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All citizens to safeguard traditional culture as national duty

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends cash donation ceremony for 18th Performing Arts Competitions

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.

Patron of the Leading Committee for the Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at ceremony to donate cash to the funds of the Fund Raising, Awarding and Prize Presentation Subcommittee for the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accepts cash donation from a donor for the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds of the Fund Raising, Awarding and Prize Presentation Subcommittee of the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, at 10 am today, attended by Patron of the Leading Committee for the competitions Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Leading Committee members Union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, wellwishers and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that respective work committee and subcommittees have held coordination meetings and made necessary preparations for organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

As it is the first time competition of its kind in the time of the newly-formed government, complete preparations are to be made for holding the competition on a grander scale. Moreover, prizes in the competitions are to be raised in line with the changing situation. Therefore, the cash donation ceremony was held with the participation of wellwishers under the leadership of the State. As perpetual existence of sovereignty of a nation and a national is interrelated with long-term existence of their culture and tradition, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will manage the tasks to hand down Myanmar cultural heritage to its new generations.

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Guard against danger of narcotic drugs

Nowadays, Myanmar is striving for elimination of narcotic drugs through three strategies namely supply reduction, demand reduction and law enforcement.

Narcotic drug poses a grave threat not only to Myanmar but also to the global people. So she has been combating narcotic drugs for many decades.

In its fight aginst the drug, Myanmar has been taking steps for improvement the socio-economis status of local people in poppy cultivated areas. With this end in view, cultivation of poppy substitute crops, seeking of makerts for those crops and bringing about batter transport are being introduced so that poppy growers can generate their income.

All the people are to make utmost efforts for exposing and preventing illegal import of chemical precursors to be used in production of narcotic drugs from neighbouring countries through various forms and routes.

Educative talks are to be geared up for prevention against impacts of HIV/AIDS caused by drug abuse. Similar talks are to be held at universities, colleges and basic education schools to disseminate knowledge about danger of narcotic drugs to the youths.

While focusing on educative and organizing works in eradicating narcotic drugs, the entire people are to harmoniously participate in programmes on eradication of production, eradication of drug users and combating drug production.

Lower pressure area formed over Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—According to the observation at 15.30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over North Bay of Bengal. Under the influence of low pressure area, occasional squalls with regionally heavy fall and rough seas will be experience off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

UNHCR Resident Representative calls on Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received UNHCR South-East Asian Resident Coordinator Mr Jean Noel Wetterwald based in Bangkok of Thailand and Mr. Bhairaja Panday in Myanmar at the Hall No. 1 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee this evening.

Also present at the call together with Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa were Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and officials of the Hluttaw office.—*MNA*

***Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives UNHCR South-East Asian Resident Coordinator Mr Jean Noel Wetterwald based in Bangkok of Thailand and party.*—MNA**

Appointment of Kuwaiti Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Essa Yousef Al Shammali as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Essa Yousef Al Shammali was born in 27 September 1964. He graduated in Bachelor of Political Science from Kuwait University in 1990. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1990 and worked there in various capacities. He had served in the Kuwait Embassies in Kenya, Jordan and Netherlands. At present, he was Minister Counselor in the Kuwait Embassy in Netherlands.

Mr Essa Yousef Al Shammali will be accredited as Resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. He is married with three children.—*MNA*

Union Home Affairs Minister holds talks with APG's Executive Secretary

***Chairman of the Central Control Board on Money Laundering Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives Executive Secretary of Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Mr. Gordon Philip Hook.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept —Chairman of the Central Control Board on Money Laundering Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received Mr. Gordon Philip Hook, Executive Secretary of Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundring (APG) and party at his office here today. At the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to anti-money laundering in Myanmar and fight against cash assistance to terrorism.

Also present at the call were Chief of Myanmar Police Force Kyaw Kyaw Tun, the Director-General of the Bureau of Special Investigation and officials.—*MNA*

***Fertilizer broadcasting ceremony held at the farm of farmer U Than Htay in Gyogyakwin Village-tract, Taungup Township on 29 August.*—MYANMA ALIN**

Donate blood

France nuclear blast kills one, no leaks

BEIJING, 13 Sept— An explosion at a furnace at the Centraco nuclear waste treatment facility in southern France has killed one person and injured four others. France's nuclear safety watchdog, says no radioactive material has leaked outside the site.

The blast took place amid rising concern over nuclear safety in the wake of Japan's Fukushima disaster. Luckily, the accident in France was contained with the furnace.

France's nuclear safety authorities say no radioactive material or chemicals contaminated the interior or exterior of the site.

Nathalie Kosciusco-Morizet, French Ecology Minister said, "There were no radioactive leaks outside the site, and there is no risk of radiation leaking outside. None of the detectors on the inside or outside have found anything. I went into the command room a short while ago and saw the monitoring screen and the detectors. Everything was normal. And what is more, the IRSN, the radiological protection institute which is beside me, has carried out a number of measurements and is carrying out others to confirm this information."

Xinhua

A partial view of the nuclear plant in Marcoule near Nimes taken on 20 October, 2003.—XINHUA

Iraqi woman gives birth to one-eyed child

KARBALA, 13 Sept— An Iraqi woman has given birth to a baby girl who has one eye and no nose, local media reported on Sunday. It is the second time the woman gave birth to a deformed child. Doctors said the baby was recently born at the Women and Delivery Hospital in Karbala, the Capital of Karbala Governorate, according to the *Aswat al-Iraq* news agency. "One of our women delivery chambers has witnessed a strange birth," a doctor told the news agency.

Dr Sabah Nour Hadi al-Moussawi said the 24-year-old mother from Najaf gave birth to a baby girl who has only one eye, no nose and a distorted ear. Moussawi said it was the first such case ever at the hospital, but noted that the woman previously also gave birth to a deformed child who died several years ago.

Internet

The 9/11 Memorial in New York, the United States, attracts a huge crowds, on 12 Sept, 2011. This is the first day 9/11 Memorial opening to the public. Visitors have to reserve the pass online.—XINHUA

22 Shiites killed by gunmen in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 Sept— A total of 22 Shiite Iraqis were shot dead by gunmen in Anbar Province in western Iraq on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Gunmen stopped a bus travelling from Syria to Nakhib area of the Iraqi Province and drove the bus several kilometres away with the 22 male passengers on board, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The 22 men were later found dead and the other eight passengers, all of whom women and children, were spared, the source said.

He said security forces are in a hard bid to search for the attackers and so far no one has claimed responsibility for the incident.

Shiites have been a regular target for Sunni militants, who are trying to revive the sectarian violence that brought Iraq to the brink of civil war just a few years ago.

Monday's attack came about four months before US troops are scheduled to fully withdraw from Iraq by the end of the year.

MNA/Xinhua

Pirates kill crew member after hijacking French yacht

SANA'A, 13 Sept— Pirates killed a crew member on board a French sailing yacht when they hijacked the vessel earlier this week, the European Union Naval Force Somalia (EUNAVFOR) confirmed on Saturday. A second crew member has now been rescued.

EUNAVFOR Commander Harrie Harrison said one of its warships responded to a distress call on Thursday and located the French sailing yacht *Tribal Kat* off the coast of Yemen. "At that time and following an inspection of the yacht, the crew could not be found," Harrison said.

On Saturday, the Spanish warship *Galicia* located and trailed a pirate skiff which was suspected to have carried out the attack on the *Tribal Kat*. "SPS *Galicia* then forced the skiff to stop," Harrison said. "One of the crew members was released safely and all of the suspect criminals were detained."

According to EUNAVFOR, the second crew member which was on board the *Tribal Kat* is believed to have been killed when the pirates boarded the yacht. His or her body has not yet been recovered. Harrison did not provide the nationalities of the crew members, but both are believed to be French.

Internet

Fire smoulders at the scene of an accident at a slum near the industrial area of Nairobi on 12 September, 2011.

XINHUA

Russia's new attack submarine starts sea trials

ST PETERSBURG, 13 Sept—Russia's first Graney class nuclear-powered attack submarine set course Monday for scheduled sea trials, the Sevmash shipyard said.

The Severodvinsk has been under construction at the Sevmash shipyard in northern Russia since 1993 and was launched in June last year after numerous delays due to financing problems.

The submarine is expected to enter service with the Russian Navy by the end of this year.

Graney class nuclear submarines are designed to launch a variety of long-range cruise missiles (up to 5,000 km), with conventional or nuclear warheads, and effectively engage submarines, surface warships and land-based targets.

The submarine's armament includes 24 cruise missiles and eight torpedo launchers, as well as mines and anti-ship missiles.

The second vessel of the Graney class, the Kazan, is being built at Sevmash while the construction of the third submarine will begin this year. The Russian Navy plans to receive up to 10 Graney class submarines by 2020.—*Internet*

Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission receives US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator

YANGON, 13 Sept—Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mra and party received US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party, accompanied by Charge d' Affaires ai of the US Embassy to Myanmar Mr Michael E Thurston at Chatrian Hotel on Natmauk Street, here, at 4.20 pm today.

They exchanged views on Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.

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Public Announcement for remonstration

Wunthanu NLD (Union of Myanmar) party headquartered in Nan-U-Lwin Village-tract of Patheingyi Township of Mandalay Region, which is registered as political party under Article 5 of Political Parties registration Law submitted its application for changing of its name as Wunthanu Democratic Party to the Union Election Commission on 8-9-2011.

It is hereby announced that in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about name of the party which reads Democratic Party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence withing seven days from the day of the announcement.

Union Election Commission

Basic on-job training course No. 4/2011 opened

YANGON, 13 Sept—Chairman of Yangon City Power Supply Board U Aung Khaing on 12 September attended Basic On-job Training Course No 4/2011 for auxilliary electricians grade-3 opened at the training hall of YCPSB (Head Office) in Ahlon Township, Yangon Region and made a speech on the occasion. The two-week on-job training course is being attended by 65 trainees.—*MNA*

DHSHD signs MoU with UN-Habitat, Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and UN-Habitat of Myanmar signed a MoU on Myanmar Safer Settlement Development and Urban Research Programme at the Ministry of Construction here yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Ministers for Construction U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin, OSD Thura U Sein Thaung, Managing-Director of Public Works U Kyaw Lin, Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win, departmental heads, officials and personel of UN-Habitat, Myanmar.

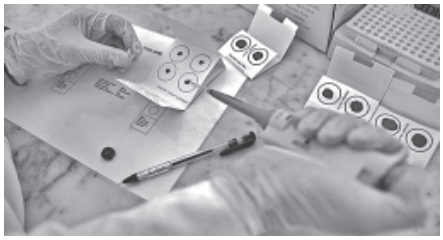
Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint delivered an opening speech and Managing-Director U Aung Win and Regional Director Mr Toshi Noda of Regional Office for Asiapacifi of UN-Habitat signed MoU on Myanmar Safer Development and Urban Research Programme.—*MNA*

Malaria report sees near-zero deaths by end of 2015

LONDON, 13 Sept——The world has made impressive progress against malaria in the past 10 years, increasing optimism that an end to the killer mosquito-borne disease could be in sight, a World Health Organization-backed report said on Monday.

Deaths from malaria have fallen by an estimated 38 percent in the past 10 years with 43 countries—11 of them in Africa—cutting malaria cases or deaths by 50 percent, reversing the previous decade's trend and saving more than a million lives.

The progress - partly due to a substantial increase in funding for fighting malaria - means deaths from the disease could be brought down to near zero by the end of 2015, the report by the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) partnership said.



A laboratory technician tests blood samples for a pioneering test of a malaria vaccine in 2009 at the Ifakara Health Institute in Tanzania.

INTERNET

The WHO, which helped set up the RBM partnership, has also said the world can stop malaria deaths by 2015 if massive investment is made to ramp up control measures, but this is seen by some experts as an ambitious target. RBM also aims to reduce global malaria cases by 75 percent by the end of 2015 from the levels seen in 2000, and eliminate malaria in 10 more countries. Total eradication of the parasitic disease, which is spread through the bites of infected mosquitoes and threatens around half the world's population, is still a long way off. Some think it could take another 40 to 50 years.

"The results of the past decade exceed what anyone could have predicted and prove that malaria control is working," Robert New-man, director of WHO's global malaria programme, said in a statement released alongside the report.

According to the WHO, the number deaths from malaria worldwide dropped to 781,000 in 2009 from nearly a million in 2000. But there are still around 225 million cases a year and the disease remains endemic in 106 countries.—*Reuters*

Fish oil may hinder chemotherapy

Health

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AMSTERDAM, 13 Sept—Fatty acids found in fish oil supplements may block chemothe-rapy from attacking tumours and patients should stop taking them, said a study by Dutch researchers on Monday.

Fish oil supplements of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids are sold worldwide, and are touted by manufacturers as a way to boost heart and brain health. However, researchers at The Netherlands' University Medical Centre Utrecht report in the journal Cancer Cell that two types of fatty acids, known as platinuminduced fatty acids or PIFAs, were shown to block one type of chemotherapy from working in animal tests.

"Whilst waiting for the results of further research, we currently recommend that these products should not be used whilst people are undergoing chemotherapy," said Professor Emile Voest, a medical oncologist at UMC Utrecht.

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All citizens to safeguard traditional…

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In reviewing relationship between Myanmar and the world, alien culture like a strong current that is eroding the various kinds of materials along its course infiltrates into many countries and nationals rapidly.

In the process of globalization, all the citizens need to protect their countries and preserve their traditional culture as a national duty.

Being a member of the ASEAN, 10 countries of ASEAN Community will face influence of cultures from neighbouring countries with practising of free migration, free economic investment, free flow of information and free migration of skilled workers in 2015.

Moreover, it is possible to face influences of big and populous countries which are partners in the ASEAN+3 through economic, education and culture sectors. It is necessary to make preparations carefully for preservation of owned culture.

Generally, culture is daily life style of country and national including meals, food style, clothes and costume, residential structure, professions, languages, religions, literature and fine arts during the period from cradle to grave.

Therefore, it is not easy to control the wide range of traditional culture with slipshod spirit.

The national races residing in the Union have been relaying preservation of traditional culture with Union Spirit for many years, so various culture of Myanmar can stand tall among that of global countries prestigiously. Therefore, all the citizens are to safeguard perpetual existence of traditional culture as national duty.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged those present to show off brilliant efforts in their works while competing in the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and he thanked the wellwishers together with maestros and contributors of the competitions for holding the competitions on a grander scale and invited them to donate again.

The Vice-President accepted K 30 million donated by Zay Gabar Co, K 10 million each by Jade Dragon Co and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, K 15 million by Yangon City Development Committee and K 5 million by Kanbawza Bank Limited and presented certificates of honour to them.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepted K 3 million each by Original Group Co Ltd, A-1 Construction Co and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries; K 15.5 million by Htoo Co Ltd and K 2 million by Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry and gave certificates of honour to them.

Leading Committee members Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Chairman of the Fund Raising, Awarding and Prize Presentation Subcommittee Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and Secretary of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin accepted K 141,350,000 by wellwishers including K 2 million each by Shwetaung Development Co and ACE Construction Co Ltd, K 1.1 million by Ministry of Mines, K 1 million each by Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Sports, Tun Foundation Bank Ltd, Ayeya Shwewa Co Ltd, Ministry of Education and presented certificates of honour to them.—*MNA*

***Chairman of the Leading Committee for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan accepts donation by a wellwisher.*—MNA**

***Member of Leading Committee for Performing Arts Competitions Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye accepts donation from wellwisher.* MNA**

Computer model increases traffic safety

Tel Aviv, 13 Sept— A computer model of driver and pedestrian behavior can determine what creates so-called black spot intersections prone to collisions, Israeli researchers say.

Tel Aviv University scientists have developed SAFEPED, a computer simulation combining robotics and statistics on human behavior to determine the environmental features that lead to black spots, a university release said Monday.

Using SAFEPED, its developers said, traffic planners and engineers can analyze and fix dangerous intersections and also test and rearrange the architecture of a planned junction and design it for optimal safety.

In the simulations, each car and pedestrian is considered an autonomous "agent," able to react based on predictions of how surrounding agents will behave. Depending on what they perceive and predict, agents can slow down, accelerate or change directions.

Internet

Tech

Flipboard sees magazine future in tablet computers

San Francisco, 13 Sept—Flipboard chief executive Mike McCue on Monday said the startup's iPad application has been downloaded more than 3.5 million times as tablet computers enable personalized Internet-Age magazines.

"The tablet, and principally the iPad, is creating a totally new kind of consumption experience," McCue said during an on-stage chat at a TechCrunch Disrupt conference in San Francisco. "All these things people have dreamed about are finally happening," he continued. "Technology is finally at a point were it is possible to hold what feels like a magazine in your hand and thumb through it."

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Flipboard software lets people customize news, social networks and other "feeds" in digital magazines on iPads and then "flip" through Web pages as though reading an ink-and-paper publication.

The application was released about 14 months ago. The number of "flips" per month has climbed to more than 550 million from 250 million in June and the startup just introduced its first ad to generate revenue, according to McCue.

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Second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw...

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Despite joining the Non-Aligned Movement in 1961, Myanmar withdrew from the NAM due to its ignorance. As Myanmar firmly believes that NAM will contribute much towards not only developing countries but also itself, Myanmar rejoined the NAM in September 1992.

It was a significant achievement that Myanmar joined the Association of South-East Asian Nations on 23-7-1997. ASEAN is making preparation for processes of the ASEAN Political and Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Social and Cultural Committee to be established in 2015.

The Greater Mekong Sub-Region Economic Cooperation among six GMS members Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam commenced in 1992, and the GMS Summit will be held in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 and 20 December 2011.

On 25-8-1997, Myanmar joined the BIMSTEC-Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation. The BIMSTEC is undertaking 14 cooperation tasks. Of them, Myanmar is taking the role of leading country in realizing the energy sector and the agriculture sector. Myanmar will host the BIMSTEC Summit in February 2012.

Myanmar is actively taking part in the all sectors of the ACMECS-Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy. On 12-11-2003, the meeting of heads of government of Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand was held in Bagan and issued the Bagan declaration and future tasks.

The Asia Cooperation Dialogue-ACD was formed with 18 member countries in 2002 with a view to exchanging concepts and experiences among ACD member countries through dialogue not to establish it with charger and declaration like that of ASEAN and contributing to cooperation tasks among the Asian countries with the use of strength ASEAN. The foreign ministers' level meeting is held regularly for seeking the ways for promoting the cooperation in common interest of Asian countries.

SAARC-the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation was established on 8-12-1985. Due to sharing border with India and Bangladesh who are members of SAARC, Myanmar joined SAARC as an observer at the 15th SAARC Summit on 2 August 2008 to be bridge between ASEAN and SAARC.

The ASEM was established in March 1996. Myanmar became a member of ASEM together with Laos and Cambodia at the ASEM5 Summit held in Hanoi of Vietnam in October 2004.

With regard to the diplomatic relations, Myanmar established diplomatic relations with Bosnia Herzegovina in the time of the new government on 25 August 2011, and so far, Myanmar has set up official diplomatic relations with 104 countries through friendly relations. Myanmar opens 22 embassies, three representative offices, four consulate-general and eight honorary consulate-general. Foreign countries also open 31 embassies in Yangon, two consulate-general in Mandalay, one consul-general in Sittway and three honorary consulate-general in Yangon. Kuwait and Turkey is making arrangements for opening their embassies in Myanmar.

Exchange of goodwill visits between Myanmar and foreign countries proves that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar engages cordial ties with all countries in line with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence based on Independence, Active and Non-Aligned Foreign Policy. Union ministers and deputy ministers also paid goodwill visits and attended the meetings of international and regional organizations including the UN.

Focusing on world peace and cordial ties with various countries, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar continues active cooperation with regional and other countries, international organizations and the UN in accord with the Active and Non-Aligned Foreign Policy.

U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency raised **a question that as the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is realizing the market oriented economic system, I would like to know about investments of international community and at home and progress of internal and international investment sector in the time of the new government.** Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein replied that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has promulgated the Myanmar Foreign Investment Law, Myanmar Citizens Investment Law, Special Economic Zone Law and Dawei Special Economic Zone Law. Of them, a total of 454 works from 31 countries with US$ 36.073 billion have been allowed from November 1988 to August 2011. From 31-3-1994 when the Myanmar Citizens Investment Law was promulgated to August 2011, a total of 807 works with US$ 2.9 billion and K 1424.03 billion have been allowed. In the time of the new government, foreign investments rose to US$ 19.3 million investment and one more citizen investment worth K 6.15 billion were allowed. Ongoing citizen investments rose to K 13.41 million. Moreover, Dawei Special Economic Zone worth US$ 8 billion is being implemented.

The Foreign Investment Law is being amended for raising more foreign investments in the nation, and arrangements are being made to submit it to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through respective Hluttaws. There are many foreign enthusiasts to put investment in Myanmar, and about 20 groups met the authorities of Myanmar Investment Commission from 1 April to 9 September 2011. They are waiting for amendment of some laws, rules and regulations to put their investments. Therefore, the volume of investment will be larger after issuing the amendment of Myanmar Foreign Investment Law.

As trade and investment is a drive for economic growth of a nation, Myanmar is making earnest efforts for development of investment sector. Focus is set on development of investment not to harm national interest, prestige of the State, sovereignty of the State, environment and social economy of local people in line with the guidance of the President.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied to four questions on health sector raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

***Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Myint of Nawnghkio raising question.*—MNA**

U Nyunt Hlaing of Pyu Constituency said that **Pyu Township of Bago Region is home to over 270,000 people, and township hospital was built as 25-bed facility in 1930. It was upgraded to 50-bed hospital in 1970. Thanks to donations of the wellwishers, Pyu Township Hospital is formed with two-storey main building, one-storey male patient ward, one-storey female patient ward, operation theatre, delivery room, 3200-gallon-capacity water tank and one tube-well, one 325 KVA transformer, one 25 KVA generator for emergency purpose, one-storey hall for relatives of patients and one car parking. Moreover, Mahn Aung Nyein Foundation monthly provides K 1 million to the hospital's fund and drug bills for needy patients. Therefore, he asked that whether there is a plan to upgrade the hospital to 100-bed facility.** The Union Minister replied, Pyu Township of Bago Region is one of six regions on the priority for development of rectangular regions. Therefore, plan is underway to upgrade the Pyu Township Hospital (50-bed) to the 100-bed facility under the rules and regulations.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency said that **in accord with the permission given under the National Drug Law as law No. 7/92 by the government in 1998, national entrepreneurs, intellectuals and intelligentsia of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association are producing foreign medicines on a wider scale. In 2004, the pharmaceutical production licences were suspended due to lack of permission from the Ministry of Industry-1. He said he would like to know whether there is a plan to allow production of pharmaceuticals by establishing new factories.** The Union Minister replied that practising Section

***Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein replying question.*—MNA**

31, Sub-Section (b) of the National Drug Law, the Ministry of Health has issued the announcement No. 4/93 on application for licences of foreign drugs and prescriptions for licensees.

U Sai Than Naing of Papun Constituency said that **there 78 hospitals and clinics in Hpa-an Township of Kayin State. Patients of other townships received medical treatments at Hpa-an People's Hospital. He raised a question asking whether there is a plan to extend new buildings at Hpa-an People's Hospital as existing buildings of the hospital are not adequate for patients.** The Union Minister replied that according to the submission of the medical superintendent that Hpa-an People's Hospital needs one more three-storey building for injuries, orthopedic, child, eye, ears and nose units, a plan is under scrutiny on priority to be inserted into the capital expenditure beginning the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

In her question, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency asked **she would like to know about allotment of budget of the State for health sector within past five years; how about expenditure of the health sector in the expenditure of the whole Union government for the 2011-2012 fiscal year; and whether there is a plan to increase the expenditure of health sector in long run.** The Union Minister replied that according to the statistics of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the expenditure of K 42.675 billion in the 2006-07 fiscal year was allotted to the health sector, accounting for 1.16 per cent of the budget of the Union government. The health sector received K 43.306 billion, accounting for 0.88 per cent of the Union government in 2007-2008, K 45.821 billion in 2008-09, accounting for 0.86 per cent of the Union government in 2008-09, K 55.836 billion in 2009-2010, accounting for 0.89 per cent of the Union government, K 77.259 billion in 2010-2011, accounting for 0.98 per cent of the Union government, and the expenditure for 2011-2012 fiscal year is 1.14 per cent of the Union government.

In the long-term, plans are underway to spend the increased expenditure on health sector like other countries.

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More funds will be demanded for national health plans, research and development tasks, opening and upgrading hospitals in regions and states, opening of new station hospitals and rural health centres, providing hospital equipment and medicines and building extended structures.

As two Hluttaw representatives raised two questions, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe replied to them.

U Thurein Zaw of Kawkareik Constituency said that **if electricity can be supplied to Kawkareik of Kayin State through power grid, factories and workshops can be established to solve jobless problems. If power line is installed, the facility can be connected with Thaton-Hpa-an-Mawlamyine power grid. He asked whether there is a plan to supply electricity to the local people through power grid.** The Union Minister replied that a total of 1463 people are being supplied with electricity with the use of two 860 KVA Skoda engines and one 100 KVA Skoda engine. Depending on prospects of generating more volume of electricity in the future and development of the border region, a plan has been set to supply electricity of 230 KV power grid from Thaton to Kawkareik. The plan will comprise installation of 85 miles long 230 KV Thaton-Kawkareik power grid, and construction of 230/66 KV and 100 MVA power station in Kawkareik. Moreover, a plan has been set to supply electricity from Kawkareik to Myawady.

U Kyaw Myint of Nawnghkio Constituency said that **although electricity for Nawnghkio of Shan State (North) is being supplied through PyinOoLwin Power Station, people from 196 villages cannot enjoy fruits of power supply. If a sub-power station is built in Nawnghkio, electricity can be supplied to factories, regiments and units, and some rural areas. Therefore, he asked whether there is a plan to build a sub-power station in Nawnghkio.** The Union Minister replied that Nawnghkio Township is being supplied electricity through 33/11 KV power line from 33 KV power line of PyinOoLwin Power Station, 21.5 miles long 11KV power line from 5 MVA Kyuntabin Sub-power Station. A total of 25 11/04 KV transformers are operating, and they have 3680 KVA installed capacity. While adopting the special projects to extend supply of electricity in conformity with increasing amount of electricity in the State power network, plans are underway to supply more electricity to various regions. A plan will be laid down for construction of one sub-power station for the local people in coming fiscal years.

The Chairman of the Bill Committee submitted the Bill Amending the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law and the Bill Amending the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw with approvals.

Regarding the bills, amendments to two bills of the Bill Committee's report were submitted as there is no representative to submit the proposal to amend and the Hluttaw sought the approval for the amendment of the whole bill in accord with the Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 159, sub-rule (d). The proposals to seek the approval of the Hluttaw in accord with the amendment of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee for the **Bill to amend Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law** which was approved by Amyotha Hluttaw and the **Bill to amend Region or State Hluttaw Election Law** which was approved by Amyotha Hluttaw were approved as the Hluttaw decided to support.

In the session of holding discussions on the proposal, U Pom Khant In of Tiddim Constituency, U Htan Lein of Mindat Constituency, Defence Services Personnel Representative Maj Tun Tun Oo, U Khun Lein of Falam Constituency, U Khin Maung Yi (a) U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency and U Than Myint of Salingyi Constituency discussed the proposal, **"poverty alleviation in Chin State"** submitted on 9 September by Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency and seconded the proposal that measures should be taken for development of ecotourism, adequate supply of electricity, development of livestock breeding-based businesses, production of Chin State Orchids on a commercial scale and eradication of slash-and-burn farming.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe and Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung took part in discussions.

The A&I deputy minister said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation implemented Farmland Reclamation in Hilly Region Plan as a State project since 2003-2004. Up to the end of July 2011-12, 6783 acres of farmland have been reclaimed in Chin State so far. Up to 2010-11, 20400 acres were put under tea plantations. The ministry distributed tea seeds worth K 123.762 million free of charge from 2000-01 to 2010-11. The minister has a responsibility for implementation of Agriculture Sector Development Task of Eight Rural Development Tasks. Works are being undertaken for development of agri-businesses in underdeveloped regions and dissemination of environmentally-friendly agricultural methods through educative talks.

Perennial saplings are being distributed from Kyawbok, Bawkhwe, Lonpe and Ram Kalaung farms. It will be convenient for Chin State with poor transport in transporting crop outputs after treating raw materials to processed goods. It is necessary to transfer processing methods so as to penetrate domestic and foreign markets and to contribute regional development.

Scientific agricultural methods are being rendered through courses. Matriculation examination-passed 26 students from Chin State were chosen to join the University of Agriculture. Chin State is a region where various kinds of herbal orchids grow well. It is required to distribute rare and marketable orchids which are suitable for the region through tissue culture and to encourage farmers in orchid growing on a managerial scale so as to be able to export in accord with the

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law. As a result, rural region development can be realized. For rural region development and poverty alleviation, plans for development of agricultural production sector will be carried out depending on availability of funds.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein said that Myanma Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Bank loaned K 100 million in August 2003 for the first time, K 50 million in July 2006 for the second time and K 150 million for the third time to breeders for development of Mythun breeding in Chin State.

With the aim of ensuring development of livestock breeding-based businesses, the central committee for rural region development and poverty alleviation formed development of livestock breeding and fish and meat production subcommittee and State/Region subcommittees for development of fish and meat production. Plans were laid down and are being implemented. Only with commercial production by mythun breeding group, pig breeding group and goat breeding group, will the economy develop. It is necessary to render necessary financial assistance and technologies to the groups. Arrangements are being made to implement the plans in cooperation with the State government and departments concerned.

Union Minister U Win Tun said that it is recorded that there are 109 species of orchid at Natmataung National Park. Among them, 17 species of orchid are valuable herbal ones. Species of orchid are at the verge of extinction due to extraction of rare species of orchid from the forest and illegal trading. Forest Department is organizing local people to engage in plant propagation in order to protect wild orchids from extinction and is encouraging orchid growing on a managerial scale in cooperation with the State government.

Theoretical and practical lessons on orchid propagation were given to local people of Heelaung village in Mindat Township, Ye Laung Pan and Okpo villages in Kanpetlet Township after inviting experts from Queen Sirikit Botanical Garden in Chiang Mai of Thailand. Trainees will be sent to Queen Sirikit Botanical Garden in December to study orchid propagation in practical so

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as to be able to share their knowledge to local people of Natmataung region.

Forest Department is conducting a research project for conservation of valuable and rare herbal species of plant and orchid in cooperation with JICA and Makino Botanical Garden.

Under the procedures of the project, there is a plan to send a staff of the department to Kasetsart University in Thailand so as to be able to study orchid propagation through tissue culture. Arrangements are being made to conduct orchid propagation courses for local people continuously at Natmataung National Garden in cooperation with Makino Botanical Garden.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe said that 11 state/district/township/sub-township/town electrical engineers' offices were opened at Haka, Falam, Tiddim, Tonzang, Thantlang, Kyikha, Reedhorda, Mindat, Matupi, Kanpetlet and Rezwa in order to supply electricity to Chin State which has not received electricity from national grid yet. The whole state enjoys electricity through 23 generators. The State spends 3640 gallons of fuel per month. Kanpetlet, Rezwa, Thantlang, Reedhorda and Kyikha enjoy electricity two-hour a day through generators. Six townships—Haka, Falam, Tiddim, Tonzang, Mindat and Matupi— with hydropower plants enjoy 24-hour electricity during the seven period from July to January a year and the plants generates electricity for six hours in combination with generators in the remaining months.

Installation of 30-mile 66 KV power line from Kyaw to Gangaw and construction of related subpower stations are in progress in 2011-12 fiscal year. Besides, 60-mile Gangaw-Haka 66 KV power line, 90-mile Haka-Falam-Thaingngin-Kalay-Kalewa 66 KV power line, 70-mile Kalay-Tamu 66 KV power

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line, 35-mile Pauk-Mindat 66 KV power line, 110-mile Mindat-Matupi 66 KV power line and related subpower stations are under construction as special projects. Upon completion of the projects, Haka, Falam and Thaingngin will be supplied with electricity through national power grid. Then electricity will be distributed to Tiddim, Tonzang and Kyikha from Thaingngin.

Upon completion of Lemyo Hydropower Project and Saidin Hydropower Project, electricity will be distributed to Paletwa of Chin State through Kyauktaw of Rakhine State. On completion of Pauk-Mindat-Matupi power line, electricity will be distributed to Paletwa of Chin State through Saw of Magway. The ministry is implementing special projects for extension of power supply system to be suitable with amount of electricity surplus distributed by national power grid. It is planned to implement the abovementioned projects for supply of electricity to townships in Chin State through national power grid. As the projects are under the long-term plan, local people will enjoy electricity within a short period of time if local authorities find ways and means for establishment of small and medium scale hydropower plants.

Deputy Minister U Htay Aung said that ecotourism is one of the kinds of tourism industry. In Myanmar, there are 21 destinations for ecotourism which are under protection of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry. Among them, some are natural resources of Chin State.

Ecotourism is based in Natmataung region, south of Chin State, in order to study natural resources of Chin State. Natmataung region is packed with tourists yearly. It is necessary to make necessary arrangements for services to be given to tourists who visit ecotourism-based destinations in northern part of Chin State.

A group comprising entrepreneurs led by an official of the ministry made a field trip to northern part of Chin State in May 2011 and they held discussions on drawing travel plan and management matters with local authorities. With better transport in Chin State, measures will be taken to develop ecotourism in northern part of the state and it is required for all organizations to try hard for development ecotourism systematically.

As the proposal of Thura U Aung Ko was not needed to vote through, it is decided that Hluttaw recorded the proposal and related ministries and organizations would go with a swing to implement it as recorded.

Regarding the proposal submitted on 9 September by U Nyi Lay (a) U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency for **forming of committees for rural electrification committees and promulgation of Rural Electrification Act at central and region/state level**, U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency, U Sai Thiha Kyaw (a) U Sai Hat of Mongyal Constituency, U Ohn Ngwe of Myaungme Constituency, U Aye Maung of Bawlake Constituency and U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu Constituency discussed that electrification denotes socioeconomic development of rural people and approved the proposal.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe said that electricity is being supplied to ten cities of region and state, 42 towns of district, 224 towns of township, eight towns of sub-township, 18 towns and related 2194 villages through national grid. Although demand and supply of electricity is fair in the raining season, supply is weak a little in the summer season. Arrangements are being made for extension of national grid construction projects, main power stations, stretching of power supply cable, and sub power stations.

For 2011-2012 financial year, US $ 54.12 million (K 67.66 billion) was earmarked for construction of national grids and main power stations. As the construction of national grids and main power stations calls for huge amount of money and is not enough with local currency, measures are to be taken for availability of foreign loans.

It is found that as the villages not only in Myanmar but also across the world are away from electricity supply sources, they have to harness other energy sources to get electricity. To enjoy electricity, those villages may tap diesel/gasoline-fired generators, small-scale hydropower generators, solar power, wind power, husk/sawdust/sugarcane waste/coconut palm-fired generators, biogas-fired generators.

As such measures need large sum of money, it is difficult for local people on a self-reliant basis. The main need is to set up capital investment. Electrification plans will be able to be implemented if required capital investment is available.

It is found that the villages to which electricity of the State cannot be supplied have made arrangements for accessibility of electricity with technical and cash assistance of foreign organizations while they cannot touch the electricity. Nowadays, the State has been engaging in rural development and poverty alleviation tasks in all seriousness, adopting eight main tasks. Prescribing "rural energy development task" in the eight main tasks highlights implementation of "task for ensuring of electricity in villages".

If the far-flung rural regions located away from electricity supply of the State and the villages that cannot use electricity make preparations for electrification, it will take a long time. If measures are taken for promulgation of Rural Electrification Act like the United States of America (or) forming of Rural Electrification Board like India and Bangladesh, the State will be able to implement the task for rural electrification by disbursing loan with low interest rate and with the assistance of NGOs and other local and foreign private companies.

Hluttaw then approved the proposal of U Nyi Lay (a) U Kyi Tha.

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long Zathapyin-Chaunghnakhwa road in Mon State from 1997-1998 fiscal year to 2010-2011 fiscal year spending K 536.49 million out of border regions development fund and fund of the Ministry of Construction; that to ensure that vehicles can run on the road for all seasons, 160-ft long Pabaung creek-crossing bridge No. 1 and 60-ft Pabaung creek-crossing bridge No. 2 will be repaired repaired using K 26.5 million out of border regions development fund and severely damaged road sections between 32 miles and six furlongs long gravel road from Kyungon to Phayagon will be repaired using K 20 million granted by Development Affairs Department in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The Union Minister continued that his ministry is upgrading 120-ft long bridge No (2/24) and 140-ft long bridge No (2/23) on Phayagon-Chaunghnakhwa earthen road section into concrete ones, maintaining other seven wooden bridges and road sections in this fiscal year; that Union government is repairing roads and bridges in this fiscal year and will continue doing so in the coming fiscal years based on allocation of funds.

In his reply to question of U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No (4) about "**if there is a plan to construct inter-village road and bridge on the right bank of Laymyo River in Minpya Township and the estimated for implementation if the government has such a plan**", the Union Minister said that the Union government has given priority for smooth transportation in villages on the right bank of Minbya township, Rakhine State and with K 123.976 million—K 4.5 million out of border regions development fund and K 119.476 million out of fund of the township development affairs committee was used up to 2010-2011 fiscal year for construction of two miles and three furlongs long gravel road from Kinseik to Cheikdaung with three bridges on it, two miles and four furlongs long gravel road from Cheikdaung to Hsingyipyin with two bridges on it, seven furlongs long section and 1 mile and seven furlongs gravel section from Minbya to Sambalay with one bridge on it, two furlongs long earthen section and seven furlongs long gravel section from Minywa to Zibingyi, one bridge and 20 conduits from Ngapyee to Panmyaung Village, seven furlongs gravel section from Ngapukwa to Napaechaung, seven furlongs long gravel section from Yangon-Sittway motor road to Ngapukwa Village, three furlong long gravel road in Nadin Village, two bridges in Myitna Village, three furlongs earthen section from Cheikdaung-Htaunkchea Ferry to Ngapukwa and two bridges on it and one mile and four furlongs long gavel road linking Yangon-Sittway motor road with Kyetma Village.

The Union Minister added that Minbya Township Development Affairs Committee has planned to construct one mile and four furlongs long road section linking Yangon-Sittway motor road on the right bank of Laymyo River and two concrete bridges on the road with K 31.215 million for construction and maintenance of rural roads and bridges in 2011-2012 fiscal year and in the years to come, such works will be projected and done depending on the fund of the township development affairs committee.

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U Manar Naing of Chin State Constituency No (10) said that **Kanpetlet Township is subject to poor transportation because of the creeks originating from Mt. Vitoria and being mountainous township and it stands at the bottom of socio-economic index of the nation, of 26 village-tracts and 117 villages in the township, only about 13 villages have access to motor roads and the remaining over 100 villages have to rely on foot and asked if the government has any plan to provide equipment, foodstuffs and cash assistance to Kanpetlet Township for construction of roads on a self-reliant basis as every village currently is constructing urban-to-rural roads and inter-village roads on a self-reliant basis and prioritized tasks for least developed rural areas**.

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The Union Minister replied that for regional development of Kanpetlet Township, his ministry, spending K 123.61 million—92.92 million out of border regions development fund and 30.69 million out of Township Development Affairs fund till 2010-2011 fiscal year, has constructed 52 miles long Kanpetlet-Kyindwe earthen road, three miles and four furlongs long Kanpetlet-Yelaungpan earthen road, 8 miles and two furlongs long Longle-Rawel earthen road, 13 miles long Kyindwe-Hmucheindein earthen road, 70-ft long Hteinba creek suspension bridge, 400-ft long Sone suspension bridge in Karai Village, 300-ft long Mong Creek bridge in Aukant Village and 214-ft long Mong creek-crossing bridge. Kanpetlet Township development Affairs Committee is not in a position to construct rural roads and bridges and thus Development Affairs department will grant K 20 million for this fiscal year for construction of the rural roads and the bridges in the township.

The Union minister added that inter-villages road will be constructed in Kanpetlet Township with allocation of the Development Affairs Department this year, but the township development affairs committee has no sufficient fund and annual projected construction of rural roads and bridges will be carried out with border regions development fund under the arrangement of Implementation for Development of Border regions and National Races Central Committee.

U Har Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency No (8) said **that border areas national races youth development training schools are opened in consideration of education for national youths in remote and underdeveloped border regions with poor transportation and the State has opened nine schools in Chin State and asked for admission of needy, bright youths of any races and religions to those schools**.

In his reply, the Union Minister said that 29 border regions national races youth development training schools—four in Kachin State, seven in Shan State, one each in Kayah, Kayin State, Rakhine State, Yangon Region and Magway Region, nine in Chin State, two each in Sagaing Region and Naga Self-Administered Zone have been opened to provide free education for needy children who have had hardly any access to education throughout successive periods. He continued that training schools are opened in Haka, Htantalan, Falam, Tiddim, Tonzang, Mindat, Matupi and Kanpetlet, of which Mindat has two schools. Admission Selection Board of the Education chaired by the Director-General of Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs is systematically selecting trainees for admission to the schools in accordance with qualifications criteria for trainees without bias.

The Union Minister continued that a total of 3057 trainees—2556 males and 501 females of 32 different national races are attending at 29 training schools and Chin nationals constitute 1036 trainees of the total trainees.

Subject on Union spirit is mainly lectured at the training schools and the courses are designed for establishing mutual trust among national races and mutual understanding of each other's cultural traditions by arranging them live under the same roof at training schools, and at the same time it is needed to avoid making habits and behaviours that could lead to racism, religiosity either internationally or unintentionally with great cautiousness. By inculcating Union Spirit into them, youth forces equipped with strong Union Spirit that could safeguard Our Three Main National Causes at the risk of their lives and it is needed to understand that trainees that completed the courses at the training schools and joined the career and have considerably strong Union Spirit have the rights to follow their preferable religion freely in accordance with provisions of Article 362, 363 of Chapter (8)—Fundamental rights and Duties of Citizens of the constitution.

In his reply to question of U Khin Maung (a) U Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constituency No (3) about if there is any plan to upgrade roads in Sittway, the Union Minister said that the Sittway Township Development Affairs Committee has constructed 81 tarred roads 32 miles in total length, 15 gravel roads 10 miles in total length, three earthen roads six furlongs in total length, 48 concrete bridges, 14 wooden bridges and 37 conduits with K 445.649 million fund granted by Development Affairs committee till 2010-2011 fiscal year and roads are damaged especially because Sittway receives annual rainfall of between 250 and 300 inches.

In the 2011-12 fiscal year, Sittway Township Development Affairs Department was upgrading roads, three concrete bridges, maintaining seven bridges and building two new conduits.

The department had a plan to upgrade main roads in Sittway in the next fiscal year depending on the budget of the department.

U Paul Htan Htai of Chin State constituency No.3 said **that Chin State was the poorest one among the regions and states and 73 % of its population were living in poverty and asked the Union Minister whether the Ministry of Border Affairs had a plan to carry out the poverty alleviation in impoverished states/regions on priority when the government had carried out the rural areas development and poverty alleviation plan and to upgrade the roads in the State on priority.**

The Union Minister replied that in accordance the UN's framework to reduce the poverty in the world by half by 2015, the central committee for rural areas development and poverty alleviation led by the president, the work committees and region/state committees were set up and had been carrying out the eight tasks for the rural areas development and poverty alleviation. To be able to carry out the tasks effectively in Chin State, one Union Minister was assigned to the state as an in-charge to supervise the tasks.

The in-charge of Chin State went on field trips to villages in Chin State in July and August, 2011, and spent 364.625 million kyats in July and 398.943 million kyats in August. Besides, as part of the micro finance scheme, plans had been made to set aside 100 million kyats for one township as the first step, and 12 integrated farming groups, 16 groups for livestock breeding sector and one group for the fish breeding sector had been organized.

As part of the cooperation between the international organizations and the Ministry of Border Affairs, 3328 tons of rice provided by the WFP for the 2011 had been distributed to far-flung areas in

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Chin State, he said.

Regarding the second question, he said that the reasons why Chin State was impoverished were being far-flung hilly areas and difficulty accessibility to the state. Therefore, the Union Government had placed emphasis on the transportation in Chin State and was upgrading roads and bridges in the state.

The Ministry of Construction had expanded over 20 roads, maintained tarred roads, constructed bridges, conduits and retaining walls.

Ministry of Border Affairs had constructed village-to-village linking roads reaching total distance of 115 miles in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the ministry had carried out roadwork to maintain roads in total distance of 98 miles.

As part of efforts for development of transportation sector in Chin State, the Union Government had reached a step to ink the MoU on construction of the 80.178 km long Tiddim-Reed at the cost of US$70 million with the help of Indian government. The project was expected to complete at the end of 2014, he said. The Union Government had designated the Chin State as a special region and had placed emphasis on development of the transportation sector in the state.

U Salai Khwe Yan of Chin State Constituency No. 12 asked whether the ministry had a plan to upgrade the current river water pumping system to be able to sufficiently supply drinking water to

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Paletwa.

In his answer to the question, the Union Minister said to supply water to the people in Paletwa, Paletwa Township Development Affairs pumped water from the Kisspanadi River to the 20,000 gallon tank, laid 10,500 ft long pipe and constructed a reservoir which has a storage capacity of 4600 gallons to store water from Thinthay Creek Waterfall and had fulfilled 73 per cent of the town's water requirement.

Budget allocation of Paletwa Township Development Affairs Committee of the Ministry of Border Affairs for 2011-2012 fiscal year amounts for K 57 million, and K 2.8 million was earmarked for civil and water supply tasks. As budget allocation did not meet extension of civil water supply task, arrangements will be made for construction of one 20,000-gallon silting tank, substitution of 5670-foot long PVC pipeline which is four inches in diameter and extension of 5100-foot PVC pipe which three inches in diameter with K 13 million assisted by Development Affairs Department (HQ), four million by township development affair committee, totaling K 17 million.

After the construction works, chlorinated water will be able to supply up to 0.11 million gallons a day to three wards in Paletwa.

U Hsun Dote Kyint of Chin State Constituency No. 6 in his question said that **as 12-mile long Zaungkaung-Mwabin Road linking Kalay-Falam Road and Mwabin Village is earthen facility, it causes difficulty in the raining season. As Mwabin Bridge (a) Manipura Suspension Bridge does not have enough strength, loaded jeeps cannot be allowed to pass through.** He asked **whether there is a plants to build Zaungkaung-Mwabin Road as an all-season serviceable facility and repair Mwabin Bridge (a) Manipura Suspension Bridge as soon as possible.** A total of K 44.7 million of Border Area Development Fund was drawn on construction and maintenance of Tonzang-Kyikha Road, 31-mile long Tiddim-Reed earthen road, eight-mile long Tiddim-Htotehlaing gravel road, five-mile long Zanungkaung-Laydot-Lainkhaing Road, 36-mile long Dawtlwin-Spant-Zozan

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earthen road, 16-mile long Htanzan-Tatlu earthen road, 420-foot long Manipura river-crossing bridge (Kaptal), 400-foot long Gamlaing suspension bridge, 140-foot long Palata Creek Bridge in Zozan Village.

According to all-season serviceable facilities project, in 1998-1999 fiscal year, K 1.3 million from Border Area Development Fund was spent on upgrading of 12-mile long Zangkaung-Laydot-Mwabin earthen road. Five-mile long Zaungkaung-Laydot-Lainkhaing Road was paved gravel. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, with the fund of K 32.9 million from Border Area Development Fund, priority is given to maintenance of 36-mile long Hsukhwar-Bonzon Road, 26-mile long Yayzwa-Lainglinpi earthen road and 36-mile long Yayzwa-Zabaungthe earthen road, 98 miles in total.

Ministry of Construction is engaging in construction and maintenance of road and bridge works in Chin State with the assistance of normal maintenance fund for 2011-2012 fiscal year.

In order to upgrade 12-mile long Zaungkaung-Laydot-Mwabin to an all-season serviceable gravel road, plans for setting up fund will be submitted to Central Committee for Implementation of Progress of Border Areas and National Races in 2012-1013 fiscal year.

Similarly, the ministry has a plan to make assessment to the Manipura Suspension Bridge to upgrade it so that it can withstand jeeps.

U Sai Paung Nap of Shan State Constituency No.12 **asked whether the ministry had a plan to construct a road to link Hopang where the office of the Wa Administrated Zone was established and Matman and to construct village-to-village linking roads, and when the ministry would launch the plan it it had the plan.**

The Union minister said the ministry had injected 4809 million kyats to the development of "Wa" Administrated Region until the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The main roads which can access to Hopang and Matman such as the 804 mile long Hopang-Lashio-Mandalay-Taunggyi-Mongpyin-Matman Road, the 343 mile long Hopang-Lashio-Tangyang-Panghsan-Matman Road and the 257 mile long Hopang-Mongmaw-Panghsan-Matman Road.

Out of the roads, the Hopang-Lashio-Mandalay-Taunggyi-Mongpyin-Matman Road had been constructed funded by the Ministry of Construction and the road was an all-weather road. The construction of theremaining section 73 mile long Mongpyin-Matman Road was launched in the 2010-2011 fiscal year and the road would be upgraded step by step to become an all-weather road.

Similarly, the second road Hopang-Lashio-Tangyang-Panhsan road is all-weather roads which need annual repair works.

The third road 209-mile Hopang-Mongmaw-Panghsan road, implemented with K 179.15 million of border area development fund, is a hard gravel road. Road maintenance is needed for using in all weathers and 48-mile Panghsan-Metman road, implemented in regional programme, is a earthen road usable in open season.

The best way to directly connect Hopang and Metman in "Wa" Self-Administered Division in long term is to upgrade existing 209-mile Hopan-Mongmaw-Panhsan road and to upgrade 48-mile Panhsan-Metman road to all-weather road. It will allow traveling round trip between Hopang and Metman in one day. For betterment in road transportation, fund will be requested from Border Area and National Races Development Implementation Central Committee and projects will be implemented with the budget allotted in each fiscal year.

Regarding the second question, Metman Sub-Township Development Affairs Committee is the committee with no fund. Salaries and office expense are provided annually by State Assistance Fund. It has planned to pave one-mile gravel road in downtown area in Metman Sub-Township with K 20 million out of the cash assistance of Development Affairs Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Regarding the plan to implement inter-village roads in the Sub-Township, the Union government will ask Border Areas and National Races Development Implementation Central Committee for border areas development fund in coming years.

Hluttaw Representatives Maj Naing Naing Win, U Win Naing Shein, Dr Tin Shwe, Dr Khin Maung Lay, Dr Hla Thein and Dr Win Myint Aung discussed the proposal "**urging the Union government to form a scholor group to fairly settle healthcare disputes**" submitted yesterday by Dr Soe Tun of Mandalay Region Constituency (1). They seconded the proposal, citing many government hospitals, private hospitals and clinics have emerged now. As medical treatments have advanced, people are well-informed with medical knowledge. Patients are lodging complaints, seeking compensation, and filing lawsuits against the healthcare providers. Those conflicts between doctors and patients are due to weaknesses from both sides. Healthcare providers are weak in social relation, treatment, care, sympathy and ethics. Some doctors fail to cure, explain about treatment and give instructions after listening to patients explaining about his/her illness because they are busy and caring many patients in short period of time.

Some patients fight for compensation and file lawsuits because of the instigations of third persons who are opportunists with wrong concepts and information. The healthcare providers need honestly explain the purposes and implications of treatment so that the trust could be built up between patient and doctor, making the treatment more effective. Misunderstanding, claiming compensation and lawsuits between doctors and patients will be lessened.

Medical Protective Society, formed in United Kingdom in 1892, is dealing medical accusations and disputes over treatment. It is needed to form a scholor group which will handle healthcare disputes fairy and which is reliable by both patients and doctors.

The State needs to carry out social welfare works, and study the start of the dispute and consequences and both sides of patient and doctor. Minor cases become major conflicts due to instigation of third parties and wrong views. Health staff are to stick to eight commitments of the doctor and need to be sympathetic doctors. The patients need to realize knowledge, experience, goodwill and treatments of doctors. If doctors are to blame, the fine reputation of Myanma society will be damaged. Hospitals and clinics are to provide accurate treatment, and deserve and warm services. The understanding of mutual rights and obligations between the doctors and patients should be practiced. So, the health sector of Myanmar will ensure a win-win situation.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin explained that it is needed to form **a scholor group which will fairly settle healthcare disputes.** It should be linked or under Myanmar Medical Association, a non-government organization. Fees should be charged for membership. Volunteers or paid staff should be appointed. The Ministry of Health will provide suggestions and necessary assistances. The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Hluttaw Representatives U Shu Maung, U Soe Myint, U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than and U Steven Thabeik discussed the proposal "**urging the Union government to form Republic of the Union of Myanmar Large Dams National Committee and to join International Commission on Large Dams**". They seconded the proposal, citing that, dams were built for electricity and irrigation in developing the State as from 1990, there are 235 dams now; the dams will continue to be built depending on public demands; it is needed to consider the prevention against natural disasters and durability of the dams. Techniques, designs and suggestions for sustainability of the dams should be requested from ICOLD.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw explained that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, No (1) Electric Power Department and Hydropower Planning Department is implementing below-and-above-200-feet small-medium-and-large-scale dams fro irrigation and electricity generation. It will continue to cooperate with local and foreign organizations for mutual benefits.

Membership in International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) based in Paris of France may allow keeping abreast in respective subject through international relations by taking advices for technical issues.

If Myanmar joins ICOLD, necessary technical advices can be obtain, academic seminars can be organized between member nations, and local engineers can get the chance to be recognized in international community. Now, Myanmar Engineering Society is making connections with ASEAN member nations. ICOLD membership will allow joining international community. Myanmar National Committee on Large Dams (MNCOLD) should be formed and International Commission on Large Dams should be jointed. The Hluttaw then approved the proposal.

U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency (2) submitted the proposal "**urging the Union government to ensure every level of government staff are working in accord with the law to guarantee peaceful and secure living in legal framework**". As one Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal to discuss, the Hluttaw approved the proposal to discuss.

U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region (3) submitted the proposal "**urging the Union government to appoint safety officer for prevention against accidental damages**". As one Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal to discuss, the Hluttaw approved the proposal to discuss.

U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constituency (9) submitted the proposal "**urging the Union government to eliminate gambling which could hurt micro-credit work for poverty alleviation in all ways including mass activity**". As one Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal to discuss, the Hluttaw approved the proposal to discuss.

The 17th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 4.10 pm and the session continues for 18th day at 10 am on 14 September, 2011 (Wednesday).

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

Gas leaks kill 50 Britons a year

LONDON, 13 Sept—Carbon monoxide gas leak from faulty appliances killed 50 Britons in the past year, a government report said. Another 4,000 people across the country needed hospital treatment, the *Daily Express* reported Monday citing figures released by the department of health. Central heating boilers, gas cookers and gas fires were the main reasons.

More than 43 percent of gas consumers do not have their appliances checked regularly, while one in 10 never checked them. Carbon monoxide gas has no smell, colour or taste and is almost impossible to detect. So victims do not realise they are in danger until it is too late, according to the Gas Safe Register, the official registration scheme for natural gas appliances in the country.—*Internet*

Thai residents paddle to a market as floods overrun their neighbourhood on 12 September, 2011 Angthong, Thailand. Floods continue to ravage areas further south, with five people dying after a two-story apartment building sunk when a foundation collapsed due to rain and hillside runoff. The death toll continues to rise as 19 provinces remain affected by the annual rains. —INTERNET

Glow in the dark cats could help find cure for HIV

LONDON, 13 Sept—Scientists have developed glow in the dark cats with intrinsic immunity to the feline AIDS virus to help combat the disease in cats and humans.

Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) causes AIDS in cats as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) does in people: by depleting the body''s infection-fighting T-cells.

The purpose of the study was to show how a natural protein that prevents macaque monkeys developing Aids can do the same in cats.

The Mayo team of physicians, virologists, veterinarians and gene therapy researchers, along with collaborators in Japan, thus devised a way to insert effective monkey versions of them into the cat genome.

The technique is called gamete-targeted lentiviral transgenesis — essentially, inserting genes into feline oocytes (eggs) before sperm fertilization.

Succeeding with it for the first time in a carnivore, the team inserted a gene for a rhesus macaque restriction factor known to block cell infection by FIV, as well as a jellyfish gene for tracking purposes. The latter makes the offspring cats glow green.

The macaque restriction factor blocks FIV by attacking and disabling the virus''s outer shield as it tries to invade a cell.—*Internet*

Cambodian toddler suckles milk from cow after mum leaves him in search of work

LONDON, 13 Sept —A toddler in Cambodia has been suckling milk directly from a cow ever since his mother left him to look for work in Thailand with his father.

Tha Sophat is 18-months-old, and his grandfather revealed that the little boy has been feeding himself this way since July after his parents left to find work after a storm destroyed the family home.

A couple struggle to walk as wind and waves lash the promenade in Saltcoats, west Scotland on 12 September, 2011.—INTERNET

Um Oeung, the 46-year-old grandfather, with whom the youngster is staying, said that after he stopped breast-feeding from his mother, the boy became ill.

The boy watched a calf nurse from its mother, and began to do the same thing, feeding directly from the cow each day, and when Oeung tried to stop him by pulling him away, he would cry. So he let the toddler continue even after his neighbours and the local officials in the village of Pheas in Siem Reap Province, about 195 miles from the capital Phnom Penh, voiced their concerns about the nursing. "They blame me and have told me not to allow him to suckle from the cow anymore. They say the boy will be ashamed when he grows up and that he will be naughty," the *Daily Mail* quoted Oeung as saying.—*Internet*

A freestyle skier lands in the water while practicing on a newly opened water ramp on Okanagan Lake in Penticton, British Columbia on 10 September, 2011. Built on an old military self-propelled landing craft the new ramp helps freestyle skiers to practice during the summer months their aerials, moguls, halfpipe or slopestyle tricks before they perform them in competition on snow.—INTERNET

75 bodies found in Kenyan petrol fire

BEIJING, 13 Sept—At least 75 bodies have been recovered after a petrol fire broke out in a densely populated slum in Nairobi, Kenya. More than 100 people are feared dead and a similar number have been taken to hospital. Many children were among the victims. Local residents say petrol spilled from a pipeline owned by the Kenya Pipeline Company ran into a sewage dyke and caught fire, sending a wave of flame through the slum.

The head of the state-owned Pipeline Company says the gasoline leak was caused when a gasket burst due to pressure build-up in the pipe.

The cause of the explosion and fire has not been determined, though rubbish fires are common in the area.

Xinhua

Sea levels might rise or fall if warming continues

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept — Sea levels might rise or fall if the trend of more recent warming continues unabated, as in the past, during a period known as the Last Interglacial, they were oscillating.

The new evidence unearthed by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is based on sea level changes during a warm period about 125,000 years ago, known as the Last Interglacial.

"This was the last time that the climate was as warm as — or warmer than — today," said WHOI geochronologist William G. Thompson, who led the study, the journal *Nature Geoscience* reports.

Sea levels during the Last Interglacial are known to have been about six metres (20 feet) higher, on average, than they are today.

"The real surprise is that sea levels were oscillating during this period," said Thompson, according to a Woods Hole statement.

"If today's ice sheets continue to melt, we may be headed for a period of ice sheet and sea-level change that is more dynamic than current observations of ice sheets suggest," added Thompson.—*Internet*

Britain to recycle diapers into roof tiles

LONDON, 13 Sept—British babies use around three billion disposable diapers every year. Now a new recycling plant has opened in the country where these nappies would be turned into roof tiles and construction tubes.

Over half million tonnes of waste from disposable diapers is generated in Britain every year.

An average British baby uses 6,000 before being trained to use the potty. Each disposable diaper takes around 500 years to decompose, says the *Daily Mail.*

A Canadian company — Knowaste — has stepped forward to recycle around 36,000 tonnes of diapers at the first recycling facility of its kind in Britain.

The plant opened in West Bromwich, around 165 km from London.

The waste diapers will be collected from hospitals, nursing facilities and child care nurseries.—*Internet*

Photo taken on 12 Sept, 2011 shows two red-crowned crane sculptures in the Red Beach scenic zone in Panjin, northeast China's Liaoning Province. The number of tourists in the scenic zone exceeded 5,000 per day during the Mid-autumn festival holidays. The Red Beach is a marshland covered with saline seepweed, which turns red in autumn every year.—XINHUA

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Car firms race into Frankfurt motor show

FRANKFURT, 13 Sept — As this year's Frankfurt motor show gets under way, there are clear signs that the motor industry has come back fighting after a few difficult years. Most of the major companies continued to invest in new products during the downturn, with most of them now offering smaller, more frugal models better suited to these austere times.

"The raft of exciting new models shows that there is no lack of creativity and vibrancy in the global industry at the moment," observe IHS Automotive analysts Tim Urquhart and Ian Fletcher in a note. Frankfurt is first and foremost a showground for German carmakers, who take this show very seriously. Volkswagen Group, Europe's largest carmaker, will kick-start the razzmatazz on Monday night with the launch of a range of new models from its nine marques that range from folksy Seat and Skoda to ultra-luxurious Bentley and Bugatti.

Internet

Eternity Motors is a new British marque unveiled at the Frankfurt show

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MCP SALZBURG VOY NO (2)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCP SALZBURG VOY NO (2) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.9.2011 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.

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New York-bound flight lands safely despite security concern

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept — A New York-bound American Airlines flight landed safely on Sunday at John F Kennedy International Airport, after a security concern caused two military aircraft to escort the plane till its landing. Flight 34, which departed from Los Angeles, California, notified the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at about 3 pm that some passengers onboard the flight were "behaving suspiciously," the TSA said in a statement.

Two *F-16* fighter jets were sent to escort the flight "out of an abundance of caution," according to the statement. The airliner landed at New York's JFK airport shortly after 4 pm and the FBI has responded to the scene for interviews and investigations. Three passengers onboard the flight locked themselves in the bathroom and refused to come out, local media reported. While the nature of the incident was unclear, some law enforcement officials said it was not believed to be a terror threat.

Internet

A Maine Coon cat, dressed to participate in a feline autumn fashion show, looks on during the International cat exhibition in Russia's southern city of Rostov-on-Don on 11 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

Earhart flying gear for sale

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Sept — Flying goggles said to have been worn by the celebrated aviator Amelia Earhart early in her flying career were expected to be sold on yesterday for tens of thousands of dollars at an auction in the United States.

Earhart was wearing the goggles in 1921 when her plane crashed shortly after she had begun flying, according to the San Francisco auctioneer. Earhart died when her plane disappeared in the Pacific during an attempt to circumnavigate the globe in 1937. She was declared dead in 1939.

Internet

Turkish police seize 357 kilos of drugs in S provinces

ANKARA, 13 Sept—The Turkish police seized a total of 357 kilos of hashish in two southern provinces on Monday, government officials said.

Turkish gendarme teams launched an operation in Lice town of southeastern province of Diyarbakir and confiscated 334 kilos of hashish.

One person is wanted for illicit drug trafficking in the operation, Turkish news agency *AA* quoted gendarme officials as saying.

In another operation in Belen town of the southern province of Hatay, the police stopped two cars and found 23 kilos of hashish stashed in the vehicles.

Six people were detained in this operation.

MNA/Xinhua

People perform at the traditional "Souma Namaoi" in the city of Minami Soumashi, Fukushima prefecture on 11 Sept, 2011 to commemorate the victims of the earthquake and tsunami happened on 11 March, 2011. "Souma Namaoi" is the most famous local celebration. This year it wasn't held on time due to the disasters, and now became a way of commemoration. — XINHUA

People watch Chinese lion dance during a traditional temple fair in the Chinatown in Belgrano of Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 11 Sept, 2011. Overseas Chinese in Argentina held various Chinese traditional activities in the Chinatown on Sunday. The Mid-Autumn Festival falls on 12 September this year according to the Chinese lunar calendar. It is an important Chinese festival and a chance for family reunion under the full moon, a symbol for happiness and prosperity.— XINHUA

Kenyan police search for kidnapped Briton after husband killed

NAIROBI, 13 Sept — Police in Kenya are hunting a gang who killed a British man and kidnapped his wife at a resort in the country. The couple were staying at the luxury Kiwayu Safari Village, north of Lamu Island, when the armed men attacked.

Kenyan police said the motive was unknown, but they were treating it as a "bandit attack". The Foreign Office, which has not yet named the couple, called for the release of the woman, who is said to have been taken away by speedboat.

Internet

Air crash survivor drew arrows with his blood to alert rescuers

TRINIDAD, 13 Sept — The sole survivor of a plane crash in the Bolivian Amazon stayed alive in the jungle for three days by drinking his own urine and eating insects and by trying to alert rescuers by drawing arrows with his blood. With a broken shoulder blade and ribs, punctured lung and a head wound, Minor Vidal was barely able to wriggle free from the wreckage of the aircraft. He was finally rescued when a navy patrol boat spotted him waving his shirt on a river bank.

The 35-year-old medicines and cosmetics salesman was one of nine passengers and crew on a flight with the Bolivian airline Aerocon, travelling from Santa Cruz to Trinidad, when it crashed 10 miles from its destination on Tuesday evening.—*Internet*

Minor Vidal, helped by army officers, was sole survivor of the jungle crash

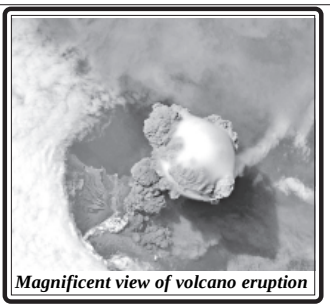
Woman takes trash to mayor's office

Trash collection was skipped for some Portsmouth, Ohio, residents last week, and one woman hauled her garbage to the mayor's office to protest, officials say.

Portsmouth Mayor David Malone said he would dispose of Janice Shanks' two bags of trash after she complained Friday that her garbage was overflowing, the *Portsmouth Daily Times* reported. Shanks' garbage was not picked up by the city after some confusion in the collection schedule.

The city wanted to avoid paying overtime during the week of Labour Day so the route was altered, Malone said.

"I guess there had been some confusion. I guess (City Service Director) Bill (Beaumont) put out a Press release last week and didn't even tell us. We had given them orders as to what we wanted them to do this week. Bill didn't tell me he had put that Press release out as a notice out to the residents. That brought confusion as to which route was going to be picked up," he said.



Magnificent view of volcano eruption

Man forgot drugs at grocery store

A Swedish man who had a "blackout" and left a bag containing nearly 9 pounds of methamphetamine at a supermarket was sentenced to four years in prison.

Investigators said the 58-year-old man, whose name was not released, told officers he was in the midst of a "blackout" when he mistakenly left the bag of drugs at an Ica store in Jarna, the Swedish news agency *TT* reported Monday. Police said the man, who was arrested the same day as the incident on a drunk and disorderly charge, had obtained the drugs the previous day at the Silja Lines ferry terminal in Vartahamnen on behalf of a 44-year-old man who had previously been known to police and has since been sentenced to 12 months in prison.

Man sues White Castle for bigger chairs

A 290-pound New York State man suing his local White Castle restaurant for bigger seats claims the chain violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Martin Kessman, 64, who weighs 290 pounds, said he first realized he couldn't fit into the stationary booths at the Nanuet White Castle in April 2009 and the restaurant responded to his written complaint with three "very condescending letters," the *New York Post* reported Monday.

"In each letter was a coupon for three free hamburgers — but the cheese was extra!" Kessman wrote in his lawsuit, which was filed in New York federal court last week.

Kessman said restaurant officials promised to put in larger seats, but they have failed to follow through more than two years later.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is "applicable, not only to me, but to pregnant women and to handicapped people," he said in the lawsuit.

"I just want to sit down like a normal person," Kessman said.

The lawsuit is seeking larger chairs at the eatery and unspecified damages.

Man exposed self through sunroof

Police in Florida said they arrested a man who allegedly exposed himself through a vehicle's sunroof in view of an off-duty officer and his family.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office said an off-duty Florida Highway Patrol trooper who was travelling to a 11 Sept, 2001, remembrance ceremony with his wife and young child Sunday saw the man stand up through the Mercedes Benz sunroof with his pants down while making self-stimulating gestures on US 1 in Plantation Key, the *South Florida Sun* Sentinel reported Monday.

The vehicle was stopped by deputies a few miles away and Julio Socarras Mompeller, 31, was in the passenger seat with his shirt off and his pants loosened. Two other people who were in the vehicle told deputies Mompeller had exposed himself through the sunroof but said they did not know his reasons.

Mompeller was charged with indecent exposure and taken to the Monroe County Jail.

News Album

Demi Moore 'tweets semi-nude pic of herself'

Demi Moore

LONDON, 13 Sept—Demi Moore has posted a semi-nude photo of herself on Twitter, with the caption, "remember you've got your own back".

The self-pic of the 48-year-old actress shows her naked back from the waist up, although she was clearly topless while posing for the pic, wearing only thick-framed glasses.

In a bid to explain the reason for posting such an obscure message, the 'Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle' star said the one should be his own best friend.

"To remember to be your own best friend to find light and protection from within yourself," the *Daily Mail* quoted her as saying.—*Internet*

Helena Bonham Carter to star in 'Les Miserables'

LONDON, 13 Sept—Actress Helena Bonham Carter has been signed on to star in the movie adaptation of stage musical "Les Miserables".

The actress has joined Hugh Jackman and Russell Crowe in the film and will play the role of Madame Thenardier. Jackman will play the lead role of Jean Valjean, Crowe has reportedly been roped in etch out the role of Inspector Javert, reports contactmusic.com.

The shooting of "Les Miserables" is expected to start early next year. The film is scheduled to release in December 2012.—*Internet*

Actress Helena Bonham Carter

Britney Spears

Denzel Washington to star in 'Flight'

HOLLYWOOD, 13 Sept —Academy Award winner Denzel Washington will star in director Robert Zemeckis' upcoming film "Flight," Hollywood's Paramount Pictures says.

The film, written by John Gatins, is set to begin production in October in Atlanta Georgia, Paramount said in a release.

The story follows "Whip," played by Washington, a commercial airline pilot who manages to fly a damaged plane, saving 98 lives on a flight, the release said. The pilot then struggles with his newfound hero label as an investigation brings into question his behavior the night before the flight.

"Flight" will mark the first collaboration between Washington and Zemeckis, Paramount said Friday.

Walter Parkes and Laurie MacDonald will produce the feature along with Zemeckis, Steve Starkey, and Jack Rapke.

Denzel Washington

Internet

Britney Spears sees exercise as 'spiritual thing'

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—Britney Spears sees exercise as a "spiritual thing" as it helps the mind as well as the body.

The 'Toxic' singer keeps to a strict workout regime in order to be in peak condition for performing on her current 'Femme Fatale' tour and feels it goes beyond simply working out.

"[Exercise] is a spiritual thing, it helps your mind and your body and it's all connected. So, yes, I think it's really important to take care of yourself in that way," Contactmusic quoted her as telling Britain's Glamour magazine.

"I work out every other day, and sometimes every day. I run a lot on the treadmills in hotels when I'm on tour and I do light weights and a little bit of cardio," she added.—*Internet*

Djokovic beats Nadal to win third seasonal Grand Slam at US Open

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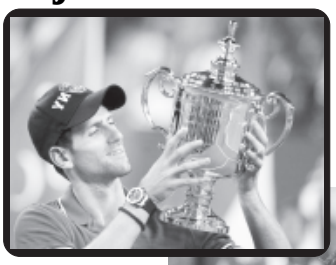


NEW YORK, 13 Sept—Top seed Novak Djokovic captured his third major title of the year at the US Open on Monday by dismissing second seed Rafael Nadal 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1 at Flushing Meadows.

A year after Nadal won three major titles, and four years after Roger Federer last did the same, Djokovic has now joined the club of six as the finest men's single season in Open Era history.

He won the Australian Open over Andy Murray in the final and beat Nadal in the Wimbledon final.

Djokovic beat Nadal in 4 hours 10 minutes. The win made Djokovic 64-2 this year, gave him his first US Open title and also placed him among the all-time greats.

The Serb maintained an all-win record against Nadal this year, all six encounter from the tournament finals.

Overall, this was Djokovic's fourth major title. His first was at the Australian Open in 2008.

Djokovic converted 11 of 26 break points he imposed while Nadal made only six of 14 of that.

Djokovic hit seven aces, five more than his Spaniard opponent. The Serb did commit more unforced errors, 14 more than Nadal, but he well covered the deficit with 55 winners to Nadal's 32.

Nadal, the defending champion, said, "Obviously I am disappointed now.

This guy is doing unbelievable things." Then he looked toward Djokovic and said, "What you did this year is probably impossible to repeat, so well done."

MNA/Xinhua

Zanetti calls for Gasperini to be given time

LONDON, 13 Sept — Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti has sprung to the defence of Gian Piero Gasperini, calling for the under-fire coach to be given time to succeed. Gasperini has made some radical changes since taking over at Inter in the summer, namely switching to a back three. But it went horribly wrong on the opening weekend of the new Serie A season as his defence was at sixes and sevens in a 4-3 defeat at Palermo.

"That wasn't the start we expected," said Zanetti. "But first of all we have to stay calm and believe in our work. "Obviously, there are things that need to be ironed out but we're all ready to do that. "We have a coach with new ideas, everything's changed and we need time to develop what he's asking." And Zanetti insisted that the panic surrounding Gasperini's tactics is misplaced.

Internet

Head coach of Inter Milan Gian Piero Gasperini (left) and captain Javier Zanetti take part in a Press conference in China's National Stadium, on Augut 2011.—INTERNET

Mancini hails Silva

LONDON, 13 Sept—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has hailed David Silva as one of the best players in the world. The City manager is baffled that Barcelona and Real Madrid overlooked the gifted midfielder, signed from Valencia in 2009, who has played a dominant role in the club's 100 percent start to the season. Mancini said: "Silva is a top, top player. I don't know why he didn't go to Barca or Real Madrid because he's Spanish but we are lucky because he's here.

"If he had gone to Barca two years ago everyone would say he's one of the best players in the world - and he is one of the best players in the world. "He's different from Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo because they are strikers and score a lot of goals but I think he's the same as Xavi and Iniesta."City will make their debut in the Champions League on Wednesday when Napoli come to Manchester, and Mancini will hope to reap the dividends of a rotation policy that is one of the benefits of his large and talented squad. —*Internet*

Federer due in Australia Wednesday for Davis Cup

SYDNEY, 13 Sept — Switzerland's team manager has confirmed No 3-ranked Roger Federer will arrive in Australia on Wednesday for the Davis Cup tennis tie against Australia starting on Friday. Daniel Monnin was reluctant to talk about Federer at the Switzerland team's media conference Tuesday, but said he would be in Sydney for the World Group playoff.

Federer will have little time to recuperate from Sunday's five-set loss to Novak Djokovic in the US Open semifinals. Australia team member and former No 1 Lleyton Hewitt said a short preparation time won't hinder Federer. "For a freak like Roger, it doesn't matter," Hewitt said. "I haven't seen a lot that Roger hasn't been able to do, so he's as close to Superman as it comes."

Federer came under fire from Swiss fans when he skipped last year's Davis Cup loss to Kazakhstan citing travel weariness after the US Open.—*Internet*

QPR ties Newcastle 0-0 in Premier League

LONDON, 13 Sept — Joey Barton captained Queens Park Rangers in his debut on Monday night, a 0-0 tie in the Premier League against former club Newcastle.

Barton, released by Newcastle after making critical comments about the club on Twitter, was among five new signings in the QPR lineup. The hosts had the better chances throughout at Loftus Road.

In the first half, Jay Bothroyd volleyed over the crossbar from 6 yards and had a header cleared off the goal line by defender Danny Simpson.

Steven Taylor managed to scramble Shaun Wright-Phillips' lob away from goal. Shaun Derry headed wide from an Adel Taarabt corner kick in the second half. Newcastle (2-0-2) is fourth with eight points, while QPR (1-2-1) has four points.—*Internet*

Jay Bothroyd of QPR tries to force his way past Newcastle's Danny Simpson

Ibrahimovic out of Barcelona Champions clash

BARCELONA, 13 Sept—Sweden forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic has been ruled out of Tuesday's plum Champions League clash betwen Barcelona and AC Milan at the Camp Nou due to a groin problem.

The 28-year-old has not even travelled to Spain with the rest of the Milan squad to face his former employers. However, chief executive Adriano Galliani said it was not a big problem for the Italian champions.—*Internet*

Evra: United have energy to burn

LONDON, 13 Sept—Patrice Evra has warned that what Manchester United lack in experience they make up for in energy. After posting the bestever start at this stage of a Premier League season thanks to their 5-0 battering of Bolton Wanderers on Saturday, United are ready to tackle the biggest test yet of their title credentials.

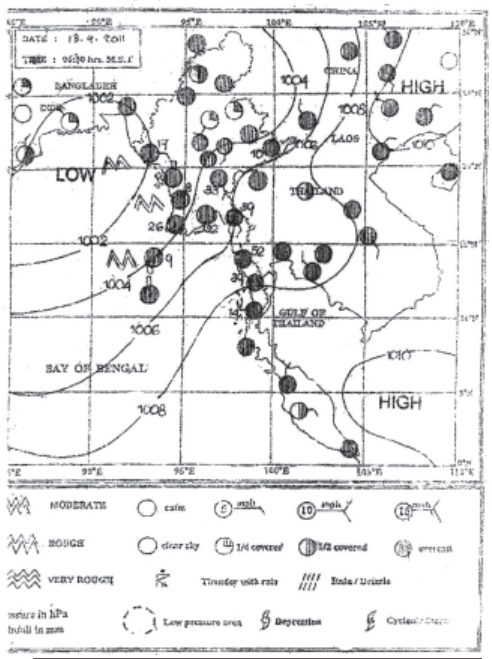
Although all the talk so far this season has been about Manchester's two contenders - who have yet to drop a point between them - Chelsea are only two points adrift, having drawn their opening match at Stoke City.

However, whilst Evra respects the Blues, he certainly does not fear them, especially knowing how much talent has been injected into the Old Trafford outfit by the clutch of youngsters Sir Alex Ferguson has introduced this season.

Internet

Patrice Evra has warned United's rivals that they have plenty of energy

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 14th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	38/100	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Isolated heavyfall)	80%
4	Chin	21/70	14/57	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tanintharyi	26/79	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Isolated heavyfall)	80%
8	Bago	31/88	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	35/95	27/81	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Isolated heavyfall)	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Isolated heavyfall)	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Regionally heavyfall)	80%
14	Southern Shan	27/81	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	33/91	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Isolated heavyfall)	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	24/93	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	24/75	Some rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Magway and Bago Regions, Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (4.86) inches, Okkpho (4.72) inches, Magway (3.54) inches, Bilin (3.50) inches, Gyopinkauk (3.23) inches and Thaton (3.07) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Occasional Squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of increase of rain in Coastal areas.

Serena Williams fined $2,000 by US Open

NEW YORK, 13 Sept — Serena Williams was fined $2,000 by the US Open on Monday for berating the chair umpire during the final.

Tournament referee Brian Earley issued his ruling a day after Williams was cited by chair umpire Eva Asderaki for a code violation for verbal abuse during a 6-2, 6-3 loss to Sam Stosur in the women's singles championship match at Flushing Meadows.

A statement issued by the US Tennis Association said the fine "is consistent with similar offenses at Grand Slam events." Williams earned $1.4 million at the US Open: $900,000 for finishing as the runner-up, plus a $500,000 bonus for having come in first place in the US Open Series standings, which take into account results at hard-court tuneup tournaments.

Internet

Serena Williams talks to the chair umpire Eva Asderaki during the women's championship match against Samantha Stosur of Australia at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on Sunday.—INTERNET

Wednesday, 14 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Health Programme

8:05 am
7. Cultural Dances

8:10 am
8. Teleplay (Health)

8:15 am
9. Dance of National Races

8:25 am
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Modern Song (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Men)

8:40 am
11. International News

8:45 am
12. Classical Song

3:15 pm
1. AFF U-19 CHAMPIONSHIP 2011 (Live) (Myanmar Vs Laos)

5:15 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:25 pm
3. International Science News

5:35 pm
4. "ASEAN" Programmes

5:45 pm
5. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Model Song Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Women)

6:00 pm
6. Evening News

6:15 pm
7. Weather Report

6:20 pm
8. Traditional Boxing

6:35 pm
9. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:00 pm
10. Documentary

7:30 pm
11. Myanmar Cultural Dances

7:35 pm
12. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe

8:00 pm
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Composing)
17. Korea NG Award
18. TV Drama Series
19. Dramatic Arts Competitions (Traditional Drama)

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Local Transmission
* Opening
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* News
* Youth and Music (Part-2)
* Culture Stage
* News
* Precious Gems and Valuable Art
* News
* VCD Centre
* News
* Ruili City with Mon Yee
* Myanmar Movies "Who Really Won"

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Sippañña; to acquire skill in sciences; this is the way to auspiciousness

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 17th Day

Eight questions answered, two bills with amendments approved, two proposals discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 17th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 385 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tun Aung Khaing of Pauktaw Constituency who has yet made affirmation in accord with the Pyithu Hluttaw Rule-8, Sub-Rule (b) made affirmation and signed in front of the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw.

Today's session, eight questions were raised and answered, two bills with amendments approved and two proposals discussed.

U Ko Ko Tun of Aunglan Constituency raised a question that **based on the provision of Section 41, Chapter I of the constitution states that the Union upholds the principles of peaceful co-existence among nations, he would like to know about management of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for relationship with regional countries and other countries, and international organizations including the UN.** Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint replied that Myanmar joined the UN as the 58th member on 19-4-1948. Since then, Myanmar has been keenly participating in the independence struggles of various countries under the colonial role. Moreover, Myanmar is actively taking part in the armed control and disarmament, and nuclear non-proliferation issues, and is joining hands with UN Economic and Social Council, UN Human Rights Commission, International Committee of the Red Cross, WHO and UNODC.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives signing attendance books.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 17th day

Nine questions raised and answered, two proposals approved, three new proposals submitted

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives signing attendance books.

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—The second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 17th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay replied to the queries about border regions development raised by nine representatives.

U Min Lun Aung of Mon State Constituency No (3) asked the Union Minister **if there is a plan to upgrade 33 miles long Zathapyin-Chaung-hnakhwa road section into tarred or gravel one for transportation service of buses for all seasons as villages on the other side of Attaran River in Kyaikmaraw Township are lagged behind in development, although Zathapyin-Chaung-hnakhwa road was constructed starting 2001 and tarred road has been constructed from Zathapyin to Khayongu, there still remains 33 miles long road section to be completed, and 73 bridges big and small along the road have been constructed by local authorities and local peoples in collaboration.**

The Union Minister replied that his ministry has constructed seven miles and five furlongs long tarred road from Zathapyin to Kyungon, 32 miles and six furlongs long gravel road from Kyungon to Phayagon, three miles and four furlongs long earthen road from Phayagon to Chaunghnakhwa and 32 large and small bridges along 43 miles and seven furlongs

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