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Our Three Main National Causes

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

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham met members of Myanmar National Sports Committee, officials of Myanmar Sports Federations at the Myanmar International Convention Centre at 10 am today and delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, deputy ministers, members of MNSC, president of MSF, secretaries, officials and guests.

First, presidents of MSFs and officials were introduced themself to Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

In his address, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that today's meeting is a coordination meeting at which officials of MNSC and MSFs are to discuss future work programmes to overcome difficulties faced for success of respective sports sectors.

In retrospect, the Burma Athletic Association was formed in 1936 before Myanmar's independence, and weightlifter U Zaw Wait representing Myanmar first participated in Berlin Olympic Games in Germany.

In 1948, Myanmar sports contingent participated in London Olympic Games as Burma Olympic Association. In 1950, BOA became National Fitness Council under the chairmanship of the Minister for Health. The NFC hosted Southeast Asian Boxing contest in 1957 and Southeast Asian Peninsular Games in 1961.

Myanmar Sports and Physical Education Committee was formed in 1964 under the Ministry of Health. In 1972, it was reconstituted as Sports and Physical Education Department under the Prime Minister's Office. In 1996, the Ministry of Sports was formed.

In 2011, Myanmar Olympic Council was changed into Myanmar National Sports Committee under the Ministry of Sports to be able to supervise all sports-related measures. The committee was made up of 54 members including two Union ministers, five deputy ministers and the presidents of Sports Federations.

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Boost cultivation of quality sugarcane

The government is paying special attention to industrial crops growers while making all-out efforts for multisectoral development.

Oil palm, cotton, tapioca, rubber and sugarcane are industrial crops. Agricultural loans needed to assist industrial crops growers are being disbursed.

Use of new quality strains with high yield for development of sugarcane cultivation and production among industrial crops, applying good agriculture methods, systematic use of fertilizer and natural fertilizer including agricultural inputs and minimizing loss and wastages during the process from cultivation to harvest time including seed input are being employed.

Only when sugarcane growers achieve cost effectiveness and generate higher incomes, will agricultural capacity increase and sugar mills be able to enjoy raw materials. That's why, plans are underway to cover the cost of the agricultural produce and to find reliable markets.

Sugarcane plant propagation is being carried out to produce new quality strains with high yield and they are being distributed to growers, meeting the needs of the region.

As the government set to increase the floor price of sugarcane from K 1500 previously to K 3000 per ton, income of growers has increased twofold.

Strenuous efforts are to be made for ensuring cost effectiveness, higher quality and output growth for sugarcane growers through use of good agriculture methods and production and distribution of good quality strains with high yield.

Korea Food EXPO- 2011 will be held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept— With the supervision of ASEAN- Korea Center, Korea Food EXPO-2011 will be held at COEX building, Soul, Republic of Korea from 9 to 12 November.

There have been arrangements for twenty booths to be placed by ASEAN countries—two booths for each at the exposition.

Items to be staged at the exposition are dry fruits, fruit juices, coffee, tea, beer, wine, ready-made foodstuff, sea foods, fish cubes and cold vegetables.

Interested companies are to make contact to the Directorate of Trade (067-408310) and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Korean experts will check the factories of registered companies and select two right companies. The round-trip tickets, accommodation and means of one exhibitor from the right companies will be born by ASEAN- Korea Center.

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Union Home Affairs Minister meets British Ambassador to Myanmar

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn.

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NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept— Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received British Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn at his office here this noon.

Both sides discussed progress of developing in democracy practice and human rights in the country.

Also present at the call were Chief of Myanmar Police Force Kyaw Kyaw Tun, officials concerned of the ministry.—*MNA*

Union Minister receives YAAS President/Professor, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar

***Union A&I Minister U Myint Hlaing receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept— Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received a Chinese five-member delegation led by President/ Professor Xingqi Huang of Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences at his office here at 7:30 am today.

They focused on mutual cooperation in development of agricultural sector and agricultural research, and enabling to make crops and vegetables abundant, as well as exchanging views on agricultural methods.

Likewise, the Union Minister met Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at his office here at 8:30 am today.

Both sides discussed matters related to taking out loans of implementation of irrigation facilities under construction, works to be allocated to the two countries for establishment of a department of Agriculture Research Center-ARC at Yezin University of Agriculture, and signing MoUs including long-term investments in green tea plantation to be grown in Chin State on grand scale and in rubber growing and the construction project of a rubber factory in Mon State and Taninthayi Region.

They discussed establishment of focal points to facilitate sector-wise cooperation.

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DATE JAM DONATED*: Saudi Arabia donated 312 tons of date jam to ministries at the warehouse of Yangon Region Relief and Resettlement Department this afternoon. Officials of ministries accept date jam donated by Saudi Arabia Ambassador Mr Talal MS Abdul Salam.*

MNA

Residents gathered at a blast site in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 20 Sept, 2011. At least five people were killed and 34 others injured when the blast hit a CD shop at a market area here on Monday night.—XINHUA

Four earthquakes rock Guatemala, three dead

GUATEMALA CITY, 20 Sept—Four earthquakes struck the southeastern part of Guatemala in less than two hours Monday afternoon, causing at least three death as some walls collapsed, authorities said. At least three people were reported missing.

President Alvaro Colom urged calm after the temblors were felt across much of the Central American country, the largest a 5.8 magnitude. All were centred in an area about 30 miles (51 kilometres) southeast of the capital, Guatemala City, according to the US Geological Survey.

"There is no reason to think there will be anything bigger," Colom said at a newsConference.

He said all rescue forces and government agencies had been activated to deal with the aftermath.

USGS geophysicist Rafael Abreu said all four quakes were connected to the same fault running through the area.

A 38-year-old woman, Floridalma Divas Escobar, died when a wall fell down in her house in Cuilapa, the epicenter and one of the areas most effected, said Mariano Laz, spokesman for the local Volunteer Fire Department.

Colom said there were at least three people missing and others injured, though he didn't say how many or in what locations.

Besides Cuilapa, the areas of Santa Maria Inhuatan and Oratorio were most affected, Guatemala's seismology institute said. Public buildings were evacuated and school classes canceled.

Many people camped out in tents Monday night because of damage to their homes or worries about further quakes.

Internet

People run on the road in the town of Cuilapa where there was a landslide due to tremors on 19 September, 2011. Three earthquakes struck southern Guatemala on Monday within 90 minutes, shaking buildings in the capital and killing three people.—INTERNET

Pakistan says 21 killed in Taleban clash

ISLAMABAD, 20 Sept—Taleban gunmen stormed a Pakistani checkpoint in the country's lawless tribal belt, killing one soldier and sparking clashes in which up to 20 militants died, according to officials.

Five soldiers and five civilians were also wounded after the militants on Tuesday attacked the Dabori post manned by paramilitary troops in the tribal District of Orakzai, the officials said.

"At least 20 militants have been killed in the pre-dawn clash," a military official told *AFP* by telephone. Their bodies were spotted during a search carried out by helicopter gunships, he said, requesting anonymity.

There was no independent confirmation of the death toll because neither journalists nor aid workers are allowed free movement within the semi-autonomous tribal belt bordering Afghanistan.

Local administration official Ehsanullah Khan told *AFP* that around 100 Taleban loyalists attacked the checkpoint.

"They stormed the check post and killed one soldier and wounded five others," he said. A shell landed on a nearby house, injuring five civilians, Khan added. Sporadic exchanges of gunfire continued late into the morning, he added.

The Pakistani military last year launched an operation against militants in Orakzai, which for two years was dominated by the Pakistani Taleban, blamed for most of the suicide and bomb attacks that routinely hit the country.

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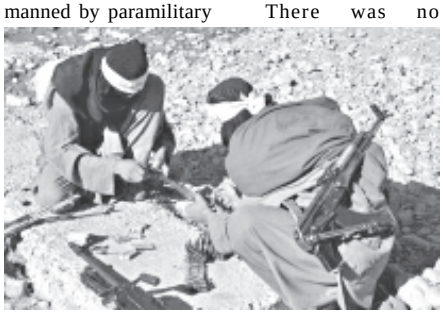

This file photo shows Pakistani Taleban militants loading their guns during a patrol in the tribal district of Orakzai. Taleban gunmen on Tuesday stormed a checkpoint in the country's lawless tribal belt, killing one soldier and sparking clashes in which up to 20 militants died, according to officials.
INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills Afghan police, wounds another

KUNDUZ, 20 Sept—A policeman was killed and another sustained injuries as a roadside bomb struck their van in Kunduz Province, 250 km north of capital City Kabul on Tuesday, police said.

"The bomb planted by militants on a road in Chardara District went off this morning killing a local police and injuring another," district police chief Ghulam Maihudin told *Xinhua*.

He blamed Taleban militants for organizing the attack; but the outfit fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops has yet to make comment.

This is the second militants' attack against police in northern Provinces of Afghanistan.

In the previous attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up in front of police department in Aqcha District of Jauzjan Province 390 km north of capital City Kabul Monday evening killing four people including a police and injured nine others including a police and eight civilians.

Xinhua

Three policemen killed in gunmen attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 Sept—Three policemen were killed in gunmen attack in north of Baghdad on Tuesday morning, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

Unidentified gunmen using weapons fitted with silencers attacked a police checkpoint in Baghdad's northeastern district of al-Sha'ab and killed three policemen before they fled the scene, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces cordoned off the scene and carried out operation in the area, while the police were investigating the incident, the source said.

The attack is part of a wave of assassinations by militia and gangs against Iraqi security members, officials and civilians. The attackers' tactics varied from suicide bombings, gunfire by silenced weapons and sticky bombs attached to vehicles.

Xinhua

Fire officials watch the growing smoke from a brush fire that started on Camp Pendleton when a Marine helicopter crashed on 19 Sept, 2011 in De Luz, Calif.
INTERNET

Two Marines die in California helicopter crash

SAN DIEGO, 20 Sept—Two Marines aboard a helicopter were killed on Monday when the aircraft crashed during a training mission at a Southern California military base, officials said. The two-person AH-1W "Cobra" helicopter went down in the southeast corner of Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar said in a statement.

Camp Pendleton is 40 miles north of San Diego.

A brush fire caused by the crash has spread to about 50 acres, and in an effort to quell the blaze officials have deployed several air tankers, the Marine Corps said.

The two Marines were pronounced dead at the scene by emergency responders, the Marine Corps said.

The cause of the crash is under investigation and the two Marines will not be identified until their families have been notified, said Marine Corps spokesman Corporal Steven Posy.

Reuters

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With the participation of the government, the president of MSF and members contributed a lot towards the success of Myanmar sports contingent in international sports meets, providing financial assistance and sports facilities including training and meals. In this juncture, the government thanked those who made generous contributions to the success of Myanmar sports.

Therefore, the relevant departments are to take steps for individuals or organizations that made such contributions to be exempted from tax over their income obtained legally.

In most sports events being competed today are judged win or loss by competition, win or loss by marking, and ties. Winning over others by means of gaining more marks from referees is not good in the long-run. Hence, fair play is the best for the one to boost the status of its sports sector.

The first aim of competitor is to win. The second is to know his records to be compared with world's record. Only then, will he realize the level of his performance.

New records of the world sports will be set year after year to keep pace with the advancement of sports.

Only when there is progress in Myanmar sports will the athletes keep abreast of the world sports. In some sports events, the performance of each athlete is crucial while other sports events call for team work.

Those in the field of sports including athletes, coaches, managers, sponsors, supporters as well as fans are to do their bit for Myanmar sports to gain a success. Meantime, each athlete is to be endowed with efforts, perseverance, educational qualification, reasoning power, fitness and high goal.

It is safe to say they nothing happens, unless, first, a dream. Therefore, athletes are to be fully equipped with the willingness to win and spirit of winning in competitions.

As only a good coach is able to turn out a competent sportsman, the emergence of a large number of coaches is compulsory. With this end in view, those in the field of sports are to make relentless efforts in unison.

Onus is on athletes and officials of sports federations and the Ministry of Sports to try hard for the success in each and every match of international competitions in the interest of the State.

During the previous centuries, Myanmar produced outstanding athletes who promoted the reputation of the State. Myanmar achieved success not only in single events but also in the country's favourite football sport. Myanmar selected football team was successful in 1960s and 1970s. Looking back on the glorious days of Myanma football world, Myanmar won Asian champion award two time in a row in 1966 and 1970, Asian youth champion award eight times during the period from 1961 to 1977, SEA champion award five times during the period from 1965 to 1973, Merdeka champion award three times in 1964, 1967 and 1971 and one time in 2006, Park Chon Hee Cup three times during the period from 1971 to 1973, Jakarta champion award four times during the period from 1971 to 1975, Marahalan Cup three times during the period from 1977 to 1979, totaling 29 times.

However, there was no significant progress during the last three decades and so were in other sports events.

So the Vice-President called on those present to give a helping hand with their own resources in the drive for promotion of Myanmar sports world and to take part in a workshop to be held soon.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan reported on arrangements being made by the ministry, saying that the ministry under the supervision of the Myanmar National Sports Committee is fulfilling necessary assistance to sports federations to be able to take part in sports events and to facilitate their functions with the aim of nurturing outstanding new generation athletes, holding sports event in the country and selecting and training athletes for international competitions.

The government is providing necessary assistance in sports-wise and it is found that there was success in international sports events thanks to the supports of the federations.

With the aim of achieving success in XXVI and XXVII SEA Games, players for national teams will be selected by holding tripartite sports events through three ways of training camps concerned, training camps of sports and physical education department and CCC Stars training camp.

The Union minister thanked the government and federations for their contributions and called for active participation of sports federations while the ministry is striving for fetching gold medals in SEA Games and international events in accord with the motto, "Myanmar Sports towards World Sports".

Next, the presidents of the federations and officials reported on their respective works and the Union minister reviewed on their reports.

***Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presenting reports.*—MNA**

Then those present gave suggestions for promotion of Myanmar sports world.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-President expressed thanks for wide range of suggestions given by responsible persons of the federations including the Union Sports minister.

Although this meeting was held with the aim of achieving success in XXVI SEA Games and for successful holding of XXVII SEA Games, it is required to focus on more participation of world sports events as SEA Games is held once every two year.

The Vice-President called on federations for making through analysis of previous strong and weak points. Only with manpower, necessary equipment, spirit, sound management and money, will success be brought about to the sports world. Some countries were not complete with abovementioned requirements, but they were able to acquire success in some international level sports events.

It is required to do their best with the use of conditions the government will be able to assist and their already-achieved conditions. He stressed the need for systematic review so as to be able to meet success worthily in kinds of sports which are under their supervision.

Based on today's suggestions, those present are bound to strive for continued promotion of standards of Myanmar sports sector for a long time including XXVI SEA Games to be held within a few months and XXVII SEA Games.

After the ceremony, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham posed for documentary photo together with the Union minister, members of Myanmar National Sports Committee, presidents of the federations and officials.—*MNA*

Union Construction Minister views repair of bridges on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road, Magway-Myothit-Natmauk-Ywamon-Pyawbwe Road

***Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint views construction work of Kyarhtoo Bridge.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept— Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 17 September morning paid an inspection tour of construction work of Bailey Bridge with 200 feet in length.

The bridge is being constructed in place of Ngalikechaung Bridge with 20 feet in length and four-sections box culvert between Mile post (9/3) and (9/4) on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road, that became blocked by flood caused by torrential rain.

The Union Minister viewed repair of Yinchaung Bridge on Magway-Myothit-Natmauk-Ywamon-Pyawbwe Road, and of Warkhot Bridge with 550 feet in length.

The Union Minister then proceeded to his inspection tour of Kyarhtoo Bridge Construction site and the construction site of a short way between Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Natmauk-Pyawbwe Road.

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Union Defence Minister gives talks on prevention against recruitment of minors

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min gives instructions to servicemen at Kwinkauk of South-West Command and Gwa, Thandwe, Minbya, Kyauktaw, Paletwa, Buthidaung, Sittway, Kyaukpyu and An Stations of Western Command.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept — Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min together with Judge Advocate-General Lt-Gen Yar Pyae gave an account of prevention against recruitment of minors in meeting with officers and other ranks of Kwinkauk Station of South-West Command and Gwa, Thandwe, Minbya, Kyauktaw, Paletwa, Buthidaung, Sittway, Kyaukpyu and An Stations of Western Command from 15 to 19 September.

In his clarification, the Union minister said that Tatmadaw was formed with volunteers since the formation of Tatmadaw for independence struggle. After post-independence period, Tatmadaw was formed with such volunteers again. Directives and orders were issued for systematic recruitment for military service and those who attained the age of 18 and are not older than 25, meeting set health standards for military service were recruited.

Myanmar has become a signatory to Convention on the Rights of the Child, CRC on 15 August, 1991. With the aim of ensuring recruitment system of the Tatmadaw to be in conformity with international conventions, Committee for prevention against recruitment of minors was formed in 2004 in order to protect the interest of children.

Measures are being taken under close supervision in recruiting new members to the Tatmadaw in accord with law, rules and regulations, orders and directives. Actions are being taken against officials who committed wrongful acts.

Anti-government organizations are accusing Tatmadaw of committing recruitment of minors with very few procedural errors as proof just to tarnish the images of the government and Tatmadaw. Tatmadaw never used minors as servicemen. Actions are being taken against officials concerned, even if their actions are not intentional, and minors are being handed over to their parents systematically. In reality, only insurgent groups are committing forced recruitment of new members including minors, setting one new member per household. There are firm proofs. However, some foreign medias are trying to cause misunderstanding between the government and Tatmadaw and international community and the people by broadcasting fabricated and exaggerated news, turning a blind eye on acts of insurgent groups. So it is required to do correctly in recruiting new members to the Tatmadaw. More educative talks on prevention against recruitment of minors will be given at regiments and units and in the course.

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Union Minister receives British Ambassador

Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung receives British Ambassador Mr Andrew Richard Heyn.

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NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept— Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung received British Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn at the President Office here this morning.

They exchanged views about special efforts on development of the State, and significant progress in various sectors.

It was attended by Deputy Director-General of the President Office U Zaw Win and officials concerned.

MNA

Defunct NASA satellite to crash to Earth this week

CAPE CANAVERAL, 20 Sept—A defunct NASA science satellite is expected to fall back to Earth on Friday, showering debris somewhere on the planet although scientists cannot predict exactly where, officials said.

The 6.5-ton *Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite*, or *UARS*, was carried into orbit during a space shuttle mission in 1991. It operated for 14 years, collecting measurements of ozone and other chemicals in the atmosphere.

Since completing its mission in 2005, *UARS* has been slowly losing altitude, tugged by Earth's gravity. On Friday, the 35-foot-long, 15-foot diametre (10.6-metres long, 4.5-metres diametre) satellite is expected to plunge into the atmosphere, NASA reported on its website.

While most of the spacecraft will be incinerated, scientists expect up to 26 pieces, with a combined mass of about 1,100 pounds (500 kg) to survive the fiery re-entry and fall down somewhere on Earth.

The satellite's orbit passes over most of the planet, from as far north as northern Canada to the southern part of South America.

NASA said the chance a piece of *UARS* debris will strike a person is about one in 3,200. The debris will mostly likely fall into an ocean or land in an uninhabited region of Earth.

Satellites as large as *UARS* re-enter Earth's atmosphere about once a year.

NASA said there have been no reports of any deaths or injuries to people from falling debris.

The largest chunk of wreckage from *UARS* is expected to be about 331 pounds (151 kg), says Nicholas Johnson, chief scientist of NASA's Orbital Debris Programme office at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston.

As of Sunday, *UARS* was in a 133-mile by 149-mile (215-km by 240-km) high orbit around Earth. Re-entry is expected some time on Friday, although it could happen as early as Thursday or as late as Saturday.—*Reuters*

Visitors stand in front of the booth of the United States at the Vienna International Center, where the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency is located, during an International Nuclear Industry Exhibition in Vienna, capital of Austria, on 19 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

China to launch unmanned space module between 27, 30 Sept

Science

JIUQUAN, (Gansu) 20 Sept—China will launch its unmanned space module, *Tiangong-1*, sometime from 27 to 30 Sept, a spokesman said here Tuesday. The carrier rocket Long-March II-F has been moved to the launch area, said the spokesman from the project.—*Xinhua*

Myanmar vows to become...

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with the constitution, and held Hluttaw sessions with the participation of elected representatives. The final step of the Road Map was to call the Hluttaw, and to build a modern and developed democratic state with the government and administrative bodies formed by the Hluttaw, he noted.

Myanmar attended AIPO General Assembly as a special observer annually beginning the 18th assembly held in Bali, Indonesia, from 1 to 6 September 1997. The nation became a permanent special observer at the 21st AIPO General Assembly attending annually till the 31st AIPA General Assembly, he said.

He expressed firm belief that AIPA would have a meaningful role in setting up a bright and peaceful ASEAN Community. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided to join the AIPA. As the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker he had sent a letter to AIPA President to become a permanent member. He thanked AIPA President Mr Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, leaders of ASEAN parliaments, and the AIPA General Secretary, on behalf of Myanmar parliament, for accepting the country as a permanent member. He vowed that as an AIPA member Myanmar had made a resolve to take part actively in AIPA activities and to cordially cooperate with ASEAN member states for peace, stability and progress in the ASEAN region.

Next, leaders of AIPA members delivered addresses and the first day plenary session was adjourned.

The afternoon session of the assembly continued according to the agenda.—*MNA*

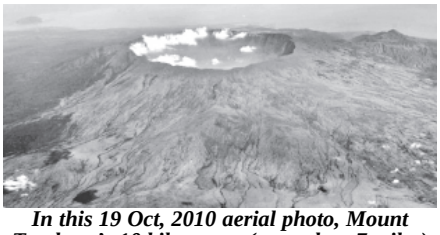
***Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.*—MNA**

Union Health Minister tours hospitals in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, on his tour of hospitals in Shan State, called for effective health care services to patients, widely launching of health care educative programmes and reduction of mortality rate of pregnant women and children under five years to meet Millennium Development Goals.

The Union Minister on 16 September visited Nampantet rural health care centre in Kalaw Township and on 17 September, discussed works for promotion of health care services in Shan State with Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat at Kalaw District People's Hospital. The Union Minister then visited Kalaw District People's Hospital, Pindaya People's Hospital, Pwehla, Aungban, Heho and Shwenyaung station hospitals.—*MNA*

Farmers flee as world's deadliest volcano rumbles



***In this 19 Oct, 2010 aerial photo, Mount Tambora's 10 kilometres (more than 7 miles) wide and 1 kilometre (half a mile) deep volcanic crater, created by the April 1815 eruption, is shown. Bold farmers routinely ignore orders to evacuate the slopes of live volcanos in Indonesia, but those on Tambora took no chances when history's deadliest mountain rumbled ominously this month, Sept, 2011.*—INTERNET**

MOUNT TAMBORA, 20 Sept—Bold farmers in Indonesia routinely ignore orders to evacuate the slopes of live volcanoes, but those living on Tambora took no chances when history's deadliest mountain rumbled ominously this month.

Villagers like Hasanuddin Sanusi have heard since they were young how the mountain they call home once blew apart in the largest eruption ever recorded — an 1815 event widely forgotten outside their region — killing 90,000 people and blackening skies on the other side of the globe.

So, the 45-year-old farmer didn't wait to hear what experts had to say when Mount Tambora started being rocked by a steady stream of quakes. He grabbed his wife and four young children, packed his belongings and raced down its quivering slopes.

"It was like a horror story, growing up," said Hasanuddin, who joined hundreds of others in refusing to return to their mountainside villages for several days despite assurances they were safe.

"A dragon sleeping inside the crater, that's what we thought. If we made him angry — were disrespectful to nature, say — he'd wake up spitting flames, destroying all of mankind."

The April 1815 eruption of Tambora left a crater 7 miles (11 kilometres) wide and half a mile (1 kilometre) deep, spewing an estimated 400 million tons of sulfuric gases into the atmosphere and leading to "the year without summer" in the US and Europe.

Internet

***Chinese residents row down a street flooded after torrential rains in Sichuan Province in 2010.*—INTERNET**

China flood deaths rise to 57, thousands evacuated

SICHUAN, 20 Sept—Heavy rains and floods across China have left 57 people dead, dozens of others missing and hundreds injured, while more than a million residents have been evacuated from their homes, the government said.

Unprecedented rains over the past week have swamped parts of northern, central and southwest China, and although the affected region is breathing a tentative sigh of relief as the downpours pause, rivers continue to swell.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs said in a statement that the rain had forced authorities to evacuate more than 1.2 million people from their homes.—*Internet*

Indonesian pirate attack thwarted off Malaysia

***This aerial file photo shows commercial ships along the coast of Singapore, at the mouth of the Strait of Malacca.*—INTERNET**

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Sept—Malaysian maritime authorities said they arrested six Indonesians attempting to rob a ship in the Strait of Malacca, the latest in a surge of piracy attacks in the strategic waterway.

The suspects were spotted by Malaysian patrols early Sunday morning as they tried to board a merchant vessel off southern Johor State near Singapore, Maritime Enforcement Agency chief Admiral Zulkifli Abu Bakar said.

"The pirates realised they were spotted and tried to flee on their boat but our patrol vessel gave chase and fired several warning shots before intercepting the pirate ship in Malaysian waters," he told *AFP*.

He said the pirates appeared to have come from the nearby Indonesian island of Batam and had gathered in the area intending to rob three ships. An investigation was under way. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) in June sent an alert to ships traversing the area, warning of a heightened piracy risk following the hijacking of three tugboats and a barge this year.—*Internet*

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 21st day

Six questions raised and answered, two new proposals submitted and bill discussed yesterday approved

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Huttaw continued for the 21st day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 376 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Six questions were raised and answered, two new proposals submitted and a bill discussed yesterday approved.

U Aung Kyaing of NyaungU Constituency asked **he would like to know about State-level management for preservation of ancient cultural heritage and regions in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and cooperation with international organizations in conservation of world cultural heritage**. Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan replied that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was rich in cultural heritage according to the pre-historic evidences and historical records. The cultural heritage were own national characters of Myanmar people and helped Myanmar to stand in the world with dignity, he said. Therefore, the government had preserved the cultural heritage systematically, and as part of efforts for protecting and preservation of the cultural heritage effectively it had enacted the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Region Law in 1998 and rules of the law in 2011. Therefore, the government, local authority and the people were preserving the cultural heritage in accordance with the rules and regulations, he added.

He continued to say that to be able to extensively preserve the cultural heritage, the government was amending the Antiquities Preservation Act, (1957).

He continued to say that to be able to protect and preserve the cultural heritage effectively, three steps were taken to preserve the 37 ancient cultural zones ; the first step was the Ancient Monument Zone where high standards of discipline were imposed on protection and preservation of the cultural heritage; the second step was the Ancient Site Zone where middle standards of discipline were imposed on protection and preservation of the cultural heritage and the third step was the Protective and Preserve Zone where soft disciplines were imposed on protection and preservation of the cultural heritage.

He said that there were eight cultural heritage regions where all three steps were taken to protect and preserve the cultural heritage and they were Bagan cultural region, Tagaung cultural region, Hanlin cultural region, Inn-wa ancient town cultural region, Myinsaing ancient town cultural region, Pindaya ancient town cultural region, Paleik cultural region and MraukU ancient cultural region. There were eight ancient cultural regions where two steps were taken to protect and conserve the cultural heritage and they were Bagaya Monastery, Atumashi Monastery, Shwenandaw Monastery, Nanndawyar Sandar Muni Pagoda and Kuthodaw Pagoda in Mandalay, Kanbawza Thadi Palace in Bago, Thayaykhittaya Old City, Beikthano ancient town, Khayon Cave, Yathaybyan Cave, Kawgun Cave and Shwedagon Pagoda. One step was taken to protect and preserve the cultural heritage in the remaining 21 cultural regions.

The ancient cultural regions had been divided into different categories and were being preserved with the participation of the State, local authorities and well-wishers with the international cooperation, he said.

He continued to say that the State drew plans yearly to preserve the cultural heritage after making assessment to the facts of (1) high level of cultural heritage value in the current time, (2) important historical records, (3) high cultural heritage standard and (4) excellent architectural art and culture of the cultural heritage. As part of efforts for conserving the cultural heritage, the tasks were divided into two : renovation of ancient cultural buildings and pagodas without damaging the original styles and preservation of arts and sculptures inside the structures. Measures were taken to preserve the concrete arts, glaze arts and wall paintings inside the structures with the use of chemicals. Wall paintings were taken with the digital camera and were systematically archived as the paintings lost their colours as they had existed for so long, he said. Besides, measures were being taken to preserve the works of ten traditional arts and craft of Myanmar with the use of chemicals and advanced techniques.

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He continued to say that ancient cultural heritage including pagodas and monasteries were just cultural heritage for foreigners but for Myanmar people, the cultural heritage also represented holy places for their beliefs and religions. Therefore, cultural structures were being renovated without damaging their original styles.

Today, 63 ancient temples in Bagan were being renovated and people contributed K 540 million to the renovation tasks. Eleven temples had been renovated, 16 were under renovation and the remaining 36 temples would be renovated, he said. He continued to say that Thudhamma shelters were also being renovated with the contribution of the people. Similarly, cultural heritage were being preserved with the cooperation of international organizations. Measures were being taken in cooperation with ICCROM in Italy, UNDP and UNESCO to preserve the ancient structures, to clean wall paintings and to make archive of ancient temples and pagodas in Bagan. To carry out the tasks, experts who completed courses on preserving cultural heritage at home and abroad and architects and engineers had carried out the tasks in cooperation with ICCROM, UNDP and UNCESCO.

He continued to say that general maintenance tasks were being carried out to preserve Arnanda Pagoda in cooperation with Archaeological Survey of India this year and cooperation and coordination were being made with cultural heritage preservation groups from China and Japan. In cooperation with China, Japan, Republic of Korea, India, Australia and ASEAN nations, exchanged trips were made to participate in the courses on preserving cultural heritage, and workshops on preserving cultural heritage were conducted in Myanmar and inviting experts from Italy, Australia and France to give lectures and to train practical works on preserving cultural heritage in Myanmar yearly, he said. He continued to say that Myanmar was cooperating with UNESCO to include the country's cultural heritage in the World Heritage List and to preserve the heritage in accordance with the world standard, and the final step was reached to include Beikthano, Hanlin and Thayaykhittara ancient states in the world heritage list, when the UNESCO completed its measures for the ancient states, the three ancient states would be included in the world heritage list.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency submits proposal.
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Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submits proposal.
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Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye replied to five questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Htay Win of Lewe Constituency said that **Minbyin, Dalachun, Chaunggwa and Ayechantha villages in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area are poor in transport. Students of these villages who passed the middle school level face difficulties to attend high school. He asked whether there is a plan to upgrade or open Basic Education High Schools or BEHS (Branches).** The Union Minister replied that after scrutinizing the points on number of students at middle school level, number of students at primary schools affiliated to the middle school, poor transport and image of the school, the proposal is to be submitted to the Planning and Organizational Setup Scrutiny Board of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development to be able to upgrade the school. After receiving the recommendation, the permission is to be sought from the Union government meeting.

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BEMS branch and Post-Primary Schools are opened in Minbyin, Dalachun, Chaunggwa and Ayechantha villages in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. After upgrading them to BEMSs, they can be upgraded to the BEHS branches and then to BEHSs step by step.

U G Phon Sar of Naungmon Constituency said that **a total of 25 BEPSs of 38 in Naungmon Township were built of bamboo by the local people. So, these schools are difficult to be better image school level designated by the Ministry of Education. Therefore, he asked whether the Ministry of Education has a plan to facilitate the schools without funds for construction of buildings and improve the schools with better images.** The Union Minister replied that buildings of basic education schools are being constructed and repaired with the funds of the State as well as contributions of the State, parents and wellwishers yearly. The government allotted K 682.80 million for construction and maintenance of 30 schools in Kachin State in 2011-2012 academic year and K 39.47 million on 10 basic education schools. BEHE and MEMSs were repaired in Naungmon Township by spending allotted funds. More funds to be allotted in 2012-2013 fiscal year will be shard for construction and maintenance of 25 basic education schools like that of other regions and states.

U Than Sein of Kyimyindine Constituency said that **as some basic education schools have inadequate teachers, these schools are difficult to teach students. He asked whether there is a plan to assign more teachers adequately and he continued to say that some students are facing difficulties in learning due to insufficiency of desks at schools. He asked whether there is a plan to provide desks to these schools.** The Union Minister replied that in Yangon Region, ratio of teacher to student is 1:30 at primary level, 1:32 at middle school level and 1:27 at high school level. Due to decease, medical leave, maternal leave and training course, number of teachers may be lesser. However, fresher teachers have been assigned to the schools. In October 2011, 43 B.Ed. graduates will be assigned as SAT, 28 PGDMA holders as JAT and 38 diploma holders as primary assistant taechers totaling 109.

With regard to the second question, the Union Minister said that with endorsements of the township education officers, No. 3 Basic Education Department allots basic education schools with school desks for requirements of the basic education schools. Depending on the allotted funds, school desks are fulfilled to the schools on priority. This academic year, 5000 sets of three-seat desks will be purchased.

Dr Soe Thura of Kyonpyaw Constituency said that **high school students of Daikpyat Station BEHS Branch of Kyonpyaw Township set for examination at Kyonpyaw Exam Centre yearly. They face much difficulty for accommodation and food. He asked whether there is a plan to designate Daikpyat Station BEHS Branch as the separate exam centre.** The Union Minister replied that there are many prescriptions for opening new exam centers of matriculation examination. There must be at least 100 students for the exam centre. The region must have bank, treasury, regiments and units and Myanmar Police Force (MPF) station to safely keep the question and answer papers. The MPF station must have the save for the exam centre. Moreover, the local authorities must grant security of exam questions and answer papers.

As problem of an exam centre can affect all exam centres across the nation, detail scrutiny is to be carried out. As such, Daikpyat Station of Kyonpyaw Township has one police station. BEHS branch has only 64 students in matriculation class. Hence, there is no plan to designate the school branch as separate exam centre.

U Zon Ting of Chipwe Constituency submitted a proposal **calling for change for suitable rate for cost of living allowance for service personnel discharging duties in far-flung areas** and Dr San Hlaing of Taungup Constituency, **rapid implementation of Saidin hydropower project for development of Rakhine State.**

The proposal of U Zon Ting will be discussed on 21 September and that of Dr San Hlaing on 22 September. The representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist this afternoon.

The Farmland Bill 2011 approved from sub-paragraph (a), paragraph 4 was approved with amendment proposals for each paragraph.

The Bill Committee submitted that the phrase in original provision of **sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 should be substituted with leasing, changing and pawning of right of cultivation for all farmlands or part.** The original phrase should be substituted with clause that

Representative of Ywangan Constituency U Aung Thein tables motion.

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pawning means official pawn at government bank or government recognized bank or person/organization to seek capital for agricultural task. U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted a proposal that the original provision of sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 should be substituted with **leasing, changing, receiving heritage, donating and unconditional transfer for the all farmland or a part;** and the original remark paragraph should be substituted with **pawning means official pawn at government bank or government recognized bank or person/organization to seek capital for agricultural task.** U Ye Tun of Hsipaw Constituency submitted a proposal that **the original provision in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 should be submitted with changing and pawning of the whole farmland and part; and the original remark paragraph should be substituted with a paragraph that pawning means official pawn at government bank or government recognized bank with designated interest rate by signing contract under the disciplines for seeking capital and pawn the property at a farmer or a farmer organization (in line with Chapter I, Section 2, Sub-Section (c)).** U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency submitted a proposal that the end phrase of the original provision in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 should be added with **sales under permission**. U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency submitted a proposal that the original provision in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 should be substituted with **short-term leasing, changing and pawning the whole farmland or art on their own accord.** U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency submitted a proposal that the original provision in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 should be substituted with **short-term leasing, changing and pawning the whole farmland or part of their own accord for seeking capital of farming,** and the remarks of original provision is to be cancelled.

In his discussion, U Htay Oo said that proposals of amendment of Bill Committee and U Tin Maung Oo are the same, and due to suitable presentations, the proposals are to be kept as it is.

In asking the attitude of the Union organization

Union A&I Minister U Myint Hlaing answering queries.

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member, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing supported the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo is enough for actual situation.

Separate decisions of voting were held for proposals of amendment of U Tin Maung Oo, U Ye Tun, U Sai Bo Aung and U Aung Thein. The proposal of U Tin Maung Oo was approved due to the majority of yes vote.

U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency submitted a proposal to substitute **revenue** with **tax** in sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 of original provision. In asking attitude, U Htay Oo expressed his opinion that the original phrase is better.

Asking the attitude of the Union level organization, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing said he agreed the clear clarification of U Htay Oo.

The Hluttaw approved that sub-paragraph (b), paragraph 4 shall be part of the bill as the majority was in favour of clarification of U Htay Oo.

The Bill Committee submitted two more sub-paragraphs should be added in paragraph 4. U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted a proposal of amendment that it should insert **the clause (c) leasing, exchanging and pawning of right to do shall not be involved without desire and agreement of right owner; and (d) leasing, exchanging and pawning of right to do shall be in line with prescribed disciplines. Moreover, original sub-paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) are to be amended as sub-paragraph (e), (f) and (g).**

In asking the attitude of U Htay Oo, he supported the submission of U Tin Maung Oo for complete and correct presentation.

In asking the attitude of Union level organization, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing agreed it as it is necessary to add.

The subparagraphs (c) and (d) added under subparagraph (b) of paragraph (4) were approved as part of the bill and original subparagraphs (c), (d) and (e) were changed as subparagraphs (e), (f) and (g).

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted the proposal "to substitute the original text in subparagraph (d) of paragraph (4) with the phrase **'Respective court shall decide under existing law if the right to manage the farmland is subject to dispute related to inheritance rights'** and to approve as paragraph (f)". U Htay Oo agreed on amendment, citing it was an appropriate one, when the Hluttaw acquired his attitude.

When the attitude of a member of Union level organization was asked, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing showed his support.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted the proposal "to substitute the original text in subparagraph (e) of paragraph (4) with the phrase **'The entitlement to use farmland is until the designated rules are not breached'** and to approve as paragraph (g)". U Htay Oo agreed on amendment, citing it was an appropriate one, when the Hluttaw acquired his attitude.

When the attitude of a member of Union level organization was asked, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing showed his support.

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The Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo.

U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency submitted the proposal "to add a new subparagraph **'Regarding the entitlement to manage the farmland, crops in one's own favour shall be chosen and grown'** to its original subparagraphs of the paragraph (4)". U Htay Oo said the paragraph should not be included in the law when the Hluttaw acquired his attitude.

When the attitude of a member of Union level organization was asked, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said it does not need to include the subparagraph specifically.

U Sai Thiha Kyaw said he understood the answers of U Htay Oo and the Union Minister and demanded the vote. As the noes outnumbered the yeses, U Sai Thiha Kyaw's amendment proposal was not approved.

As there was no amendment, the part from paragraph (5) to paragraph (7) subparagraph (d) was approved as part of the bill.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency and U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnai Constituency submitted the proposal "to **cancel** original provision of subparagraph (e) of paragraph (7) and to change subparagraphs (f), (g) and (h) as subparagraph (e), (f) and (g)" and U Ye Tun of Hsipaw Constituency submitted the proposal "to substitute the original text in subparagraph (e) of paragraph (7) with the phrase **'Farmers entitled the right to use and manage farmlands under the provisions of the law shall exchange and give away farmlands with and to each others'** and to approve as paragraph (g)".

Out of two proposals, U Htay Oo agreed on only the amendment to cancel when his attitude was acquired.

When the attitude of a member of Union level organization was asked, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing demanded the decision of the Hluttaw upon the approval.

As the noes outnumbered yeses, the Hluttaw did not approve the amendment proposal of U Ye Tun.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted the proposal "to substitute the original text in subparagraph (f) of paragraph (7) with the phrase **'Loan, pawning, inheritance, and complete exchange of the farmland must be registered at respective department office by paying designated tax'** and to approve as paragraph (e)". U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency submitted the proposal "to substitute the original text in subparagraph (f) of paragraph (7) with the phrase **'Loan, pawning, inheritance, and complete exchange of the farmland must be registered at respective department office in designated period by paying designated tax'** and to approve as paragraph (e)".

U Htay Oo said the original is more appropriate when the Hluttaw acquired his attitude.

When the attitude of a member of Union level organization was asked, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing demanded the decision of the Hluttaw upon the approval.

As the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo claimed more yeses, the Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo.

U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency submitted the proposal "to add new subparagraph **'Rates for land tax and other taxes, registration and service charges shall be prescribed by the notification'** as subparagraph (g) under subparagraph (f) of paragraph (7) and to change subparagraphs (g) and (h) as subparagraph (h) and (i). U Htay Oo said it was not needed to add the new subparagraph when the Hluttaw acquired his attitude.

When the attitude of a member of Union level organization was asked, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing also said it was not needed to the new subparagraph.

U Aung Thein accepted the clarifications and withdrew the proposal.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency submitted the proposal "to substitute the original text in paragraph (10) with the phrase **'In the period of dispute or before the rights to manage farmland is not granted, loan, pawning, inheritance, giving away, complete exchange and other exchanges etc. of the farmland shall not be carried out at all'** and to approve as paragraph (e)". U Htay Oo agreed on amendment when the Hluttaw acquired his attitude.

When asked what the Union-level organization's opinion was, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing expressed support for the proposal.

The amendment proposal of U Tin Maung Oo was approved by the Hluttaw as no representatives objected it.

Next, U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency proposed to supplement the phrases "Union Minister" in the first space, "the deputy minister for the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation as the vice-chairman", and "director-general of Settlement and Land Records Department" in Paragraph 12 (a), U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency proposed to supplement the phrases "Union Minister" in the first space and "deputy minister for Home Affairs" in the second space.

When asked what he thought of the two proposals, U Htay Oo answered affirmatively. When asked what the Union-level organization's opinion was, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing seconded the proposals. As there were a number of objections to proposal of U Sai Bo Aung, the Hluttaw refused his proposal, and passed the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyiha Constituency proposed to replace the phrase "sub article (a)" with "sub-paragraph (a)" in Paragraph 12 (b) and to add the new paragraph "associations included in Paragraph 11(b, c, d, e) are to be formed with Central Farmland Management Board and such management organizations can be reorganized occasionally" as new paragraph under Paragraph 12, which was seconded by U Htay Oo and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing Union-level organization. The Hluttaw passed the proposal as there was no objection.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency proposed to add "rights to run" before the initial phrase of Paragraph 13 (b) "farmland" , which was supported by U Htay Oo and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization. The Hluttaw passed the proposal as there was no objection.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency proposed to remove the word "shall" in Paragraph 14 of the original provision, seconded by U Htay Oo and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization. U Tin Maung Oo's proposal was passed by the Hluttaw as there was no objection.

When asked what he thought of proposal for changing the original name of Chapter 8 which is "Appeal and Amendments" to "Appeal", the phrase "order or sentence" in Paragraph 20 (a) to "decision", and the phrase "order or sentence" in Paragraph 21 to "decision" submitted by the Bill Committee, U Htay Oo answered he had no objection as the changes do not refer different meaning. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing also seconded the proposal representing the Union-level organization. The Hluttaw passed the proposal of the Bill Committee as no representative made objection.

U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency proposed to add the phrase "appropriate" before the phrase "compensations" in the Paragraph 22, which received an affirmative answer of U Htay Oo and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization. The Hluttaw passed the proposal as no representative made objection.

U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency proposed to omit the phrase "ensuring" in the phrase "with a view to ensuring no decline in area of farmland" and add "taking the least quantity of farmland" after the phrase "seriously scrutinized" in Paragraph 23. U Htay Oo said that the original phrase would be more appropriate and objected the proposal, and so did Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization. U Sai Bo Aung agreed with the replies of U Htay Oo and the Union Minister, the Hluttaw rejected the proposal.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun proposed to replace the original paragraph 24 with "Despite the other provisions of this law, in case of nationalization of land, President shall be the decision-maker and there must not be nationalization by submitting sequential proposals from the low-level to the highest one in administrative hierarchy." U Htay Oo when asked what his attitude was answered he preferred status quo. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization said that the original provision was already comprehensive.

U Ye Tun (a) U Min Tun replied that he understood the meaning of the Union Minister and was willing to accept the original provision. So, the Paragraph 24 was confirmed as the part of the bill by the Hluttaw.

U Sai Thiuha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency and U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency proposed to cancel the Paragraph 26 (a), which was rejected by U Htay Oo and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization. As the proposal was rejected by a considerable number of the representatives, the Hluttaw decided that the proposal was invalid and confirmed it as unchanged.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Major/ Captain Kaung Htet San proposed to change the phrases "up to six months" to "no more than six months" and "up to 0.1 million" to "no more than 0.1 million" in Paragraphs 28, 29 and 30.U Htay Oo replied that although it made no different meaning, it was more appropriate and thus supported the proposal. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization seconded the proposal and the proposal was confirmed.

U Sai Myint Kyaw of Mongnai Constituency was to submit the proposal but said that he would like to withdraw the proposal and Paragraph 31 (a, b) was confirmed as the part of the bill.

U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency proposed to delete the phrase "1963 Tenancy Law", "1963 Farmers Rights Protection Law" and "1965 Amendment to Tenancy Law" and U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency proposed "to cancel the provision of paragraph 32".

U Htay Oo seconded the proposal of U Tin Maung Oo and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing representing the Union-level organization seconded the proposal and the Hluttaw passed the proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed the proposal to "confirm the 2011 Farmland Bill as amended by paragraph and sub-paragraph" and passed the bill in line with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 159 (d).

The 21st-day second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw came to an end at 4.5 pm and the 22nd session continues tomorrow.—*MNA*

Sri Lanka, India engage in largest navel exercise

COLOMBO, 20 Sept—Sri Lanka and Indian Navies began their largest joint naval exercise yet on Monday off the east coast of the island nation, Navy officials said on Monday.

The joint exercise, code-named "SLINEX II", will be held till 21 Sept and is aimed at enhancing interoper-ability of the two navies, according to the Sri Lanka Navy. Two offshore patrol vessels, one fast missile vessel, two fast gun boats and six fast attack crafts from Sri Lanka and one destroyer, one frigate, one missile corvette, one landing ship tank and two fast attack craft along with one maritime patrol aircraft from the Indian navy will participate in the exercise.

According to the Sri Lanka Navy, the drill is expected to provide the opportunity for the neighbouring navies to rehearse the concept of joint naval operations and enhance own skills in order to gain from each other's experience. This is the second exercise between the two countries since Sri Lanka ended its three decade war in 2009. —*Xinhua*

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 21st day

18 queries raised, reports of Public Accounts Committee and Hluttaw Rights Committee approved

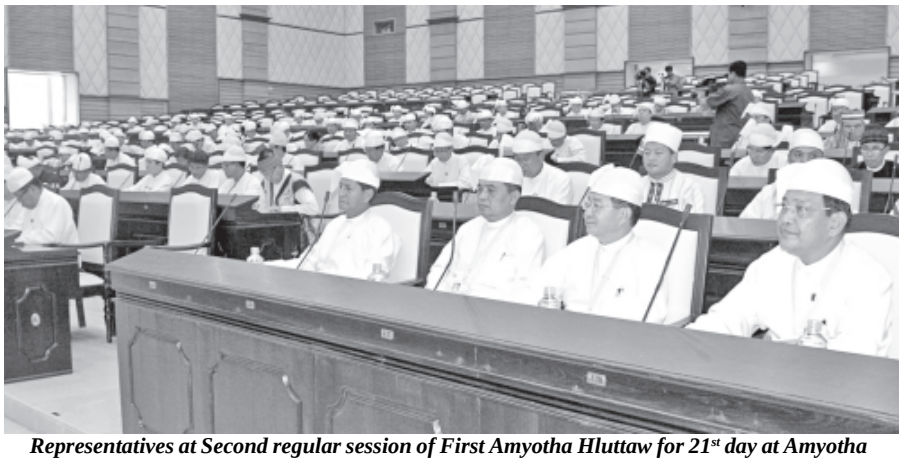
NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—The second regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 21st day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am this morning.

Today's session was attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 200 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency (2) "**whether there is some plan to create job opportunities for the youths in Rakhine State under Section (31) of the Constitution**", Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi answered that there are job opportunities mainly in agriculture, breeding and fishery, nation-building tasks such as construction sites of road, bridge, port, university and school, and tourism in open season; as the population at employable age is increasing annually, outnumbering the job opportunities, the youths are facing difficulties in employment; creating job opportunities in the entire Union is a long-term measure; creating worker market in parallel with the slump of local and foreign investment, creating job opportunities by developing small and medium enterprises and regional economy, rural development and poverty alleviation, social security as establishing sustainable vocational enterprises and building capacity, good governance and economic project, education project and project for compiling work force are to be implemented in national economic policy; eight tasks for rural development and poverty alleviation is being carried out in the entire Union now; the tasks aim at creating short-term job opportunities of private, odd jobs and domestic businesses and long-term on farm and off farm job opportunities; the basic aim of poverty alleviation is to create decent job opportunities for everyone; one of the objectives of Myanmar Micro-Finance Bill under consideration in Hluttaw now in session is to create job opportunities; the Union government and State/Region governments are implementing procedures resulted from National Level Workshop on Reform for Economic Development and National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held in Nay Pyi Taw; it is implementing the provision in Section (31) of the Constitution that "the Union will, to the extent possible, assist to reduce unemployment among the people".

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint responsed to seven questions related to roads and bridges raised by seven Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Saw Taw Pale of Kayin State Constituency (7) "**whether there is some plan to do special repair on Thandaung-Bawgali road, Toungoo-Loikaw road, and Thanmoetaung-Painthila road and when it, if planned, will start**", Thandaung-Bawgali road is on Toungoo-Mawchi-Loikaw road section; it has the length of 28 miles from Thandaung to Bawgali Sub-Township, including 9 miles and six furlongs long tarred road, three miles and four furlongs long gravel road and 14 miles and six furlongs long hard road; the minor repair, adjustment, maintenance with tarmacking, and filling gravels were made with minor repair fund allotted in 2011-2012 fiscal year; Toungoo-Loikaw road links Kayin State and the border of Bago Region and the border of Shan State; it is 50 miles and six furlongs long tarred road; minor repair, 600-ft stone-filling drain, two stone-filling retaining wall with the length of 100 feet and the breadth of 20 feet, and substituting 300-ft woods from eight bailey bridges were made with minor repair fund in 2011-2012 fiscal year; Thanmoetaung-Painthila road joins Thanmoetaung and Painthila village of Leiktho Sub-Township in Kayin State; it has the length of 12 miles, including 3-mile 4-furlong gravel road, 7-mile 6-furlong hard road and 6-furlong earth road; substituting decaying woods in two 30-ft bridges and upgrading earthen approach structure to brick approach structure were carried out in 2011-2012 fiscal year; the major repair works will be carried out with huge fund and repair fund.



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Regarding the question raised by U Nain Khim Paul of Chin State Constituency (7) "**whether there is plan to carry out major repair on Tiddim-Tonzang-Kyeekha road and bridges on it Tiddim, Tonzang and Kyeeekha Sub-Township in Falam District of Chin State**", the Union Minister answered that the length of the road is 80 miles, including 4-mile 7-furlong tarred road, 36-mile 4-furlong gravel road, and 38-mile 5-furlong earth road; starting from 1990-1991 fiscal year, the alignment and 80-mile road, 4-mile 7-furlong tarred road, 36-mile 4-furlong gravel road, 38-mile 5-furlong earth road and 62 bridges and box culverts have been constructed; broadening defiles with bulldozers, adjustments, dredging drains, constructing roads and bridges were carried out from 2006-2007 fiscal year to 2009-2010 fiscal year; with the minor repair fund in 2011-2012 fiscal year, repaving tarred road, paving gravel road, clearing landslide, broadening embankment, filling gravels, constructing gravel-filling retaining wall, gravel-filling approach structure, RC bridge and hardwood bridge, and substituting decaying woods of two bailey bridges are carried out; in 2012-2013 fiscal year, the repair will be carried out with huge fund and repair fund in order of priority.

Regarding the question raised by U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency (5) "**whether the Union government has planned to reconstruct historic renowned road linking Phayathonezu in Thai-Myanmar border region and Thanbyuzayat of Mon State; whether there is plan to allow implementation of the construction by joint venture of local company and foreign company; when the construction will start**", Pyayathonezu-Thanbyuzayet road is 64-mile 5-furlong road, including 1-mile 6.5-furlong tarred road, 8-mile 0.5-furlong gravel road, 28-mile 5-furlong hard road and 26-mile 1-furlong earth road; with minor repair fund in 2011-2012 fiscal year, minor repair, filling gravels, building four RC bridges are being carried out; 38 miles and 4 furlongs out of 64 miles 5 furlongs is tarred and hard all-weather road; the Union government allowed joint venture of local company and foreign company after being scrutinized; a national company Silver Wave & Group Co Ltd has applied for upgrading of road and bridges with BOT system; it has planned to held negotiation with the company.

Regarding the question raised by U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency (12) "**whether there is plan to build approach road to Union Expressway from Wundwin Township**", the Union Minister Wundwin-Pintale-Kanpatle-Shwepawkyun-Mahlaing road in Wundwin Township in Meiktila District of Mandalay Region is 37 miles long; the road is being implemented by the Ministry of Border Affairs, not the Ministry of Construction; there is no plan to upgrade approach road to Union Expressway from Wundwin to concrete road.

Regarding the question raised by U Saw Nyein Thin of Kayin State Constituency (3) "**whether there is plan to reconstruct historic steel bridge at the entrance of Hlaingbwe built in 1921**", the Union Minister answered that the bridge is of RPT type with the length of 195 feet and the width of 12 feet and 6 inches; it was built in 1921; as the bridge was rusted over time, Bridge Construction Special Group (13) replaced rusty steel truss, repaired and painted anti-rusty paints in 2009; the bridge can withstand 18 tons of load; Chief Engineer's Office of Hpa-an District of the Ministry of Construction is monitoring the condition of the bridge regularly; there is no plan to rebuilt the bridge now.

Regarding the question raised by U Hla Soe of Taninthayi Region Constituency (9) that "**bridges in Pulaw are only wooden bridges; whether there is plan to upgrade Pulaw bridge from bailey to RC bridge and whether there is plan to tarmack damaged road section of Union Highway in Pulaw Township**", the Union Minister answered that Palauk bridge with the length of 500 feet out of four bridges on Pulaw Township road section of Yangon-Dawei-Myeik Union Highway is of RC type; 290-ft Pyichar bridge is of combined CH and bailey type; the wooden floor and motor path of those bridges are to be exchanged in 2011-2012 fiscal year; 300-ft Kye bridge is of bailey type; in 2012-2013 fiscal year, the budget has been submitted for upgrading the bridge; 600-ft Pulaw bridge is of three-layer one-storey bailey type; the foundation of the bridge is of RC type; the width of motor path is 10 feet for motorcycles, bicycles, trawlergies and pedestrians; Myeik District Group of the Ministry of Construction is monitoring the condition of the bridge on regular basis; there is no plan

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to upgrade the bridge to RC type now; the road linking Pulaw Township and Palauk Sub-Township on Yangon-Mawlamyine-Dawei-Myeik-Bokpyin-Kawthoung Union Highway is 59 miles and 6 furlongs long and tarred road; as the roads and bridges were destroyed due to inundation caused by heavy rains in 2011-2012 fiscal year, including roads and bridges in Taninthayi Region; repair works were being carried out not to lost connection in rainy season.

The Union Minister continued that his ministry was making arrangements to carry out road works on Palauk-Pulaw section of Dawei-Myeik Road including construction of a new RC type bridge in open season.

In response to U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (12) who asked **"whether there is plan to upgrade Hlegu-Satalin-Dapein road section and Dapein-Kywekuseik road section, which are partly gravel and partly earthen facilities into tarred ones and when the plan can be started if there is any"**, the Union Minister said that Hlegu-Satalin road in Hlegu Township of Yangon Region was six miles and six furlongs long and Satalin-Dapein-Kywekuseik road was six miles long; up to 1-5-2011 the former was made of six miles and one furlong long tarred road and five furlongs long gravel road and the latter was made of four miles and five furlongs long tarred road, four furlongs long gravel road and seven furlongs long foundation road.

He went on that minor repairs were made on those roads with minor maintenance fund allotted for 2011-2012 fiscal year; his ministry had asked funds for improvement of two miles long asphalt section and upgrading of five furlongs long gravel section to tarred one of Hlegu-Satalin road.

He went on that proposal had been submitted to road-bridge construction projects investment programme for improvement of six furlongs long old tarred road, upgrading of four furlongs long gravel road to tarred road, widening of shoulders of one mile and two furlongs long section of Satalin-Dapein-Kywekuseik road.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to queries raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency No (1) said that "**passengers taking Yangon-Shwenyaung train have to change the train on arrival at Pyinmana Station and asked if there is a plan to directly run to Shwenyaung by changing the locomotive designed for travel in plain with one designed for climbing mountains at Pyinmana Station**." Union Minister U Aung Min replied that previously parts of coaches and braking system of Yangon-Shwenyaung train were checked at Thazi Station for around two to three hours for the safety of the train in climbing mountains, meanwhile passengers had difficulty in getting on and off the train and sanitary services was difficult to offer, resulting in passengers' requests for repair and complaints.

He went on that this year, when the Yangon-Shwenyaung train arrived Pyinmana, passengers were transferred to checked and cleaned coaches with water; it was intended for safety and convenience of passengers and there had no complaints so far as passengers could easily get on the another train that was standing side by side to theirs; field studies would be made related to the proposal and necessary measures would be taken if there were difficulties for passengers.

The Union Minister in his response to U Gam Sai of Kachin State Constituency No (2) who asked **"plan for construction of Bhamo-Myitkyina railroad and progress of works"**, said that his ministry was planning to construct 474.5 miles long new Myitkyina-Bhamo-Momeik-Kyaukme-Hsipaw-Laikha-Namhsan railroad for development Kachin State and Shan State and the 269 miles long section of the railroad project will be constructed in three phases—108 miles long Myitkyina-Bhamo section, 127 miles long Hsipaw-Laikha section and 34 miles long Laikha-Namhsan section starting 12-9-2010.

He said that currently 21,733 suddles in Myitkyina-Bhamo section, 356000 suddles and four small and large bridges in Hsipaw-Laikha section, 272,642 suddles and two small and large bridges in Laikha-Namhsan section had been completed; works were suspended as there was no stability in those regions and construction works would be continued when the region restored stability.

U Sai Tin Aung of Mohnyin Constituency No (5) said that "**the main building of Mohnyin Station was old and the storage was small and narrow for loading and unloading process, posing inconveniences for passengers and asked if there is plan to extend the station and the storage and when the works can be started if there is any**".

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency (5) raising question.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Gam Sai of Kachin State Constituency (2) raising question.

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The Union Minister replied that there was a plan to renovate the stations in major towns of states and regions as the first priority, major towns of districts as the second priority and township-level stations as the third priority; of the commodities that arrived Mohnyin by means of rail transportation, commodities to be transported to Myitkyina were stockpiled outside the storage as the storage was small; especially most of the commodities carried in two carriages of trains plying between Shwebo and Mohnyin were usually commodities for Myitkyina and thus were stockpiled between rail tracks and on the platforms, posing inconveniences to passengers; so, the ministry would construct a storage at the south of the station as soon as possible and the station would be renovated according to the list of priorities.

U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No (2) asked **"if the ministry could construct new railroad from Gwecho to Yenangyoung"** and the Union Minister replied that ongoing railroad projects for development of railroad network across the nation were 320 miles long Kyangin-Pakokku section, 98 miles long Katha-Bhamo section, 226 miles long Mongnai-Kengtung section, 95 miles long Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway section, 132.5 miles long Dawei-Myeik section, 257 miles long Minbu-An-Sittway section, 89 miles long Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon section, 120 miles long Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyetaw)-Nay Pyi Taw, 48 miles long Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon section, 120 miles long Nay Pyi Taw-Sinthe (Tatkon)-Pinlaung section, 474.5 miles long Myitkyina-Bhamo-Momeik-Kyaukme-Laikha-Namhsan section, 125 miles long Monywa-Kani-Minkin-Kalewa-Kalay section and 150 miles long Toungoo-Yado-Loikaw section.

He went on that 475 miles long section had so far been completed out of 13 projects with 2255 miles in total length, remaining 1780 miles; currently, about 200 miles of railroad were constructed yearly and proposal would be submitted for construction of the proposed railroad section while implementing the projected railroads.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min answers queries.

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Next, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than replied to queries raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay region Constituency No (5) asked "**whether there is a plan for occasional announcement of implementation of financial and monetary policies of the State and their impacts for public knowledge; whether budget deficit is allowed in budgets of regions and states and whether there is a plan to offer bank loans for the required amount if allowed and systematic spending of State's budget in line with fiscal rules and regulations"**.

The deputy minister replied that monetary and fiscal policies were coordinated for healthy macroeconomic development; so, the Central Bank of Myanmar had adopted and was implementing fiscal policies, important policies in economic management of the nation, which were defining reserve, interest rate policy and selling of government bonds.

He went on that the Central Bank of Myanmar was practicing monetary policies contributing to control of cash for monetary stability as its main objective; in addition, it was taking necessary measures for economic growth of the nation and promotion of investment of local national entrepreneurs.

He added that the Central Bank of Myanmar was implementing financial policies adjusting tax collection, division of State's budget, and potential to take out loans at home and abroad for stability of macro-economy and sustainable development of the State.

He went on that the long-term fiscal policy of the State was division of combined resources of the State to production industry and service industry for economic growth and equity among the people; the ministry was drawing budget of the State using fiscal means for the success of fiscal policies.

He continued that 2011 State's Budget Laws was promulgated on 27 January 2011 for Union and Region/State governments to be able to handle matters related to budget conveniently; the law was prepared separately as budgets for Union-level organizations and Region/State level organizations.

He went on the law was prescribed in gazette of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for public knowledge and Ministry of Finance and Revenue read out a paper on assessment on implementation of fiscal policies of the State at National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development for public knowledge.

He added that the Budget Department explained 2011-2012 finance and budget matters to the Public Accounts Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw; according to Article 254 (a) and (b) of the constitution of the

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar, region or state governments shall collect taxes described in table (5) of the constitution in accordance with laws and add the tax to the fund of the regions or states and the regions or states have the rights to use the fund in conformity with laws; Union budget will be used to cover budget deficit of the regions or states either by loaning or assisting.

In response to U Thein Win of Constituency No (9) of Sagaing Region who asked "**whether there is a plan to amend the Myanmar travel allowances manual in line with current situations as it was out of date**", the deputy minister replied that government servants could enjoy travel allowances in travelling on duty; travel allowances was a kind of supplementary allowances granted to government staff who travel to discharge duty for public interest; the paragraph 3 (a) of 1922 Myanmar Travel Allowances Manual stated that the allowance should not be the amount profitable to the person who receives the allowances.

He went on that government staff could enjoy travel allowances and daily allowances on duty tour according to Myanmar Travel Allowances Manual; staff could enjoy transportation allowances, fixed travel allowances, and daily allowances in transferring, touring, and attending training courses.

He went on that government staff who tour on duty were allowed to enjoy daily allowances in accordance with the rates of Myanmar Travel Allowances Manual till 1979 and it was fixed to 10 Kyats in accordance with Announcement No 40/79 dated 12-6-1979 issued by the former State Council, to 15 Kyats in accordance with Announcement No 42/89 dated 20-4-1989 issued by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, to K 1,100 in accordance with Announcement No 216/2010 dated 30-9-2010 issued by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

He went on that ministries were enforcing that only staff who travel with movement order could enjoy daily allowances and who travel for personal purposes were not recognized as travel on duty; travel allowances and daily allowances were allowed only for traveling from headquarters to other regions and not traveling in municipal areas and the region where a staff is assigned is his headquarters.

He said that government staff could take back the actual spending in travelling on duty according to the provisions of the Myanmar Travel Allowances Manual and daily allowances was changed to K 1100 and thus there was still no plan to amend the Myanmar Travel Allowances Manual.

With regard to the question **whether there is a plan to provide separate assistance or CLA or special privilege to State service personnel discharging duties at far-flung areas raised** by U Myat Ko of Sagaing Region Constituency No 12, the deputy minister replied that the townships for enjoying rights of regional cost were classified into most social difficult level and social difficult level as of 1 June 1979. The personnel have had enjoy the rights of local cost. The personnel in most social difficult townships can enjoy 10-20 per cent of their salaries and those in social difficult townships 8-20 per cent as local cost.

As of 12 July 1989, those personnel were allowed to take out the money equal to their salaries as special salaries. Beginning 21 April 2000, salary of service personnel was raised. Hence, the staff assigned to work border area development tasks can enjoy raised salaries plus 25 per cent special salary. In 2006, salary of personnel was raised. In consequence, border regions gain development, and personnel and labourer are allowed to enjoy raised salary and daily wage instead of special salary, daily wages, wage and special wage.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nain Khim Paul of Chin State Constituency (7) raising question.

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Departments concerned regularly allow actual cost demanded by ministries concerned for their staff traveling along the Hsinthe-Lahe-Donhee route in Naga Self-Administered Zone. At present, region/state governments have been formed in accord with the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Self-Administered Division and Zone have been designated.

Actual cost for travels of staff in poor transport area are allowed. Due to high cost in the respective regions, if it is necessary to give separate assistance or CLA or specila privilege to the staff, submission is to be reported to respective region/state governments.

A question regarding **whether there is a plan to open a branch of Myanma Economic Bank for providing convenient banking services to the people, government personnel, Tatmadawmen and pensioners from Hopin Sub-Township of Mohnyin Township, Kachin State raised by U Pe Thaung of Kachin State Constituency No. 6**, the Deputy Minister replied that branches of MEB focus on domestic banking services of the State. Township bank branches and bank treasuries have been opened in the head office, State/Region cities, district towns, and areas with regional development and better transportation.

So far, 47 bank branches at district level, 200 at township level, 22 bank treasuries, 10 saving bank branches, totaling 306 branches have been opened.

Bank branches have been opened in Myitkyina at state level, Putao and Bhamo at district level and Mogaung, Mohnyin, Waingmaw, Tanai, Phakant, Machanbaw, Shwegu, Momauk and Mansi at township level branches and bank treasuries have been opened in Sumprabum, Chipwe, Nanyun and Naungmon.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than answers questions.

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However, Hopin is 18 miles far from Mohnyin. Four regiments and units and 19 departmental offices in Hopin open four departmental accounts at Mohnyin Bank branch due to convenience of railroad and motor road. Work establishment was extended at Mohnyin Bank branch. Moreover, Mogaung bank is not far from Hopin. Therefore, the matter to open bank branch in Hopin will be submitted at opportune time.

A question regarding **whether there is a plan to allow the people to open their saving accounts at Waingmaw MEB raised by U Gam Sai of Kachin State Constituency No. 2**, the Deputy Minister replied that MEB branches are aimed at nurturing the habit of thrifty for the people in line with provisions of Section (3) of Savings Bank Law, saving their money safely, improving habit of money saving and promoting the living standard of the people. Therefore, a total of 692,818 accounts have been opened at 229 MEB branches and savings banks across the nation.

Savings bank services of Waingmaw MEB Branch were transferred to Myitkyina District Bank Branch due to better transport between the two towns and travels of people between them for economic, education and social works. Although savings banking service and purchase of savings certificate only are available at Waingmaw Township bank branch, Myitkyina branch can give fixed accounts as one more service to the people. In line with the section 3 of Savings Bank Law, MEB focuses on convenience of the people in banking, directives have been given to state/region, district and township bank branches on 31-8-2011 for giving services to the people at all branches including Waingmaw branch.

Member U Thein Win of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee sought an approval from the Hluttaw to approve the report of Public Accounts Committee and member of Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee U Tin Maung Myint, sought an approval from the Hluttaw to approve the report of the Hluttaw Rights Committee.

The Hluttaw approved them.

The second regular session was adjourned at 2.15 pm today, and the 22nd day session continues at 10 am on 21 September.

Today's Hluttaw, respective Union ministers replied to 18 queries raised by Hluttaw representatives, and reports of Public Accounts Committee and Hluttaw Rights Committee were approved.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SIDER ORICONO VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIDER ORICONO VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MARTRADE GULF FZCO (MGL)

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI XEBEC VOY NO (10) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W.1 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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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Hero rabbit saves owners from house fire

A pet rabbit is being credited for saving its owners from a house fire in southeastern Alaska before it died of smoke inhalation, fire officials said on Friday.

The rabbit woke up the homeowner early on Tuesday morning by scratching on her chest, the Ketchikan Fire Department said in a statement.

The homeowner realized that the house was full of smoke, woke up her daughter and fled the house.

The fire was brought under control fairly quickly, with four engines, a ladder truck and 33 firefighters responding.

Damage to the house from flames, smoke and water was considered moderate.

While there were no injuries to the mother or daughter, the rabbit was not so lucky. The animal succumbed to smoke inhalation and did not survive, the fire department said.

The woman has a 4ft 4in afro which is larger than a disco ball and can just about fit the world's smallest man inside.

Two-year-old girl played hide-and-seek with police

Police in Sweden said a 2-year-old girl reported missing from her home was found to have been playing hide and seek with searchers.

Skane police said the girl disappeared while her parents were cleaning their home Saturday and a search party including local residents, more than 60 police officers, sniffer dogs and a helicopter scoured the area for the toddler, *The Local* reported Monday.

The search went on for several hours before a police dog discovered the girl sleeping in her bed. Police said the girl must have been moving through her house during the search, playing a hide and seek type game with the searchers.

"It's a little curious that she managed to move around while so many participated in the search. She must have been very careful," police spokeswoman Helena Ralmark said.

The World's first Gold jewelry car, claimed by Tata, is seen during an unveiling ceremony in Mumbai, India, on 19 Sept, 2011. About 80 kg of 22 karat gold, approximately 15 kg of silver and 10,000 gemstones were used to decorate the Tata Nano car.

Man ends Manhattan swim record attempt

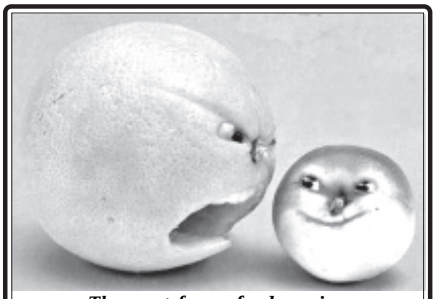
A man who attempted to break a record by swimming twice around New York's Manhattan island cut his attempt short due to hamstring troubles and the tides.

David Barra, 46, of High Falls, NY, said he had to end his attempt at about 3:30 am Monday after 9 hours, 54 minutes in the water, having nearly completed a single lap around the island, the *New York Daily News* reported.

Rondi Davis, who was on Barra's chase boat, said he abandoned the attempt due to troubles with his hamstring that were further agitated by the changing tides in the rivers around Manhattan.

"He was in good condition — he just knew he couldn't make it through the current," Davis said.

Barra was attempting to beat Skip Storch's 2007 record of 20 hours, 56 minutes for a double-loop swim around Manhattan.



The most funny food carving.

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Lebanese movie director Nadine Labaki (L) winner of the ward for Best Lebanese movie "Caramel" poses with her husband Khaled Mouzannar (R) winner of the award for best film music for the movie "caramel" during the annual Murex d'or award ceremony held in Casino du Liban, north of Beirut on 20 June, 2008.— INTERNET

Lebanese war film wins top prize at Toronto fest

TORONTO, 20 Sept— A film about the struggles of a village in war-torn Lebanon took the People's Choice award at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday, an audience trophy that has often been a harbinger of Oscar glory.

"Where Do We Go Now," by Lebanon-born Nadine Labaki, tells the story of village inhabited by both Muslims and Christians. When a wider inter-religious conflict threatens to seep into the village, its women go to inventive and sometimes extreme ends to prevent violence.

The film, which debuted at Cannes earlier this year, is already Lebanon's official entry into the Foreign Language Film category at for next year's Academy Awards.

A festival official said Labaki wrote the film in Beirut in 2007 when armed clashes had broken out. Pregnant at the time, she began thinking about what she could do to change the world as a filmmaker.

"I'm running around jumping up and down at the Frankfurt airport," Labaki said of her win at Toronto in a message read to the awards ceremony's audience.

Last year's winner of the People's Choice award was "The King's Speech," which went on to win the Oscar for best picture. "American Beauty," "Crash," and "Slumdog Millionaire" also won the award at Toronto before going on to Oscar glory.

The Toronto audience award for top documentary went "The Island President" about Mohamed Nasheed, leader of the Maldives.

Reuters

Nielsen says 12.4 million viewers for Emmys

NEW YORK, 20 Sept— Television networks must hope interest in the Emmy Awards is not a sign of things to come.

Nielsen said Monday that the annual ceremony honoring the best in TV was seen by 12.4 million viewers on Fox Sunday night. That's about a million fewer viewers than watched each of the last two years. The Emmys' look backward at memorable work also serves as the kickoff to a new TV season.

Competition was tough, with an NFL game getting 21.5 million viewers. The digital recorder company TiVo says Charlie Sheen's presentation of the best comic actor award was the moment most played back and watched on recorders.—*Internet*

Charlie Sheen presents the award for outstanding lead actor in a comedy series at the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards on 18 Sept, 2011 in Los Angeles. INTERNET

Lady Gaga leads MTV Europe award nominations

LONDON, 20 Sept— US pop star Lady Gaga led the 2011 MTV Europe Music Awards (EMA) nominations on Monday with six, including best song for "Born This Way," best pop and live act and best female artist.

US singer Lady Gaga waves as she arrives for a news conference in Taipei on 4 July, 2011. INTERNET

In all four categories the 25-year-old extreme dresser was up against another chart-topping diva Katy Perry, nominated four times including for best song for "Firework."

Lady Gaga's other two nominations are best video (Born This Way) and biggest fans, a new category introduced this year.

Bruno Mars joins Perry with four nominations — best new, best male, best "push" act and best song for "Grenade."

Adele, Britain's own best-selling chart sensation, is shortlisted three times — best female act and best song and best video for "Rolling in the Deep."

Reuters

Novak Djokovic: Back injury is not serious

BELGRADE, 20 Sept — Novak Djokovic says the back muscle injury that forced him to quit his Davis Cup match is not serious but requires rest. He tried to play through the pain on Sunday against Juan Martin del Potro in the semifinals.

But the top-ranked Serb stopped during the second set, sending Argentina to the Davis Cup final against Spain. "Not as serious as we have thought," Djokovic said on Monday. "It's a partial rupture of a back muscle that deserves rest."

Djokovic skipped on Friday's opening singles because of lingering back problems following his victory over Rafael Nadal in the US Open final. But after losing the opening set 7-6 (5) against Del Potro, Djokovic fell from pain during the third game of the second set. Djokovic said he may have to skip his next tournaments in China next month — the Shanghai Masters and China Open in Beijing. —*Internet*

***Novak Djokovic of Serbia, front left, reacts after retiring from a match against Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina at the World Group Davis Cup semifinals tennis match in Belgrade, Serbia, on Sunday.*-- INTERNET**

Ferguson: Rooney reaches new heights

Sir Alex Ferguson thinks Wayne Rooney is ready to become a leader

LONDON, 20 Sept — Sir Alex Ferguson feels Wayne Rooney is ready to become a real leader at Manchester United. Rooney's superb form has shot him into an early lead in the battle to claim this season's Golden Boot prize.

The 25-year-old also scored twice on England duty earlier this month, further evidence he is now completely out of the form dip that lasted nearly 12 months, including a miserable World Cup. And Ferguson feels Rooney can now assume wider responsibilities in a youthful United side, which at times averages just 23 years of age.

"He is playing with a zest and energy that has taken him to new heights," Ferguson said. "Energy burns in him. But there is also a maturity to his football now that is of tremendous benefit to the team. "Wayne is ready now to take his career up a further notch and become a leader himself. "He has already put a marker down on a personal level but now he can assume greater responsibility, and I see his colleagues responding."

Internet

Wayne Rooney has started the season in fine goalscoring form

Mancini unhappy with squad depth

City were two goals up against Fulham but ended up drawing 2-2

MANCHESTER, 20 Sept — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has suggested he needs even more players. The Italian watched his side surrender their 100 per cent start to the Barclays Premier League season when Fulham came from 2-0 down to draw Sunday's match at Craven Cottage.

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Roberto Mancini is frustrated with a lack of players due to injuries

Barcelona fired-up for table-toppers Valencia

BARCELONA, 20 Sept -- Barcelona striker David Villa claims the team are fired up for the midweek trip to Valencia after they ended a blip in form with a resounding 8-0 win over Osasuna. The reigning Spanish and European champions responded to draws against Real Sociedad and AC Milan by taking apart Osasuna at Camp Nou and now turn their attention to joint-leaders Valencia who have won their three opening matches.

Internet

Napoli and Juventus could win title, says Lippi

Italy's coach Marcello Lippi

ROME, 20 Sept — Former Italia coach Marcello Lippi tipped Napoli and Juventus to contend for the Scudetto. "Napoli can win the Scudetto, even if they are superstitious and prefer not to talk about it," Lippi was quoted by Football Italia as saying.

"They are a fixture of Italian football that cannot be denied. When a team goes to Manchester City and plays with that style, then beats Milan 3-1 with such authority, you can't go back. My friend Walter Mazzarri must learn to live with the word 'Scudetto' following him around.

"Edinson Cavani is extraordinary and last night didn't allow the defenders to stop him scoring, as he hit them all first time. When you're faced with a striker who moves that quickly, there's little a defender can do." Napoli are top of the table with a 100 per cent record, joined by Juventus, Udinese and Cagliari.—*Xinhua*

SPORTS

Lazio president rejects Reja's resignation

ROME, 20 Sept — Lazio President Claudio Lotito confirmed on Monday that he has refused Edy Reja's resignation. The coach complained bitterly after fans jeered the team in their 2-1 home defeat to Genoa on Sunday. Reja met with Lotito for an hour on Monday's evening while his assistant took control of the training session, then the players who were about to go home were recalled for another meeting.

"It's true, I did not accept the resignation and would not let the Coach go," Lotito was quoted by Sky Sport Italia as saying. "As long as I am the President, the coach will be untouchable. Reja just wanted to express his unhappiness at a city that does not love him. "He is very disappointed at the negative climate that has been created around him despite the fact he is a man who has given a great deal to Lazio.

"I wanted to call the squad together so we can all close ranks around the Coach and he knows the club and players are with him. "We will all begin again from Wednesday's game with Cesena." —*Xinhua*

Stewart opens Chase with 1st victory of season

JOLIET, 20 Sept — Tony Stewart took himself out of title contention before the opening race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. A topsy-turvy season led the two-time NASCAR champion to cross his name off the list of drivers he believes are legitimate title contenders, and nothing he did on track at Chicagoland Speedway changed his mind. That includes winning.

Stewart picked up his first win of the season on Monday — a day after rain washed out the opening round of the 10-race Chase — by flawlessly conserving fuel to the finish. The victory, his 40th career win in the Cup Series, tied him with Mark Martin for 16th on the all-time wins list.

More importantly, it vaulted him from ninth in the standings to second, and he trails leader Kevin Harvick by a mere seven points.So, Smoke, you sure you aren't in the mix for a third NASCAR championship? "One day doesn't change the whole season," he said. — *Internet*

***Tony Stewart holds the trophy as he celebrates with his crew after he won the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Geico 400 auto race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., on 19 Sept, 2011.* INTERNET**

Dyson and Rose lay down Ryder Cup markers

LONDON, 20 Sept—The next Ryder Cup may be 12 months away but Simon Dyson and Justin Rose are already knocking loudly on European captain Jose Maria Olazabal's selection door.

Rose, who played in the biennial team event in 2008 but unluckily missed out last year, produced one of the best victories of his career by winning the BMW Championship in Illinois on Sunday.

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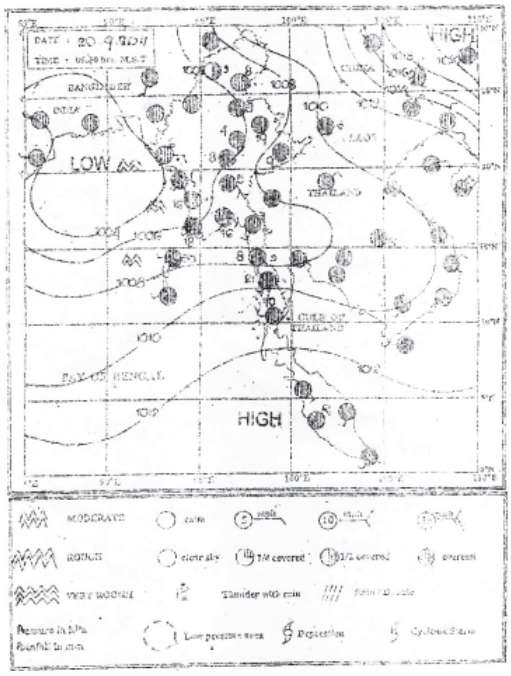
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 21th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
4	Chin	21/70	13/55	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
8	Bago	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	35/95	27/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	33/91	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	25/77	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	22/72	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Region and Chin State, scattered in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mudon (3.15) inches, Kawthoung (2.88) inches, Cocogyun (2.12) inches, Lounglon (1.97) inches, Dawei (1.76) inches, Tharrawady (1.73) inches and Khayan (1.66) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of thundery conditions in Upper Myanmar areas.

At least 26 Shiite pilgrims killed in Pakistan

QUETTA, 20 Sept—Gunmen opened fire on a bus in Pakistan's southwestern province of Balochistan in a suspected sectarian attack on Tuesday, killing at least 26 Shiite Muslim pilgrims travelling to Iran, police said.

Four assailants attacked the bus carrying more than 50 piligrims near Mastung town around 50 km from the provincial capital of Quetta.

"They opened fire on the bus from all four sides.

Then they got into the bus and fired again," a police official in Mastung said.

Three more people were killed when gunmen opened fire on an ambulance near Quetta as it headed to the attack site in Mastung.

Officials say there is no evidence linking them with Islamist militants.

MNA/Reuters

People carry a man injured by an explosion during a Shiite procession in Quetta, Pakistan.

Myanmar TV

Wednesday, 21 September

View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:10 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. Health Programme

7:55 am
7. Cultural Dances

8:05 am
8. Classical Song

8:10 am
9. Song Of National Races

8:15 am
10. Documentary

8:25 am
11. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division)(Level Men/Women)

8:40 am
12. International News

8:45 am
13. Musical Programme

3:15 am
1. AFF U-19 Championship 2011 (Live) (Third Place) (Myanmar Vs Malaysia)

5:15 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:25 pm
3. "ASEAN" Programmes

5:35 pm
4. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division)(Level Men/Women)

6:00 pm
5. Evening News

6:15 pm
6. Weather Report

6:20 pm
7. Traditional Boxing

6:35 pm
8. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:05 pm
9. Myanmar Cultural Dances

7:10 pm
10. Documentary

7:30 pm
11. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe

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

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Programme Schedule
(21-9-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	**(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST**
Overseas Transmission	-	**(21-9-11 09:30 am ~ 22-9-11 09:30 am) MST**

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* The Conspicuous Dhammayangyi
* News
* Rabindranath Tagore Digital Prints & "Jeevansmriti Painting Exhibition"
* News
* Maungmagan, The Seaside Village
* Music Gallery
* News
* 30 Years of Silence by Mime Blzot

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* News
* Youth & Music (Part-3)
* News
* The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taung Yoe Tribe
* News
* Record Album
* News
* Dignified Myanma Theatrical Performance (Tin Maung San Min Win)
* Myanmar Movie "An Ugly Fate"

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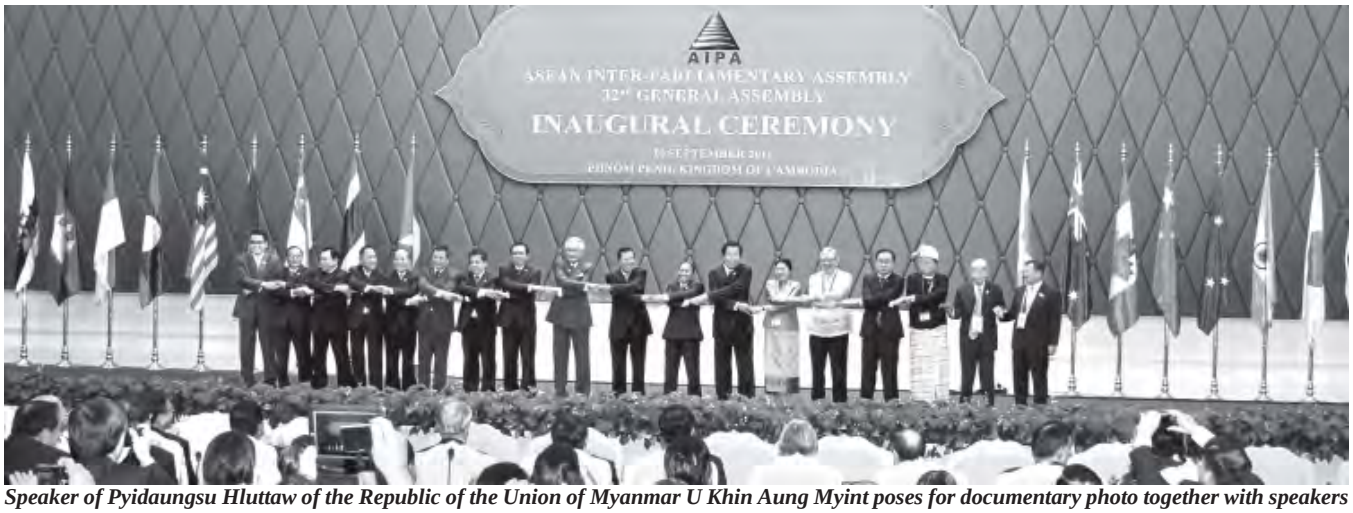
Myanmar vows to become active AIPA member cordially cooperating with counterparts for peace, stability, progress in ASEAN region



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Khin Aung Myint poses for documentary photo together with speakers of AIPA member countries and AIPA President at 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly at Nuon Srei meeting hall.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Khin Aung Myint attended the 32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly at Nuon Srei meeting hall on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at 9.30 am today, and delivered an address at the ceremony to accept Republic of the Union of Myanmar as permanent member of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

Also present on the occasion were Senate Chairman of Cambodia Mr Samdech Akka Moha Thamma Pothisal Cheasim, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, AIPA President and Speaker of Cambodia National Parliament Mr Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker of Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Khin Aung Myint, speakers of AIPA members, Hluttaw representatives, special observers and leaders of observer countries, officials of AIPA and ASEAN and guests.

Before opening ceremony, AIPA President and Speaker of Cambodia National Parliament Mr Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin met Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and speakers of AIPA member countries, leaders of special observer and observer countries, officials of AIPA and ASEAN at Mieltei hall on the third floor.

The ceremony was held at Nuon Srei meeting hall at 9.30 am.

Girls from Cambodian traditional cultural troupes presented songs depicting the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, dances and songs for 10 ASEAN countries.

Senate Chairman of Cambodia Mr Samdech Akka Moha Thamma Pothisal Cheasim and Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen extended greetings.

AIPA President and Speaker of Cambodia National Parliament Mr Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin extended greetings.

They posed for documentary photo.

The first plenary session of the assembly commenced at 11.15 am.

Leaders of AIPA member countries, special observer and observer countries introduced Hluttaw representatives.

The AIPA President proposed appointment of Vice-President and the proposal was approved. The assembly announced the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as Permanent member.

The AIPA President signed the resolution for Myanmar to join the AIPA.

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint signed the resolution.

Next, he moved to the seat of permanent member from the observer place.

Three police officers of Cambodia took the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from the place of observers to that of AIPA member countries.

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint delivered an address in accepting the membership for Myanmar to the AIPA. Speaking on the occasion, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that Myanmar was in the systematic process for the emergence of a new discipline-flourishing democracy according to the seven-point Road Map. It had written a constitution, approved it at a national referendum, held a free and fair election in line

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Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1112) cm has exceeded by (42) cm (about 1.4 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.—*MNA*

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—According to the observation at (17:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over northwest Bay of Bengal.—*MNA*

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