzayat-Ye section under BOT system and are supervising the company in repairing and upgrading the road section.

In response to question of U Myint Soe from Pyawbwe Constituency about **"whether there is a plan to connect Yangon-Mandalay Highway in the west of Pyawbwe in Mandalay Region and Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway at the junction of the two roads like in other towns for public convenience as Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway road is blocked at the junction.",** the Union Minister said that the junction lies where mile post No. 262/2 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway and mile post No. 17/5 on Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk road meet; that plans have been drawn to construct the roads linking the highway and Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk road at the junction in 2011-2012 fiscal year; that road linking Yangon-Mandalay Highway with Pyawbwe will be constructed as 50-ft wide and 935-ft long concrete facility and road to Natmauk will be constructed as 50-ft wide and 900-ft long facility.

Those road will have to be constructed step by step starting open season to be set standard ones; that works can be started beginning of November, 2011 and will be finished at the end of 2012 fiscal year.

U Kyaw Soe Lay of Mohnyin Constituency asked Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min **"whether there is plan to upgrade Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section and coaches as rail tracks are in bad condition and coaches are poor in quality, making the coaches jumping and swaying roughly from side to side, left out from forwarding coaches and derail while running in spite of increased number of trains on Mandalay-Myitkyina rail road section.** The Union Minister answered that Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad is upgraded yearly depending upon the funds; that for 2011-2012 fiscal year, the ministry has received a fund of K 350 million and is repairing and upgrading railroads according to list of priorities; that Meza-

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Bonchaung railroad section of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section has been upgraded as priority and is being reinforced with concrete sleepers and gravels; that as deep slopes, and number of S-turns feature the section, the ministry has planned to search out a new alignment to construct a new one in coming open season to keep the railroad in service for all season; that according to train drivers, Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section has become better than previous years; that major weak point of the section is wooden which are easy to decay and thus plans are under way to use concrete sleepers in place of wooden ones.

The Union Minister continued that of the current passenger coaches running on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad section, 45 per cent are over 30 years old and thus the ministry will run 60 new passenger coaches on the railroad as it is preparing to purchase 217 new coaches; that before the arrival of new ones, Myanmar Railways will repair and upgrade the ones in use.

Then, eight Hluttaw representatives discussed proposal of Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency about **"distribution of fertilizers at a reasonable price within the reach of farmers."**

U Htay Myint from Myeik Constituency seconded the proposal saying that it is high time to utilize water, human and natural resources on our own. U Khin Maung Htay of Htilin Constituency said that access to quality strains is crucial in agriculture and either is fertilizer as an input.

U Saw Ba Thein of Thaton Constituency said that he deeply agreed with the proposal as it contributes to poverty alleviation campaigns in rural regions conducted by the State. U Paik Htwe of Kama Constituency also seconded the proposal pointing out the need to boost production of rice, major crop for domestic consumption and beans and pulses, exported crops for foreign currency.

U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency said that the first term of Hluttaw which has emerged through democratic system for the first time in 50 years coincides with the farms needing fertilizers and thus he seconded the proposal. U Saw Thein Aung from Hlaingbwe Constituency said that access to fertilizer is a life-and-death matter for farmers.

U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw constituency asked for more supply of fertilizers in Rakhine State when fertilizers are distributed at low-price and also seconded the proposal. U Kyaw Myint of Nawnghkio Constituency said that he supported the proposal as industrial production of fertilizer at home and distribution at reasonable price may contribute much to the State and farmers.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that amount of fertilizer used for agricultural sector is very low in comparison with total sown acreage; that in 2010-2011, only 0.28 bag of fertilizer is used for an acre in comparison with

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total sown acreage of 58.36; that poor amount of fertilizer input contributes to low yield of paddy; that it is a case of inadequate input leading to decreasing output, that as the Ministry of Agricultural and Irrigation is rendering help for farmers to be able to use quality strains and apply scientific cultivation methods, farmers need to effectively use fertilizers to boost production; that in spite of shift to quality strains, without fertile soil, there is hardly a chance to boost production of crops; that urgent need of fertilizer is being fulfilled by exporting from abroad and urea fertilizer plants will be established through utilization of natural gas, natural resource of the nation for promotion of agricultural sector.

The Union Minister added that such doing will increase production of crops as well as the incomes of the farmers; that it will also contributes to achievement of different crop production targets set by the State and thus surplus can be exported to earn more foreign currency. He then said that he seconded the proposal to construct modern fertilizer plants as priority either under the arrangements of the State or with the investment of the private sector for production of quality and reasonably-priced fertilizer.

The Hluttaw confirmed the proposal of Thura U Aung Ko. He then submitted proposal for **"poverty alleviation in Chin State",** U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency for **"formation of rural regions power supply committees and introduction of rural region power supply act."**

Those proposals will be discussed on 13 Septembers and those wishing to participate in the discussion may register in the evening.

U Lun Thi's proposal about enactment of a law to limit sown acreage (monsoon paddy, summer paddy) will be discussed 12 September.

The 15th-day second regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw came to an end at 2.30 pm and the 16th-day second regular session continues at 10 am on12 September.—*MNA*

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should be included in the exam questions are same, exam questions cannot be leaked out as they are different. If a single exam question is issued, time will be needed to change the exam question in the entire nation.

Regarding the question raised by Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No.6 who asked how measures are being taken for promotion of morality and code of ethics of new generation youths, the Union minister replied that morality and public ethics subject is being taught twice a week in the general subject of Grade I, Grade II and Grade III and in the social subject of Grade IV and Grade V as a compulsory one for turning out good and able citizens.

Similarly, arrangements have been made to stipulate etiquette subject, and lectures on Union spirit and human rights in middle and high school level as affiliated courses, setting one lecturing time a week.

The said subjects and courses have been handed out to teachers as handbooks. In order to inculcate youth generations with lofty aims and high morality, arrangements will be made to modify current syllabuses in conformity with genuine and disciplined multiparty democracy system practiced by the State, and to help teachers show enthusiastic efforts in giving lecture to students.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min replied the questions of three Hluttaw representatives.

Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye of Kayin State Constituency No. 6 in her question said that **"whether there is a plant to implement Hatkyi hydropower project in Thanlwin Basin in Kayin State. If there is, when the construction will start and end, asking if the electricity has been earmarked for Papon of Papon District and Kamamaung Sub-township."** In response, the Union Minister said that the previous Electric Power Ministry and Ministry of Energy of Thailand signed MoU on 30-5-2005 so as to conduct observation survey on Hatkyi hydropower project. To implement the project, Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, EGAT International Co Ltd of Thailand and Sinohydro Corporation on 24-4-2010 inked the MoA through foreign direct investment (FDI) and Joint Venture Build, Operate, Transfer (J.V/BOT).

The project-implementing companies have submitted feasibility study report-FSR on 10-1-2008. To present Environmental Impact Assessment-EIA and Social Impact Assessment-SIA reports are under way. When the companies present the reports, the ministry in cooperation with local and foreign organizations will continue to conduct feasibility study of the project that if the project will become reality, and if the project will activate impact on waterway, environment and socio life. Joint Venture Agreement-JVA will follow if there is acceptable situation based on mutual benefits after detailed and thorough assessment. The ministry and the companies will schedule period to implement the project when the green light is given to implementation of project.

Currently, Hatkyi hydropower project is under observation. Construction of the project is due to take seven years at least or ten years at most as it is large-scale hydropower project.

As it is a project to be implemented through Foreign Direct Investment-FDI, Joint Venture/BOT system, the State can get royalty energy and if necessary, electricity can be bought for the nation. On completion of the project, electricity will be supplied into the national power grid and to nearby townships and towns under the arrangements of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2.

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.3 raising question.—MNA

U Saw Maw Tun of Bago Region Constituency No.1 participates in discussion.—MNA

U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 4 said **he has learnt that Datang (Yunnan) United Hydropower Developing Co Ltd will implement the Laymyo River Hydropower Project together with Hydropower Planning Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1. He said he would like to know implementation of the hydropower project, target date to complete the project, expected benefits for Union level and Rakhine State and capabilities to supply electricity to nearby towns and villages of the project.** In response to the question, Hydropower Planning Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 signed an MoU together with Datang (Yunnan) United Hydropower Developing Co Ltd of China on 7-1-2010 for implementation of the project on Laymyo River in Rakhine State.

According to the project feasibility, Hydropower Planning Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 signed Memorandum of Agreement-MOA with China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd (CDOI) and Shwe Taung Hydropower Co Ltd on 18 January 2011 to implement the Laymyo 600-megawatt Project and Laymyo (2) 90-megawatt Project.

At present, the companies are conducting feasibility study for Laymyo and Laymyo (2) hydropower projects. At a time when the companies submit the reports on their studies, the ministry will perform the environmental impact assessment-EIA and social impact assessment-SIA and whether projects can achieve success really and then calculate the cause effectiveness of the projects in detail together with internal and international organizations. If they are acceptable, the joint venture agreements will be signed for implementation of the projects that can last five years.

On completion, the projects will generate 4115 million kilowatt hours yearly. As a result, the Union including Rakhine State can enjoy fruits of the hydropower projects that will supply electricity to towns and villages near the projects.

U Nyo Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No. 11 asked **how will manage supply of electricity to An and its villages on completion of Kokanttan Village Hydropower Project being implemented upstream of An in Rakhine State and extend duration of power supply to wards of An.** In response to the question, the An Creek Hydropower Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 on An Creek, 3.5 miles northeast to An of Kyaukpyu District in Rakhine State. The project can generate 44 million kilowatt hours yearly.

The ministry launched the project in 2006-2007 fiscal year and so far, the project has completed by 15.28 per cent by July 2011. Depending on the allotted funds, the project will be implemented on scheduled.

A 250 kva generator provided by Western Command Headquarters for regional development supplies electricity to 638 consumers in An.

Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 provides 675 gallons of diesel monthly to use it for operating the generator 2.5 hours a day. The power supply duration extension committee was formed with participation of local people and the committee buys diesel for operating the generator three hours a day from 7 pm to 10 pm daily. The committee collects K 300 per electricity unit and pays K 35 per unit to the department and keeps the remaining cash amount to the fund. The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 provides diesel for supply of electricity to townships of Rakhine State two hours a day. The regional power supply duration extension committees and the electricity supply committees manage extension of power supply duration. On completion, An project will generate electricity for An round the clock.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye replies to queries.

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With regard to the proposal submitted yesterday by Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 urging **the Union government to initially establish a Stock Exchange in Myanmar like other ASEAN member countries**, U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. 2 said that the Stock Exchange benefits all walks of life and contributes to the process of rural development and poverty alleviation being undertaken by the State. The poor and retired may buy shares. The process of the exchange can contribute combating the betting and create the job opportunities. After completion of the financial reform, it is necessary to realize the stock exchange as quickly as possible in realization of the market-oriented economic system.

U Tun Kyaw of Shan State Constituency No 10 raised a question that 10 ASEAN member nations are to integrate in economic sector in 2015 in line with the AFTA agreement. Nine ASEAN member countries have established market economy and stock exchanges. It is necessary to set up the stock exchange to trade stocks and shares of public companies. At a time when the stock exchange has emerged, the number of businesses who commit tax evasion may decline. As such, the stock exchange is to be established for development of the State, he seconded.

U Ye Myint of Bago Region Constituency No. 4 supported the proposal that the people needs to

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understand process of the stock exchange. The market can contribute to development of the State and living standard of the people. The status of the stock exchange can reflect the economic trend of the globe countries and Myanmar.

In response to the proposal, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that monetary institutions are linking as medium organizations between well-off persons and those need investment for their businesses. Gathering of surplus money and distribution of financial resources can benefit money savers and investors so as to generate new jobs, develop human resources and uplift living standards for economic development of the State. At present, although short-term cash investment can be taken from the monetary market (especially bank loans), the long-term cash investment has not been taken from the monetary market yet.

For the bank loans, it is necessary to apply for a mortgage and pay back the loans in the limited time. The majority of banks are commercial banks that can disburse loans for one year term. If public companies and corporations sell shares, the buyers would be free from submission of granted property and paying back the loans in limited period, and the stock holders can manage development of their works depending on availability of long-term investments. The investment is larger due to participation of stock exchange and bonds.

Improvement of investment market, stock buyers can be free from reliance on bank interest and loss of investment in illegal monetary market. Those who need investment can be free from reliance on short-term loans from the banks. The State can enjoy benefits by easily gathering long-term investment from the investment market for the State and the businesses, reducing budget burden and money fluctuation. The investors can safely put investments in the businesses through correct and accurate information from the market, directly invest in the businesses and participate in the management sector of the firms. The businesses can easily gather necessary money through the investment market and create the effective management system, join the Stock Exchange and uplift their prestige in the economic sector. After practising market economy in 1990, Central Bank of Myanmar of Planning and Finance Ministry and International Monetary Fund jointly conducted investment market development surveys. National Planning and Economic Development Ministry and Finance and Revenue Ministry were tasked with investment market development in 1993. With the assistance of Daiwa Institute of Research in 1994-1995, seminars were organized and Myanma Economic Bank and Daiwa Institute of Research established the half-and-half joint venture Myanmar Securities Exchange Centre Company Limited (MSEC) with the permission of Myanmar Investment Commission on 7 June, 1996.

***U Than Swe of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 2 raising question.*—MNA**

Investment Market Study Committee led by Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar with the permission of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in 2006 with the aims to widely create opportunities for investment to ensure business organizations and companies in Myanmar receive sustainable investment, and to fill government's budget deficit with the tax collected from the public.

To assist Myanmar's economic development by investment market, Investment Market Development Committee on 1 July, 2008, with the Permission 187/228/AhPhaYa (2008) of Prime Minister's Office dated 23-4-2008, to participate within Timeframe of ASEAN Investment Market Forum after Myanmar became ASEAN member.

To support the said committee, six sub-committees — Internal Bond Market Development Sub-committee, Limited Companies Development Sub-committee, Securities Exchange Law, Rules and Regulations Drafting Sub-committee, Securities Exchange Organizations Formation Sub-committee, Training and Information Sub-committee and Auditing and Accounting Standards Sub-committee — are formed on 19 September, 2008.

Three-step roadmap for establishment of investment market in the light of situations of the world and ASEAN and related players in comparison with Myanmar's reality of investment market and it is being implemented within timeframe of ASEAN Investment Market Forum.

As a first step, two-year Treasury bill was issued in addition to existing three-year and five-year Treasury bills and K 10-million Treasury, in addition to K 10000, K 100000, and K 1 million Treasury bills since 1 January, 2010. Those treasury bills were not sold out directly by the Central Bank of Governor to public. Myanma Economic Bank and Myanma Securities Exchange Centre Company Limited were assigned as underwriters.

***U Mahn Kan Nyunt of Kayin State Constituency No. 2 participates in discussion.*—MNA**

As the second step, Securities Exchange Law (draft), which was drafted by officials of the Central Bank of Myanmar, scholors at home and abroad, and officials at Attorney-General's Office under the supervision of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, was sent to Union Attorney-General's Office on 13 May, 2011.

Tasked by ASEAN Secretary-General's Office to provide technical help for Myanmar's bond market development under Asian Bond Market Initiative (ABMI), Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd (DIR) held discussions with officials for Myanmar's investment market development in June and July in 2011.

After Securities Law, which is the first priority of the second step of the road-map, have been prescribed and State-level Securities and Exchange Committee have been formed, Stock Exchanges will be continued to be established as set in the third step.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal "**the Union government is urged to supervise Myanmarsar spelling**" submitted by Defence Services Hluttaw Reprsentative Major (Officiating) Soe Hein Naung yesterday. U Saw Maw Tun of Bago Region Constituency (1) discussed that Myanmarsar is the one and only official language in Myanmar; it is needed to stick to correct spelling; Voharahta Pakasani Treatise, Voharalinatta Dipani Treatise, Verses of Palaik governor, Pasingavisawdani Spelling Treatise, Kavimadani Spelling Treatise, University Myanmar Dictionary, Myanmar Spelling Reference Book compiled by Myanmar literati are reliable for Myanmarsar spelling; the Myanmarsar Spelling Reference Book accepted by the government should be used as the only reference.

Defence Services Hluttaw Representative Major (Officiating) Nanda Aye discussed that Myanamrsar was first scripted in Bagan era in AD 11; it has developed over time; Myanmarsar Spelling Reference Book was prescribed in 1986; and the spelling and speaking grammar should be correct.

U Win Maung of Mandalay Constituency (2) discussed that there is Myanmarsar Board under the Ministry of Education; the Myanmarsar Spelling Reference Book should be referred in writing Myanmarsar; some are making spelling mistakes in careless ways; even "from" and "by", "to" and "direct object", and "or" and "also" are used mistakenly; so, the proposal was seconded.

U Mahn Kan Nyunt of Kayin State Constituency (2) discussed that "the wrong spelling" becomes the correct ones over time; not only spelling but also speaking grammar is needed to take care of; and so, the proposal was seconded.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) discussed that it was heartening to see the Defence Services Hluttaw representative submitting the proposal about Myanmarsar spelling on Myanmar Literacy Day; the mistakes are found in translation as well; spelling mistakes are everywhere; activities for improving the use of correct spelling should be organized; and it should be discussed whether disciplinary fines should be set for wrong after a warning period.

U Than Swe of Taninthayi Region Constituency (2) discussed that it is needed to read and write correct Myanmarsar; most desktop publishers are computer literates, not Myanmarsar; mostly, journals are grounds for wrong spellings; there should be a centre to supervise publishing books, and airing television and radio programmes for spelling.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal as "**the Union government is urged to supervise Myanmarsar spelling as national activity**" as this is the concern not only of the Education Ministry and the government but the entire nation.

Eight Hluttaw representatives discussed the ways to tackle socio-economic issues of the education staff while discussing about the proposal "**the Union government is urged to improve living standard of education staff**" submitted by Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (9) yesterday.

In the light of the discussions of Hluttaw representatives, the Hluttaw decided to "**record the proposal as a suggestion and urge Dr Khin Shwe to raise an Education Foundation**".

The 15th-day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 4.30 pm and the session continues for 16th day at 10 am on 12 September, 2011 (Monday).

At today's session, seven questions were raised and answered; among three proposals submitted yesterday, one was approved, one was amended and approved and another one was put into record as suggestion.—*MNA*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (405)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (405) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV OXL LOTUS VOY NO (11/619)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OXL LOTUS VOY NO (11/619) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S FLAMAR OPERATIONS

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ENGAGEMENT

Hnin Phyu Phyu Aye @ Veronica Aye
B.Comm. (University of Western Sydney);
CPA (CPA Australia) Group Accountant
(QBE Insurance, Sydney)
daughter of
U Tun Aye & Daw Thida
to
Than Naing @ Javid Khan
B.A (Eco.), Certified in MCTS
Manager (Sales & Marketing)
Happy Myanmar Mfg Co., Ltd.
son of
U Than Shwe & Daw Baby
On 9th September, 2011, in the presence of both parents and elders.

Both parents &
Than Naing- Hnin Phyu Phyu Aye

UNODC
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Vacancy Announcement - Extension of Deadline
The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is seeking Myanmar national for:
(1) Dy. Country Manager/ Operations Manager(NO-D) Fixed Term–1 Post, Duty Station: Yangon
(2) Advocacy and Policy Advisor (SC- 9) Service Contract – 1 Post, Duty Station: Yangon
Deadline for application is 17:00 on 16 September 2011.
Job Descriptions are available at UNODC, 11A, Maylikha Road, Mayangone T/S, Yangon (or) UNDP Bulletin Board.

Dolphins speak like humans

BEIJING, 9 Sept—Dolphins do not whistle as previously thought. Instead, they "talk" like humans, according to a new study. Dolphins use their noses to produce a different kind of tonal sound, just like humans do when speaking, said Peter Madsen, the lead author of the study published in Royal Society Biology Letters.Madsen studied how dolphins communicate by digitizing recordings made in 1977 of a 12-year-old male dolphin, which was made to breathe a mixture of helium and oxygen called heliox.

Scientists said humans breathing in a heliox sound like Donald Duck. According to Livescience.com, the heliox was meant to mimic conditions during a deep dive since it causes a shift up in frequency. When breathing in heliox , the dolphin, however, continued to make the same sounds with the same frequency."That means that dolphins do not actually whistle, but make sound by making connective tissue in the nose vibrate at the frequency they wish to produce by adjusting the muscular tension and air flow over the tissue," Madsen said, "This is the same way that we humans make sound with our vocal cords to speak."

Xinhua

A dolphin takes part in an aquatic football match at the Hefei Aquarium in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 8 July, 2010. Eight dolphins of the aquarium were named after famous footballers and trained to perform aquatic football for tourists during the 2010 FIFA World Cup.—XINHUA

A model presents dress and decorations from Yao ethnic group during a show of traditional costumes in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, 9 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

Ministry says 8.68 mln subsidized housing units under construction

BEIJING, 9 Sept—Local governments across China started building or renovating 8.68 million government-subsidized housing units in the January-August period, roughly 1.3 million units short of what the central government ordered for the year.

About 14 percent of the central government's designated number of subsidized housing construction tasks will have to be built, according to a statement by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD).—*Xinhua*

Dogs eat owner after starving for two weeks

BEIJING, 9 Sept —An Indonesian man was suspected of being eaten by his seven starving dogs after he returned home from a two-week holiday, according to *Reuters* reports on Wednesday.

The dismembered parts of the man's body was discovered by a guard in the neighbourhood Monday, days after the man, Andre Lumboga, got home. Then he reported to the police.

Local police said, "His skull was found in the kitchen, and his body was found in the front of his house." Police suspected that Lumboga's dogs ate him after starving for two weeks. "We suspect that the dogs were hungry, so they attacked Andre, because they had not been fed for 14 days," said the police.

"The dogs were never let out," Dio, a neighbour of Lumboga, said, "Because they were confined to the house, they couldn't find food."

Xinhua

Photo taken on 6 Sept, 2011 shows the bronze sculptures by Chinese artist Xu Hongfei during a Press conference of the Fine Art Aisa 2011 in Hong Kong, south China. The Fine Art Asia 2011 will be held in Hong Kong from 3 to 7 October, which is expected to attract more than 100 dealers from Asia, Europe and the United States. More than 5,000 works of art will be exhibited, with a total value of over 2 billion HK dollars (about 256.7 million US dolllars).—XINHUA

Brain stent cannot prevent stroke

BEIJING, 9 Sept —A device inserted into the brain to prevent fatal strokes likely does more harm for high-risk patients, according to a new study.

Stroke is the fourth-leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. Researchers involved in the study carried in the *New England Journal* of Medicine tracked 451 patients in 50 medical centers who had recently suffered a stroke or stroke-like symptoms caused by narrowing of a major brain artery.

As a result, 14.7 percent of patients in the stenting group had a stroke or died within the first 30 days, whereas 5.8 percent of patients in the group that received only drugs and underwent lifestyle changes. The Wingspan device, which expands a major artery in the brain to help improve blood flow, is the only system approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for certain high-risk stroke patients.

"Although technological advances have brought intracranial stenting into practice, we have now learned that, when tested in a large group, this particular device did not lead to a better health outcome," said Dr Walter Koroshetz, deputy director of NINDS, part of the government's National Institutes of Health.—*Xinhua*

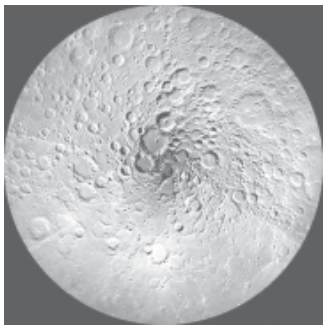


Photo taken by Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter and released by NASA on 7 Sept, 2011 shows the north pole of the moon.
XINHUA

Tom Noddy performs bubble tricks during a Press conference in Taipei on 8 Sept, 2011. Tom Noddy, an entertainer from the United States, will give his bubble performance in Xinbei City on 10 and 11 Sept.

Bear breaks into car, crashes it

A California man said a bear broke into his parked car and damaged the gear box, sending the vehicle and its occupant on a short joyride.

Brian McCarthy, 61, of Pleasanton, was vacationing with his family at their west Lake Tahoe cabin when they were awakened at about 3:30 am 28 Aug by sounds coming from the driveway, *the Contra Costa Times, Walnut Creek*, reported Thursday. "Our son was the first one who woke up, and he was watching the bear through the window," McCarthy said.

"We were looking out of our bedroom window and from our view, you could look down and see the bear in the car, and its arms were just flailing all over the place, through the windows and everything."

A bear broke into a family's Toyota Prius and took it for a ride.

News Album

Cannon ball' found at Salvation Army

Several streets in the Mission District of San Francisco were closed when what looked like a cannon ball was found at the Salvation Army. The streets were reopened Wednesday after police got the object and detonated it, *Bay City News* reported. One building was evacuated as a precautionary measure, Albie Esparza, a police spokesman, said. *The San Francisco Examiner* described the object as an old piece of military ordnance that was donated to the Salvation Army. Esperanza said old artillery shells and similar souvenirs turn up frequently.

Woman drives carjacker to police HQ

Police in Missouri said a motorist who was ordered to drive by an armed man who jumped on the hood of her car drove the vehicle to police headquarters. Kansas City Police said the woman was driving Tuesday on Bruce R Watkins Drive near 29th Street when a man jumped on her hood, pointed a gun at her and ordered her to drive, the *Kansas City Star* reported Wednesday. Investigators said the woman drove to Kansas City Police Headquarters on Locust Street and rammed through a garage door.

Mary Tyler Moore to receive SAG achievement award

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—Mary Tyler Moore will be honoured with the Screen Actors Guild life achievement award.

SAG announced Moore as this year's recipient Thursday. The guild says Moore "created a new paradigm for female leads in television."

The actress rose to stardom in "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and later starred in the landmark "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Her film credits include "Ordinary People" and her Broadway productions included "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?"

The74-year-old Moore has won seven Emmys, a Tony award and been nominated for an Academy Award. The 18th annual SAG Awards will be held 29 Jan in Los Angeles.

Internet

In this 11 July, 2009 file photo, actress Mary Tyler Moore attends Broadway Barks 11 in New York.—INTERNET

In this 5 March, 2009 file photo, Michael Jackson is shown at a Press conference in London. The doctor, Conrad Murray, charged in Michael Jackson's death returned to court on 8 Sept, 2011 to meet the first batch of potential jurors who may eventually decide whether to convict him of involuntary manslaughter.
INTERNET

Dozens of potential Jackson case jurors dismissed

LOS ANGELES, 9 Sept—More than half of the first panel of prospective jurors for the manslaughter trial of Michael Jackson's doctor were dismissed because of hardship claims Thursday, signaling a long search ahead for those who will serve in the five-week trial.

And it is yet unclear how many prospects will be excused for disclosing strong opinions about Jackson, defendant Dr Conrad Murray and the high profile case with which all potential panelists are familiar.

Authorities contend Murray gave Jackson a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol in the bedroom of the pop superstar's rented mansion in June 2009, but attorneys for the physician deny he administered anything that should have been fatal. They will contend that Jackson swallowed an overdose of propofol when Murray wasn't watching.

Internet

700 memorabilia from John Wayne's estate set for auction next month

LONDON, 9 Sept—More than 700 items belonging to legendary actor 'The Duke' John Wayne's estate are all set to be put up for auction.

Items, including cowboy hats, saddles and other film props, will be put up for sale in Los Angeles next month. One of the most wanted pieces of memorabilia will include a Golden Globe award he won for 'True Grit', which is valued at least 50,000 dollars. Among other items, an eye patch he wore during the 1969 film will also go on sale along with hundreds of other costumes, scripts, and personal documents.

Wayne's son Ethan said that he wanted to share some of his father's memorabilia with fans.

"People have been calling for 32 years. His films affected people and they have a personal relationship with the guy and they want that connection. I remember how important the fans were to my father," the Telegraph quoted Ethan as telling the *Los Angeles Times.*

Internet

Actor 'The Duke' John Wayne

Depp's 'Rango' to receive Hollywood Animation Award

LONDON, 9 Sept— Actor Johnny Depp's movie "Rango" will receive Hollywood Animation Award at an event 24 Oct.

"Rango" will receive the honour at the 15th edition of Hollywood Film Festival and Hollywood Film Awards in Beverly Hills. Depp voiced the titular lizard character in the film, which was directed by Gore Verbinski. "It is a great pleasure to recognise 'Rango' as the recipient of our animation award.

This piece of cinematic treasure borders on surrealism and 'Rango' will be a classic for generations to come," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Carlos de Abreu, the founder and executive director of the Hollywood Film Festival, as saying.—*Internet*

Actor Johnny Depp

Cabaye loving life at Newcastle

LONDON, 9 Sept—Newcastle United's Yohan Cabaye is already growing to love the intensity of the Barclays Premier League. The French midfielder has admitted it was difficult to adjust to English football but he is thrilled by the atmosphere at the matches. Cabaye moved to St James' Park over the summer after making his name in France, where he helped Lille to the Ligue 1 title last season and gained international recognition.

He concedes that playing for the Magpies is a completely different challenge, as the style of play requires a different set of skills and every match is tough. However, the 25-year-old maintains that he is enjoying life at Newcastle and believes he can take his game to a higher level."It was difficult to adjust to English football at first. I have had to adapt but the only way you can get more experience of it is by playing. —*Internet*

Yohan Cabaye has fallen in love with the Premier League

Evans fears United exit

LONDON, 9 Sept — Jonny Evans knows he must improve at Manchester United this season or face the probability of it being his last.

The Northern Ireland international has certainly started well enough, retaining his place for the record win over Arsenal after stepping in for the injured Rio Ferdinand in the previous week's win against Tottenham Hotspur.

Together with Phil Jones, Evans has forged a youthful partnership that has also done Chris Smalling a favour given it was Sir Alex Ferguson's faith in the pair that allowed him to move the former Fulham man to right-back, from where he has jumped into the England team.

Jonny Evans knows he needs to carry on his current good form

But Evans knows he must maintain his current form in order to avoid a repeat of last season's disappointments.

Internet

Meireles denies forcing a move

LIVERPOOL, 9 Sept — Raul Meireles jumped at the chance to join Chelsea when it became clear he would be sold by Liverpool.

The Portuguese midfielder insisted he never wanted to leave Anfield but could not resist the switch to Stamford Bridge.

Meireles completed a reported £12m move minutes before the transfer window slammed shut on 31st August, reuniting him with former Porto boss Andre Villas-Boas.

There were similarities with Fernando Torres' January transfer between the clubs, with Liverpool having reported in both cases that a transfer request had been submitted.

That is normally read as a sign that a player is trying to force a move but Meireles, who insisted at the weekend that he was no "Judas", has suggested that all was not quite what it seemed.

Internet

The midfielder said he had not been looking to leave Liverpool

Roddick's court unplayable; final moved to Monday

Andy Roddick of USA points to a wet spot on the court to an official as opponent David Ferrer of Spain, far left, looks on prior to their match on Louis Armstrong Stadium in the fourth round at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on Thursday .— INTERNET

NEW YORK, 9 Sept — At one point, Andy Roddick looked up and saw a fan scaling a chain-link fence behind tiny Court 13, hoping to catch a peek of the 2003 US Open champion's victory on Thursday. At another point, a baby's loud cries provided a distraction at the 584-seat venue. "At least," Roddick deadpanned later, "there wasn't a baby crying on the fence." It was that sort of day at this most unusual US Open.

Rain finally gave way to sun in the morning, but chaos still managed to reign. A crack near a baseline in the tournament's second-biggest stadium let water seep through, halting Roddick's already twice-delayed match against David Ferrer until they were moved to a court often used by juniors.And because of showers earlier this week, the USTennis Association extended the tournament, delaying the men's final by 24 hours to Monday at 4 pm EDT. —*Internet*

No easing up for O'Shea

LONDON, 9 Sept — Sunderland defender John O'Shea has no intentions of winding down his career after a trophy-laden spell at Manchester United.

The 30-year-old Republic of Ireland international ended a 13-year stay at Old Trafford when he agreed to become part of Steve Bruce's mission to bring success to Wearside.However, like former United team-mate Wes Brown, who made the same journey this summer, he remains hugely ambitious despite the five Barclays Premier League titles, FA Cup winners' medal, three League Cup successes and the Champions League triumph he brought with him.

John O'Shea has no intention of easing up with Sunderland

O'Shea said: "That's definitely not going to be the case from my point of view, going on Easy Street after being so successful through my career.

"Something like that wouldn't even enter my mind."The club wants to build with slow, steady progress, and if we can do that improving on the finish in the league last season and hopefully getting further in the cups, that will be the case and we will keep on improving." —*Internet*

SPORTS

Wozniacki sets up semifinal against Serena, Zvonareva falls out

NEW YORK, 9 Sept — World No 1 Caroline Wozniacki and three-time champion Serena Williams both cruised into the semifinals of US Open on Thursday and had to face off for a final slot. Last year's runner-up Vera Zvonareva, No 2 seed, succumbed to Aussie Samantha Stosur in straight sets of 6-3, 6-3 in a quarterfinal. The 2009 US Open runner-up Wozniacki got past 10th-seeded German Andrea Petkovic 6-1, 7-6 (5) in 1 hour and 40 minutes in another quarterfinal, including a hard-fought 73-minute second set.

The 21-year-old Wozniacki will challenge Williams for a third time, all on hardcourts, seeking a first ever win. The two stars haven't met since the 2009 season.—*Internet*

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia returns the ball during the quarterfinal of women's singles against Serena Williams of the United States at the US Open tennis championships in New York.— XINHUA

Avenger Fed sets up Djokovic semi

Federer of Switzerland

NEW YORK, 9 Sept — Roger Federer avenged his surprise loss to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at this year's Wimbledon by beating the Frenchman 6-4 6-3 6-3 to reach the semi-finals of the US Open. Playing his first grand slam tournament as a 30-year-old, the five-times US Open champion was lethal with his serve, whipped angled winners with swashbuckling aplomb and was razor-sharp at the net. The third-seeded Federer advanced to a scintillating showdown in the last four against top seed Novak Djokovic for his eighth straight US Open semi-finals appearance.

World number one Djokovic, the Australian and Wimbledon champion, reached the semis when his Serbian Davis Cup team mate Janko Tipsarevic retired with a leg injury while trailing 7-6 , 6-7 , 6-0 , 3-0. Five-time winner Federer has lost just one set at Flushing Meadows on his way to the semis.

Internet

Lewis eyes hometown success at LPGA event

ROGERS, 9 Sept — Stacey Lewis still feels like she has plenty to prove, even now. Even during a season in which she's won her first major championship and has posted eight top-10 finishes, the former Arkansas golfer isn't content.

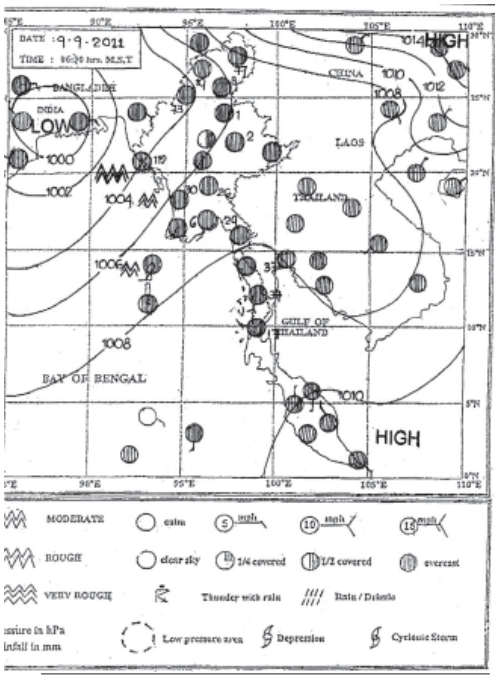
Lewis will have the chance to add to her growing resume when the LPGA's P&G NW Arkansas Championship tees off Friday. In order to do so, however, she'll have to beat out a talented field that includes 13 of the top 15 players in the Rolex rankings.

Stacey Lewis

The event at Pinnacle Country Club is a homecoming of sorts for Lewis, who was a four-time All-American 20 minutes away at Arkansas. She knows the course well, having unofficially won the rain-shortened event in 2007 as an amateur. Since then, Lewis has quickly risen through the LPGA ranks and is currently third on the money list with more than $1.1 million in earnings in her third full season on tour.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 10th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	21/70	13/55	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	33/91	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	35/95	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
12	Yangon	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	29/84	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
14	Southern Shan	25/77	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Region, scattered in Mandalay Region and Shan State, fairly widespread in Yangon and Bago Regions, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavy fall in Kachin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (1.89) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (1.65) inches, Kyaukpyu (5.86) inches, Maungtaw (5.20) inches, Sittway (4.45) inches, Ye (3.15) inches, Putao and Manaung (3.03) inches each and Homalin (2.95) inches.
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) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Moderate Monsoon.

New Zealand beats Tonga 41-10 to open World Cup

AUCKLAND, 9 Sept—The New Zealand All Blacks took care of business with a 41-10 win over Tonga to open the World Cup on Friday night, beginning yet another quest to end the long drought since their first and only title at rugby's showpiece event.

After a rousing opening ceremony and passionate pre-match challenges, the All Blacks drained all the tension and anticipation by scoring four tries in the first 33 minutes, and finding the Tongan defense wanting out wide.—*Internet*

New Zealand All Blacks' Isaia Toeava breaks the tackle of Tonga's Aleki Lutui during their Rugby World Cup game at Eden Park in Auckland, New Zealand, 9 Sept, 2011.
INTERNET

Lourdes Stephen Selvaraj (85) years
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(Ex-RO, (F.G), BTS, Dip in Th, BTCP (USA)

Beloved husband of the late Ranjitham Selvaraj (C.M.A Retd), beloved father of Clement (W.H.O)-Marina, Charles (C.M.A Retd), Agnes (Co-operative Architects' Associates), Michael-Ma Khin Shwe and beloved grandfather of Cynthia (U.C.S.Y) and John psassed away peacefully at home at 12:00 noon on 9.9.2011. Funeral service will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church 131, Kyaikasan Road. Tamwe on 10th September 2011 at (13:15) hour and thence to yayway Christian Cemetery.

The bereaved family

Captain Thein Oo Myint
Aged (60)yrs
M V Bright Laker
(Lizstar Enterprise Co Ltd)

Captain Thein Oo Myint, husband of Daw Thet Sandar Father of Ko Zaw Paing Myint, Ma Zar Phyu Myint and Ko Thet Paing Myint had suddenly passed away on 8-9-2011, while serving as Captain of M V Bright Laker berthed at Colombia, South America.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Myanmar TV

Saturday, 10 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:10 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. Health Programme

7:55 am
7. Poem Garden

8:05 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:15 am
9. Teleplay (Health)

8:30 am
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Men)

8:40 am
11. International News

8:45 am
12. Musical Programme

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:20 am
3. Game for Children

11:45 am
4. Round Up of the Week's TV Loca News

1:45 pm
5. Delicious Dishes

1:55 pm
6. TV Drama Series

2:45 pm
7. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Women)

2:55 pm
8. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm
3. Cultural Dances

4:35 pm
4. Teleplay (Traffic)

5:20 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Fourth Year (Law)

5:35 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:40 pm
7. Dance Of National Races

5:50 pm
8. Documentary

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm
12. Yindagomae

7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview(Mahar gita)
18. Cartoon series
18. TV Drama Series
20. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(10-9-2011) (Saturday)

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

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* EFR Resort: Your Second Home at Ngwe Hsaung Beach
* News
* Live Concert
* A golden opportunity for new entrepreneurs
* News
* IT Youths & Knowledge Age
* Free of Charge Art Trainees'4th Exhibition
* News
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* One Day Trip to Sanka Village
* For Better Communication Service
* News
* Tapestry; a Genuine Myanmar Handicraft
* News
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* News
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* Myanmar Movies "Servant of Love"

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First Amyotha Hluttaw second regular session goes on

Seven questions raised and answered, one proposal approved, one other amended and approved, another one recorded as suggestion

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept — The 15th-day of second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continued at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye answered the four questions about education raised by four Hluttaw representatives at the session.

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives seen at 15th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

Regarding the questions raised by U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State Constituency No-5 who asked that **Mohnyin Degree College in Mohnyin township of Kachin State was opened in 2003 academic year and eight major subjects and four coordinated subjects are being taught by 89 teachers; the degree college can hold 5000 day and distance students and now there are 4291 students at the college; and whether there is a plan to upgrade the degree college as a university,** the Union Education minister replied that the ministry is taking measures to upgrade degree colleges and colleges by laying down 36 tasks under 30-year long-term plan (higher education sector) for promotion of national education. Mohnyin Degree College that can hold 5000 day students was opened in 2003 for development of Kachin State.

A total of 1923 day students and 2368 distance students are pursuing education at the degree college. So, the college is still able to take next over 3000 students to be equal to the initial number.

With the equal ration of teachers to students and teaching aids like other universities, students fully enjoy the right in pursuing their education. It will continue to open as a degree college in accord with current number of students, but arrangements are being made to upgrade the degree college as a university depending on development of socioeconomic status of the State and increase in number of students.

Regarding the question raised by Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No-4 who asked **whether there is a plan to be included Political Study in the curriculum of Universities under the Ministry of Education as it is necessary to turn out new generation youths to be equipped with sound political foundations so as to exercise Hluttaw politics in accord with genuine discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy system,** the Union minister replied that the Ministry of Education is nurturing the students to be equipped with good ideas, behaviours and habits as well as spiritual development for turning out new generation youths who possess correct thinking power and good morality. Aspects of Myanmar with the two-hour periods each of lecture and tutorial is being taught in first year undergraduate course of universities and degree colleges as a compulsory elective.

International Relations major is being taught in universities and degree colleges.

Under International Relations major, Political Thought, International Relations, Geography of Southeast Asian Country, Understanding Human Interaction, Political Organization, Government of Southeast Asia, Macro Economics, Communicative Skills, International Law, Government of Myanmar, Current Problems in International Relations, Economics Development and International Trade, Political Geography, European Community, Myanmar Foreign Relations, Myanmar and Neighbouring Countries, Diplomacy and United Nations Peace Activities which are related to Political Science are being taught and the government will provide Political Science subject in undergraduate and postgraduate courses if necessary.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No-3 who asked that **exam questions for matriculation examinations are different in States and Regions in Myanmar and whether there is a plan to issue a single exam question for matriculation examination,** the Union minister replied that matriculation examinations were held by respective universities in international. The number of students has increased in Myanmar yearly and there were 514962 students who sat for 2011 matriculation examination. It is difficult to issue exam questions from a single place due to large number of examinees. It takes two and a half months to distribute exam questions issued by 10 universities to townships in states and regions and there is plenty of work to be done. While 10 universities issue exam questions, lessons to be included in the questions are set to be same. Although easy, fair and difficult lessons that

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Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)	1.89 inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe)	1.65 inches
Kyaukpyu	5.86 inches
Maungtaw	5.20 inches
Sittway	4.45 inches
Ye	3.15 inches
Putao	3.03 inches
Manaung	3.03 inches