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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meets Cambodian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, who is currently in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, met Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen at Peace Palace in Cambodia at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion together with Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint were Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Than Win and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister at Ministers Council Office Mr Sok An, Minister at Prime Minister's Office Mr Sry Thamarong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mr Ung Sean and high-ranking officials.

At the meeting, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and the Cambodian Prime Minister dis-

cussed matters on further strengthening friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries. Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint elaborated on the emergence of Hluttaw in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, saying that Hluttaw is a body that exercises the legislative power, and that Cambodia and Myanmar established diplomatic ties in 1955 and have always been friendly nations since then.—MNA

*Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
U Khin Aung Myint has a
documentary photo taken together
with Cambodian Prime Minister
Samdech Hun Sen at the meeting
hall of Peace Palace in Cambodia.*

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True patriotism

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



*Speaker of
Pyidaungsu
Hluttaw
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Prime Minister of
Cambodia
Samdech Hun
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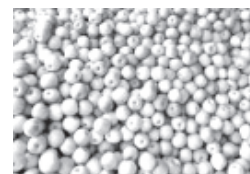
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Focus on victories in world sports

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham met members of Myanmar National Sports Committee and responsible persons of Myanmar sports federations at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 September.

The Vice-President said that 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.

Promotion of sports standard of the State is aimed at nurturing the outstanding new generation youths, holding local sports tournaments and selecting the athletes for international sports competitions.

Athletes are to set an aim for securing achievement at first. They must know their achievements in sports to be compared with existing regional records and world records as the second point. Thus, the athletes may realize their excellent performance with records and they can understand their status how they should work on all cylinders in their sports events.

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. Hence, all the athletes are to uplift their talent and skills in respective sports events.

Therefore, all the athletes are to make utmost efforts for achieving victories in international sports tournaments as a national duty so as to hoist the State flag in accord with the motto, "Myanmar Sports towards World Sports".

Market Workshop to be held at RUMFCCI

YANGON, 21 Sept— Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) have arranged to hold Hong Kong Fast Track to expand into the International Market Workshop at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here at 9 am on 28 September.

The workshop gives talks of HKTDC Deputy Executive Director Mr Benjamin Chau on opportunities of Myanmar entrepreneurs to joint HKTDC for job prospect and business need and on exchanging views on business.

Those interested may register RUMFCCI, Ph: 214344 to 214349, Ext: 122/213, not later than 26 September.—MNA

Union BA&MID Minister receives responsible persons of JICA, INGO Cetana Group

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Resident Representative Mr Hideo Miyamoto of Japanese International Cooperation Agency at the Ministry

of Border Affairs, at 3 pm and Project Director Mr Makoto Shiraki of INGO Cetana Group at 4 pm today separately.

They discussed undertakings of border region development.—MNA

British Ambassador calls on Union Labour Minister



Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi receives British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept— Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi received Mr Andrew Richard Heyn, British Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar, at his office here yesterday afternoon.

The meeting concentrated on progress of developing in various sectors, practicing democracy system, and matters relating to the categories of international development tasks and natural disaster control tasks, which would be carried out by Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Directors-General, and Deputy Director of Department for International Development (DFID) (Asia branch) Ms. Emma Donnelly and party.

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Chief of Myanmar Police Force Kyaw Tun delivering an address at opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No (19/2011) for Myanmar police officers on 19 September.—MNA

Myanmar men's basketball to take part in China-ASEAN Basketball Tourney

YANGON, 21 Sept—Myanmar men's basketball team undergoing training at the camp to be able to take part in the XXVI SEA Games will participate in the China-ASEAN Men's Basketball Tournament to be held in China from 25 to 31 October.

Joint Secretary of Myanmar Basketball Federation U Htin Lin Pyae and Assistant Director of Sports and Physical Education Department Joint Secretary of Myanmar Basketball Federation Daw Ohnma Aung will attend the 2012 China-ASEAN Ball Games Preparatory Conference.

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KNU insurgents' mine claims live of one civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept— A mine planted by KNU insurgents blast in Hpapun Township in Kayin State on 18 September and left one civilian dead.

U Aung Kyaw Moe aged 28, whose profession is photographing, got severe wounds at his back side, the back side of his head and right scapular region from the mine explosion, placed by KNU insurgents at the corner of the compound of Daw Thein Kyi's house in Kadaingdi Village in Hpapun Township, Kayin State at 9 am on 18 September.

He died on the way while officials concerned from the battalion were sending him to Hpa-an People's Hospital.

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**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.**

Typhoon nears Tokyo, Toyota to close plants

TOKYO, 21 Sept—At least four people died and two were missing in Japan as typhoon Roke bore down on Tokyo on Wednesday, bringing heavy rain and strong winds and disturbing transport systems, public broadcaster NHK said.

Toyota Motor Corp plans to close 11 factories in central Japan early on Wednesday, eliminating evening shifts, while utility Chubu Electric Power has lost about 1,870 megawatts of hydro power output due to the typhoon.

The centre of typhoon Roke was off Japan's Pacific coast at 10 am (9 pm ET), moving northeast at 35 km (22 miles) per



Residents are rescued from a flooded area in Nagoya, central Japan, in this photo taken by Kyodo on 20 September, 2011.

INTERNET

hour, and is forecast to make landfall later on the day in central Japan or a region around Tokyo, the Meteorological Agency said.

"We need to exercise the maximum caution against heavy rain,

strong winds and high waves in wide areas from western to northern Japan, according to the Meteorological agency," Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura told a regular news Con-

ference.

The typhoon caused 278 flights to be canceled, NHK said.

Tokyo Electric Power Co said it was taking steps to prevent rainfall from entering

reactor and turbine buildings in the tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The typhoon has so far caused no damage to the plant, where reactor cooling systems were knocked out by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami, triggering meltdowns a radiation crisis.

The site still has pools of radioactive water left from the huge amounts used to cool the reactors and bring them under control, raising concerns that heavy rain could cause overflows into the sea and groundwater. Leaks of radiation and contaminated water from the plant have already raised fears about food safety.—Reuters

India orders cull to tackle bird flu outbreak

NEW DELHI, 21 Sept—India has ordered the immediate culling of chickens in an eastern part of the country in a bid to contain an outbreak of bird flu.

Outbreaks were confirmed in two villages in West Bengal, which has been severely hit by the virus in previous years, a government statement said late Tuesday.



A health worker is seen wringing the neck of a chicken during a culling operation in West Bengal, in 2009.—INTERNET

Samples tested positive for the H5 strain of avian influenza, popularly known as bird flu. All chickens will be culled within a three kilometre (nearly two mile) radius of the focal point of the infection, the statement said, without giving numbers. Eggs and chicken feed will also be destroyed to control the further spread of the disease.

The Indian outbreak of flu follows a warning three weeks ago by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation that avian flu was on the rise globally after a five-year decline. The FAO said a mutant strain of the H5N1 virus was spreading in Asia and outside the continent.

It was not immediately known whether there was any link between the Indian outbreak and the mutant strain detected in China and Vietnam, for which no vaccine has yet been developed. If it spreads to humans, bird flu can cause fever, cough, sore throat, pneumonia, respiratory disease and sometimes death.

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Gas leak near Mumbai kills four

MUMBAI, 21 Sept—A poisonous gas leak at a pharmaceutical factory in the western Indian state of Maharashtra killed four workers and left 11 sick, according to the company and police.

Preliminary investigations suggested that hydrogen sulphide gas escaped from a pipeline late Tuesday at the Sequent Scientific factory in Boisar, 120 kilometres (75 miles) north of Mumbai.

"There was an accident at our Tarapur facility. The effects were contained last night but resulted in the sad demise of four workers and injuries to a few others," the company said in a



This file illustration photo shows hydrogen sulphide gas bursting out from a natural gas well under repair.

INTERNET

statement to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The factory has been closed since the accident.

"At least eleven workers who complained of nausea are still in hospital. They are out of danger," a Boisar police

official told AFP.

Three managers at the plant have been held for questioning, while the state government and the Department of Industrial Safety and Health have started investigating.

Internet

11 killed in Indonesia sea accident

JAKARTA, 21 Sept—Eleven people were killed and 14 people were missing after a traditional boat sank off Indonesia's Bali island, according to a search and rescue agency official.

"We are still searching for 14 missing people from the boat, which sank late Tuesday. Eleven people have been found alive," Bali search and rescue agency head I Ketut

Parwa said on Wednesday.

He said the boat, which was carrying 36 passengers and crew members, left Nusa Lembongan island and was bound for Nusa Penida island, both southeast of Bali.

The Indonesian archipelago of more than 17,000 islands has a poor safety record, and fatal accidents are common.

Up to 335 people were killed when a

heavily overloaded ferry sank off Sulawesi island in January last year.

Internet



This file illustration photo shows sun setting over a reef near Denpasar, island of Bali.—INTERNET

Five soldiers, police officer killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 21 Sept—Five soldiers and a police officer were killed and five others injured Wednesday in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala and the Capital of Baghdad, the police said.

In Diyala, five soldiers were killed when a roadside bomb struck an Iraqi army patrol near a joint US and Iraqi military base, some 80 km north of the provincial capital City of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala's operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast destroyed a military vehicle, the source said, adding that Iraqi security forces rushed to the scene and carried out search operation in the area.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb ripped through the village of Hwira, some 30 km southwest of Baquba, injuring three civilians, the source said.

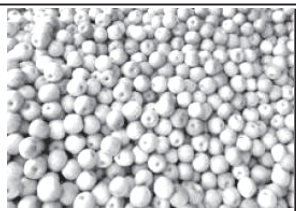
Xinhua

Apples, pears may reduce stroke risk

WAGENINGEN, (Netherlands) 21 Sept— Nutritionists advise eating fruit with bright colors but Dutch researchers say fruit and vegetables with white flesh may do more to reduce stroke risk. Lead author Linda M Oude Griep, a postdoctoral fellow in human nutrition at Wageningen University in the Netherlands and colleagues tracked 20,069 adults with an average age of 41 and no cardiovascular disease at the outset of the study. During the 10-year study 233 strokes were documented. Participants were asked to

complete a 178-item food frequency questionnaire.

The study, published in *Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association*, found the risk of stroke incidence was 52 percent lower for those who consumed white fruits and vegetables compared to people with a low intake. "It may be too early for physicians to advise patients to change their dietary habits based on these initial findings," Oude Griep said in a statement.



Nutritionists advise eating fruit with bright colors.—INTERNET

"But, eating one apple a day is an easy way to increase produce intake, but other fruits and vegetable color groups may protect against other chronic diseases." Fruit and vegetables

Health News

were divided into four groups:

- Green: Dark leafy vegetables, cabbages and lettuces.
- Orange/Yellow: Citrus fruit, melon, squash, pumpkin.
- Red/Purple: Mostly red vegetables, blueberries, grapes.
- White inside: 55 percent were apples and pears, but also bananas, cauliflower, chicory and cucumber.
- Potatoes were classified as a starch.

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Race to save mothers, children set to fall short



A global campaign to save new mothers and children under five in developing nations has made strong gains but is set to fall well shy of UN goals, according to a study released Tuesday.—INTERNET

Health

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept—A global campaign to save new mothers and children under five in developing nations has made strong gains but is set

to fall well shy of UN goals, according to a study released Tuesday.

Only nine out of 137 countries are on track to meet the twin Millennium

Development Goals (MDG), set in 2000, of slashing child mortality by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015, and maternal deaths by three-quarters over the same period. Based on current trends, 31 developing nations will reach the first target, and 13 will achieve the second, said the study by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington.

The nine countries set to achieve both UN targets for 2015 are: China, Egypt, Iran, Libya, Maldives, Mongolia, Peru, Syria and Tunisia.

The glass-half-empty glass-half-full report,

published in *The Lancet*, nonetheless underscored major progress in reducing child mortality.

Overall, the number of deaths of children under five in the African, Asian and Latin American countries examined dropped from 11.6 million in 1990 to an estimated 7.2 million in 2011, an average decline of 2.2 percent per year.

Some nations — including Cambodia, Ecuador, Rwanda, Malaysia and Vietnam — saw at least a five percent rate of decline over the last decade, more than twice the global average.

Internet



A visitor views jewellery at the Hong Kong Jewellery and Gem Fair in Hong Kong, south China, on 19 Sept, 2011. A total of 3454 exhibitors from 46 countries and regions attended the five-day fair, which opened here on Monday.

XINHUA

Cutting sugary drinks may cut diabetes

Health

BOZEMAN, 21 Sept— Canadian and US researchers say switching from sugar-sweetened beverages to water might reduce type 2 diabetes risk.

Dr Jean-Pierre Despres of the Universite Laval in Quebec, scientific director of the International Chair on Cardiometabolic Risk, hosted a symposium on the findings and applications on the importance of healthful hydration in Bozeman, Mont.

"Abdominal obesity is a powerful risk factor for the development of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular diseases," Despres said in a statement. "The epidemic prevalence achieved by abdominal obesity can be explained by our sedentary lifestyle and poor nutritional habits, among which an overconsumption of sugar-sweetened beverages plays a significant role."

Despres says over-consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is one important marker of a poor diet, which contributes to abdominal obesity, type 2 diabetes and associated cardiovascular complications.

"To reduce risk of obesity and cardiometabolic diseases, it is important to reduce consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and replace them with healthful choices such as water and unsweetened tea or coffee," Dr Frank B Hu of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Hu said there is strong epidemiological evidence based on tens of thousands of participants that switching from sugar-sweetened beverages to water could eliminate 1.5 pounds of weight gain during a four-year follow-up and contribute to a 7 percent risk reduction of type 2 diabetes.

Internet

Europe to face G20 heat on euro crisis response

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept—Europe will come under heavy pressure this week to stem its deepening debt crisis but talks among the self-proclaimed guardians of global finance are unlikely to yield bold action.

Spreading fears about a Greek debt default and contagion to larger economies in the euro zone have raised alarm in the United States and among emerging market heavyweights about the risk of a potentially major shock to an ailing global economy.

At talks among the Group of 20 major



Outside view shows the Euro sculpture in front of the headquarters of the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt on 18 September, 2008.—INTERNET

economies and at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, the United States and big emerging economies such

as China, Brazil and India are likely to join the IMF and call on Europe to be more decisive. But with US political leaders divided

on how to fix their own economic problems and no sign of consensus among the so-called BRICS emerging economies on how to help, the chances of a new approach to righting the global economy look slim.

"The G20, all it can do is to provide some peer pressure on the Europeans, to sensitize the Europeans to the huge scope for spillover that the euro crisis is already having," said Domenico Lombardi, a former IMF official and a senior IMF fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington.—Reuters

Brazil's GDP to grow less than global average

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Sept—Brazil's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will grow less than the world average in 2011 and 2012, a report released Tuesday by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said. According to the report, Brazil's GDP will record an increase of 3.8 percent in 2011 and 3.6 percent in 2012, against a 4-percent world average in both years.

The forecast for 2011 showed a 0.3-percent decrease compared to the previous one released by the IMF in June,

while the projection for next year remained stable. The IMF also commented on the recent decrease in Brazil's annual basic interest rate Selic, which went down from 12.5 percent to 12 percent, saying it is necessary to wait to find out whether the measure was effective. Moreover, the IMF said Brazil's fiscal policy is appropriate for the current economic scenario, and the recently announced changes in the country's economic policy show that the government is committed to inflation control.—Xinhua

South Korea tops in Internet download speed

Tech



A South Korean student surfs the Internet in Seoul. South Korea has the world's top Internet download speeds followed by Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Latvia, according to a study released on Tuesday.—INTERNET

SEOUL, 21 Sept—South Korea has the world's top Internet download speeds followed by Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Latvia, according to a study released on Tuesday. The United States placed just 26th in the analysis of the speed of worldwide Internet connections conducted by Pando Networks. The average download speed in South Korea was 2,202 kilobytes per second,

Pando said, with Romania (1,909 KBps), Bulgaria (1,611 KBps), Lithuania (1,462 KBps) and Latvia (1,377 KBps) rounding out the top five.

Japan was next at 1,364 KBps, followed by Sweden (1,234 KBps), Ukraine (1,190 KBps), Denmark (1,020 KBps) and Hong Kong (992 KBps). The average download speed in the United States was 606 KBps, slightly better than the worldwide average of 580 KBps, Pando said.

The study was based on 27 million downloads by 20 million computers in 224 countries from January through June 2011, Pando said.

Internet

Astronauts dive deep in practice for asteroid visit

Science

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept—When human space explorers reach an asteroid for the first time, NASA figures the experience will be more like swimming in space than walking on the Moon. So the US space agency is taking a deep-sea approach to practicing for the first deep-space mission, which President Barack Obama has said could become a reality by 2025.

A team of international astronauts from the US, Japan and Canada is set launch the first 13-day undersea practice expedition in the Atlantic Ocean on 17 October, NASA said Monday.

"Gravity on an asteroid is negligible, so walking around on one isn't really an option," the US space agency said in a statement describing its aims with NASA's Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO). The project will help astronauts practice their techniques in an environment mimicking that on an asteroid, using a submarine as a "spacecraft" and an underwater lab off the coast of Florida as the "asteroid." The notion of visiting an asteroid presents a heap of logistical challenges, which NEEMO is the first to tackle. Due to the lack of gravity, astronauts would have to toss down a series of anchors to stay attached, NASA said.

The surface of an asteroid is likely to vary significantly, from hard rock to dust, so where those anchors touch down makes a big difference. And the explorers will need to link up a network of anchors in order to move around.

Internet



The NASA logo is shown at Kennedy Space Centre in April 2011. A team of international astronauts from the US, Japan and Canada is set launch the first 13-day undersea practice expedition in the Atlantic Ocean on 17 October, NASA said Monday.—INTERNET

Google adds Visa, Amex, Discover cards to Wallet

Tech

NEW YORK, 21 Sept—Google's Wallet is getting thicker. The company is adding Visa, American Express and Discover to its payment system, which aims to make cellphones the credit cards of tomorrow. Google Inc on Monday said it has licensed the right to add virtual "cards" from the three payment networks to its Wallet application.

MasterCard Inc, the other major payment processor, is already part of the project. The Wallet application Google released on Monday, so far, only works on one Sprint smartphone. The Wallet can be loaded with a Citibank MasterCard or a prepaid debit card from Google. With a card in the Wallet, owners can pay in stores by tapping their phones on wireless-capable payment terminals, instead of swiping credit cards. There are more than 135,000 such terminals in

stores and other retail locations, but that's a small fraction of the total number of terminals.

Google's vice president of payments, Osama Bedier, couldn't say when cards from Visa Inc, American Express Co and Discover Financial Services would work with the wallet. In the case of Visa, not only does Google need to work out the technical details of making its wallet compatible, it also needs to get the banks that issue the cards to sign on to the project, like Citigroup Inc did for its MasterCard. Google also needs more phones that work with the wallet. Bedier said Google is working with all major manufacturers of smartphones that run on Google's Android software to incorporate chips that communicate with payment terminals.

Internet

Models pose with "Sony cyber shot DSC-TX55" cameras in the launching ceremony of the camera in Seoul, South Korea, on 21 Sept, 2011. Sony cyber shot DSC-TX55 touch-screen card-style camera has an impressively slim body size of 12.2 mm deep and will be sold in South Korean market in October 2011.

XINHUA



Researchers discover common genetic contributions to mental illness

Science

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept—A team of over 250 researchers from more than 20 countries have discovered that common genetic variations contribute to a person's risk of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

The study of more than 50,000 adults aged 18 and older provides new molecular evidence that 11 DNA regions in the human genome have strong association with these diseases, including six regions not previously observed. The researchers also found that many of these DNA variants contribute to both diseases.

The findings, reported by the Psychiatric Genome-Wide Association Study Consortium (PGC) and published this week in two papers in the journal *Nature Genetics*, represent significant advances in understanding the

causes of these chronic, severe, and debilitating disorders.

"This is the largest study of its kind by far," said Patrick Sullivan, a PGC coordinator and professor of genetics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The study that focused on schizophrenia identified "strong evidence for seven different places in the human genome, five of which were new and two previously implicated, that contain DNA changes that are significantly associated with schizophrenia," Sullivan said in a statement.—Xinhua

Photo taken on September 2009 shows Yuan Longping (2nd L, front), known as the "father of hybrid rice", taking a group of foreign guests to inspect the trial plantation of hybrid rice in Longhui County of Shaoyang City, central China's Hunan Province. The yield of China's hybrid rice breed, which is known as super rice, has exceeded 900 kg per mu (0.067 hectare), setting a new world record in rice output. The rice breed, DH2525 (Y two superior No 2), produced a harvest of 926.6 kg per mu during its trial plantation in Longhui County of Hunan Province, according to the provincial academy of agriculture at a press conference on Monday. To ensure the accuracy of the yield, a team of experts under the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) randomly selected three out of the 107.9 mu trial field's 18 plots and supervised the harvest on Sunday.—XINHUA





In this 30 May, 2011, file photo damage is seen in a devastated Joplin, Mo neighbourhood.
INTERNET

Light plane crashes in Philippines, two UAE pilots injured

MANILA, 21 Sept—Two nationals of the United Arab Emirates were injured when a light plane they were piloting crash landed on a ricefield in northern Philippines shortly before noon Wednesday, police said. Philippine National Police spokesman Chief Superintendent Agrimero Cruz Jr said that the Cessna plane of AMA Air crash landed in Penabatan Village, Pulilan town in Bulacan Province around 11:50 am, local time.

As a result, the two pilots were injured and were rushed to a hospital for medical treatment, he said.

An investigation is ongoing, he added.—Xinhua

Fire at Vt nuclear plant office was arson

BRATTLEBORO, 21 Sept—Someone set an early morning fire at the corporate offices of a nuclear power plant that is fighting to stay open, police said Tuesday.

No one was injured, but the building that houses offices for the Vermont Yankee plant was unusable because of smoke, fire and water damage, a spokesman for the plant's owner said.

Police said in a news release that a window at the corporate offices in Brattleboro was broken and investigators determined the fire was arson. They would not provide more details.

There was no damage to the plant's lone reactor, which is about seven miles south of the office building, in the Town of Vernon.

New Orleans-based plant owner Entergy Corp and the state of Vermont have been tangled in a bruising fight over whether the plant should be allowed to operate beyond March. The company has sued to keep it running and a federal judge is expected to rule sometime this fall. Lawyers for both sides argued their cases earlier this month.—Internet



Police cordon off the driveway of the Vermont Yankee Joint Information Centre after a fire early on 20 Sept, 2011, in Brattleboro, Vt.
INTERNET

Many in Joplin ignored 1st tornado warnings

KANSAS CITY, 21 Sept—Many Joplin residents either ignored or were slow to react to the first warning sirens about a massive and deadly tornado this spring, partially because of years of false alarms, the government said Tuesday.

In assessing the communications and warning systems used before and during the storm that killed 162 people, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said many people waited for additional information like seeing the tornado or a television or radio report about the urgency of the threat.

"The majority of surveyed Joplin residents did not immediately go to shelter upon hearing the initial warning," the report said, adding that those people "did not take protective action until processing additional credible confirmation of the threat and its magnitude

from a non-routine, extraordinary risk trigger."

A "vast majority" of Joplin residents didn't respond to the first siren because of an apparent widespread disregard for tornado sirens, according to the report.

Richard Wagenmaker, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Detroit and leader of the assessment team, said it was unclear if the slow public response cost lives.

"It's really hard to tell how many people that perished in the tornado did not take shelter," Wagenmaker said during a conference call. "It was a very large tornado, so there were certainly a number of people who did all the right things, took shelter in the best available place, but still found themselves in situations that weren't survivable. So it's really hard to make that assessment."—Internet

British editors appeal to government not to crush Fleet Street

LONDON, 21 Sept—British newspaper editors, in crisis after revelations of illegal phone-hacking and other ethical lapses, recognized on Tuesday that Fleet Street had to mend its ways but appealed to the government not to crush Britain's cherished free speech with draconian laws.

"We understand that we have to stand together, we have to clean our house," *Financial Times* Editor Lionel Barber told a Thomson Reuters debate in London on the future of the press.

"Or else we face statutory regulation which nobody wants."

Britons' patience with their misbehaving press, tested by a string of scandals where tabloid newspapers published wildly inaccurate stories or splashed sordid details of private lives on front pages, snapped this summer when the top-selling *News of the World* admitted that it had illegally hacked the voicemail of murdered schoolgirl Milly Dowler while hunting stories.

Rupert Murdoch, the billionaire owner of the *News of the World*, closed down the newspaper, apologized and his company offered a 3 million pound (\$4.5 million) damages payout in that one case. But other victims of tabloid phone-hacking want tougher laws



Financial Times Editor Lionel Barber is seen on a television screen as he responds to a question at a Thomson Reuters debate in London on the future of the Press on 20 September, 2011.—INTERNET

and Prime Minister David Cameron has ordered a public inquiry into press ethics.

Top lawyers, editors and politicians agreed during Tuesday's debate on "The Press We Deserve" that Britain's existing Press Complaints Commission, a voluntary self-regulatory body, had failed in its duty to keep the press honest but differed sharply over the solution.—Reuters

Himalayan quake toll nears 100

NEW DELHI, 21 Sept—The death toll from the weekend earthquake in the Himalayas neared 100 as officials warned it could rise significantly and helicopters airlifted the injured and stranded.

Sunday's 6.9-magnitude quake struck the border of India's northeastern state of Sikkim and Nepal, bringing destruction to towns and villages on both sides as well as in southern Tibet.

From a helipad in Mangan in northern Sikkim, military and private helicopters flew regular sorties, taking food and medical supplies to outlying villages and bringing back injured survivors and a number of foreign tourists.

In the state capital, Gangtok, around 70



Indian army personel evacuate injured from north Sikkim, Peygang Village, some 70 kms from Gangtok, on 20 September, after a 6.9-magnitude earthquake hit the Region on 18 September.

INTERNET

kilometres (40 miles) southeast of the epicentre, government official Sonam Lepcha said provisional figures put the number of dead in Sikkim at 65.

"We fear that more lives have been lost, but it's very difficult to give an

exact count because bodies are still being pulled from the debris," Lepcha said.

Rescue efforts began in earnest Wednesday, after emergency teams and relief workers spent two days battling damaged roads and landslides to

reach the quake's main impact zone.

More than 5,000 troops, including army engineers using explosives, cleared a route to Mangan for trucks carrying medical teams and supplies.

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Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw...

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The Union Minister went on that preventive measures were to be taken against disunity among villages, wards and within the nation as a result of personality cult, ism, sectarianism; farmers were to be inculcated with concepts, attitudes, spirit and beliefs, which were based on interests of peasantry and the nation; in doing so, establishment of farmers organization would be essential for protection and promotion of their rights.

He added that in the retrospect, respective political parties founded their farmers organizations against each other in parliament democracy period; Communists led by Thakhin Than Tun and Thakhin Soe also set up farmers unions; after they went underground, they established farmers unions in the regions under their control and seized and distributed farmlands; governing AFPFL also founded All Burma Farmers Union (Ba-Ta-La-Sa) and the factional red socialists of Socialist Party which was part of AFPFL founded Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta who then set up United Peasant Organization (Burma) (UPO-B).

He went on that when the governing AFPFL was split into (Stable) and (Clean), Ba-La-Ta-Sa founded by the AFPFL was fractured into two, not only the central but the district and township, resulting in bloody factional conflicts; as organizations were founded based on personal cult, ism, sectarianism, issues related to farmers could not be handled effectively, leaving hardly any benefits to the farmers and the nation, instead disunity and discords.

He went on that in the time of MSPP, united peasant organization was formed for the peasantry, and however, it could hardly promote interests of the nation and fulfill their needs due to over-centralization and other weak points.

He added that in parliament democracy period, factional disputes coursed among farmers as well as working class and students; communists led by Thakhin Than Tun and Thakhin Soe also set up labour unions and after they went underground, they instigated demonstrations and protests behind the scene through those labour unions; likewise, governing AFPFL government formed Trade Union Congress Burma (TUCB) and Pa-Ma-Nya-Ta in response founded Burma Trade Union Congress (BTUC); when the AFPFL split into two as (Clean) and (Stable), TUCB chose to be part of (Stable) and thus (Clean) set up Union Labour Organization (ULO), leading to disunity among workers; as to students, Yangon University Students Union (Ta-Ka-Tha) was formed in Yangon University around 1930 during independence struggle with the aim of regaining independence; when the independence struggle reached its peak after the World War II, All Burma Students Union (Ba-Ka-Tha) was formed in addition to Ta-Ka-Tha; furthermore, Yangon District Students Union (Ya-Ka-Tha) was also formed; later on students unions were formed in districts and townships nationwide; shortly before and after regaining independence, politicians mobilized students for their power and advantages; Ba-Ka-Tha-Ka led by Thakhin Than Tun formed Students Front, Ba-Ka-Tha-Ka led by Thakhin Soe New Students Front, AFPFL led by U Kyaw Nyein Democratic Student Organization (DSO) Student Yekaung Organization and Pa-Nya-Ma-Ta also formed Ba-Ka-Tha Federation; and thus formation of such organization representing particular strata would need learning from the past and preparing best for the future.

He went on that studying situation of the other parts of the world, it was found that US had regional farmers organizations and particular crop organizations, e.g. Texas had its own farmers organization, Texas Province farmers Organization and there was National Corn Growers Association for corn growers of the whole United States; in addition, American Farmers Association was established for contributing and promoting interests of the farmers, and formulation of laws necessary; likewise, in Australia, National Farmers Federation

(NFF) was set up for adopting policies for farmers and enacting laws protecting the rights of farmers; in Sweden, there stood Federation of Swedish Farmers as NGO for formulation of policies and laws required for rural development and provision of technologies and capitals to farmers; neighbouring Thailand had two organizations—Thai Farmers Association (TFA) and Farmers Federation of Thailand while Malaysia was operating National Farmers Association (NAFAS) in accord with Farmers Association Act (1967) and Farmers Association Act (1973) and operative mechanism of such organizations should be widely analyzed before establishment of similar organizations in Myanmar.

So, in forming farmers organization, local and international experiences, lessons from past events should be studied first and followed by carefully planned actions



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for the best possible interests of the nation and the public in the future; systematic measures were to be taken to ensure there was no echo of factions within farmers organizations, workers organization, and students organizations and cases in which such organizations were used by politicians as their stepping-stone; the organization should be the one that could actually promote the interests of the farmers and the nation, socio-economic life, and intellectual development of peasantry.

He added that works for formation of farmers representing organization were to be done in coordination after thorough analysis of the past events of Myanmar, objective conditions of current nation and the public, strength and weakness of the organizations in other countries; steps were to be taken starting from multifaceted assessment for long-term interests of the farmers to drafting bills necessary, enactment of laws through Hluttaws, and finally to formation of farmers representing organizations in line with procedures and the organization would be formed in conformity with the enacted law.

U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency said that **private industries and factories and departmental offices are located in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region. He asked whether there is a plan to open one Township Myanmar Economic Bank for swift flow of departmental works.** Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than replied that as private industries, factories and a large number of pensioners are located in Mingaladon Township, there needs a branch of MEB really. MEB branch (Insein) is located in the compound of Insein Township General Administered Department. The branch opens its office at two rooms downstairs of the two-storey building of GAD. The office is lesser spaces for 96 staff members in providing services.

There are over 8600 pensioners from Mingaladon Township of 34148 pensioners who take out salary from the bank branch in Insein. With the aim of enabling the pensioners to have easy access to the branch through smooth transport from Mingaladon to Insein townships, ensuring those from Mingaladon Township in connection

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with banking services and enabling Insein MEB branches to give better banking services to the people, arrangements are being made for opening the bank branch of MEB in Mingaladon Township.

However, in searching a suitable room for the bank branch, one vacant room from two-apartment building of Tatmadaw on Mingaladon Market Road was found. In searching one more suitable place, 100 square feet plot was received between Immigration and National Registration Department and Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications on No. 3 Highway in Mingaladon Township. So, the building will be constructed on the plot for the bank branch. As such, the bank branch will be built in 2012-2013 fiscal year after coordinating the construction matter with officials.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint replied to four questions raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

U Thurein Zaw of Kawkaireik Constituency said that **on completion of 54 miles and two furlongs long Aukbote-Nabu-Htantabin-Tabaung-Htilon road section on Myawady-Kawkaireik-Hpa-an Highway, a border trade route will emerge in parallel with Myawady-Kawkaireik-Hpa-an Road. Therefore, he asked whether there is a plan to construct the road as soon as possible.** The Union Minister replied that Htilon-Tabaung-Pata-Nabu-Aukbote Road in Kayin State is 54 miles and two furlongs long. It is a new alignment for Hpa-an-Kawkaireik-Myawady Road. The road will be upgraded to 16 feet wide hard road on 34 feet wide earthen layer.

It links Htilon Village on Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe Road with Aukbote on Hpa-an-Kawkaireik-Myawady Road crossing Kawpaw Lake, Hlaingbwe Creek, Pata Creek and Nabu Creek. Engineering works are being carried out for construction of the road.

Ministry of Construction takes responsibility for construction of 8-mile section of Htilon-Tabaung-Pata-Aukbote Road to meet the set standards. A total of 64 roads and bridges construction companies participate in construction of the 46 miles and two furlongs long section with the use of heavy machinery and manpower. After demanding capital expenditure and maintenance cost in 2012-2013 fiscal year, the road and bridges will be upgraded.

Regarding the question raised by U Than Oo of Myawady Constituency who said that **Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon road is the shortest one among border entrances linking Yangon, asking which group, a company or the Public Works, is carrying out the repair of approximately 110-mile Myawady-Hpa-an road section as road condition has got worse during the rainy season or not**, when the project started and will be finished if it is in progress under BOT system, about an amount of work which is to be done yearly and quality control measures, and whether there is a plan to collect toll before completion of the project, the Union minister replied that AK company was allowed to carry out Myawady-Hpa-an road in Kayin State through BOT system commencing on 23 September 2009.

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The company is taking care of 11-mile and two furlongs Asia Road that links from Thinganninaung to Friendship Bridge at the border of Myawady with the use of their own money, but this road section is not under BOT system. Within the two-year period from the start of work to date, road surfaces were damaged due to running of overloaded vehicles of border trade and the heavy rainfalls in 2011-12 fiscal year, especially infiltration of water into the road surface as a large area of ground covered with water on both sides of Gyaing-Kyonkadoe road section. Upgrading of 38-mile and four furlongs Eindu-Gyaing road section from Hpa-an as a 24 feet wide one are underway and it is scheduled to finish in open season. Simultaneously, clearance works are being done with the use of heavy machinery as landslides triggered by torrential rains occur on the road section from Aukbote to Thinganninaung.

Condition of 13-mile Hpa-an-Eindu asphalt road section is sound and repair works were complete on Gyaing-Kawkaireik road section from Eindu. It is required to take more time for repair of road section from Kawkaireik to Aukbote as it was heavily damaged. Condition of road section from Thinganninaung to Myawady (Asia Road) is good as it is slightly damaged. Repair works and upgrading of roads were carried out for convenience of vehicles within the short period of time.

Parallel running of vehicles is not easy on hilly region road sections and it is required for vehicles to be in the queue on alternate day. As AK Company carried out road works without causing traffic and road accidents while works were in progress, it takes about four hours to reach Myawady from Hpa-an. Arrangements are being made by the company to continue to carry out expansion of road section which is under its supervision in open season for smooth transport.

Collection of toll for Myawady-Hpa-an road section during 2011-12 fiscal year was allowed through auction. AK Company is carrying maintenance and upgrading works on Myawady-Hpa-an section without collecting toll. Any national entrepreneurs who are qualified with set standards may apply to do road construction businesses under BOT system.

The Ministry of Construction supervised road works together with region/state governments with the formation of 19 groups comprising chief engineer, deputy chief engineer and superintending engineers in order to check and supervise road works which are running under BOT system and engineering works. AK Company who is dealing with road works on Myawady-Hpa-an road section under BOT system is urged to make more efforts for ensuring smooth transport and road characteristics, meeting set standards.

Regarding the question raised by U Htay Win of Lewu Constituency who asked **whether there is a plan to build roads to be linked with original roads and underpass as there is no roads to link underpass and**

original roads while local people from Lewu, Dekkhinathiri and Ottathiri townships on both sides of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area want to go to urban area in order to deal with the matters of health, economic, social and education, the Union minister replied that the road section from Yangon No (3) Junction to Mandalay-Sagarinn Roundabout is 352 miles and six furlongs long on which Mile Post Nos (185/0) to (231/4) between Lewu Township and Ottathiri Township is 46 miles and four furlongs long Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Four underpasses and two underpasses for bullock carts in Lewu Township, two underpasses and three underpasses for bullock carts in Dekkhinathiri Township and three underpasses and two underpasses for bullock carts in Ottathiri Township, totalling 16 were built for enabling local people to link with urban areas through the Expressway.

As 30 feet long underpasses are concreted ones, bullock carts of people from 60 villages in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area are running on it in the rainy season and tractors and small car are being used on it in open season.

As roads linking between the Expressway and nearby villages are in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the roads are not included in the Expressway project. So there is no plan to build roads that will link underpasses with villages which are out of the area of the project.

Regarding the question raised by U Soe Naing of Pyapon Constituency who asked about **upgrading of Pyapon-Kyonkadoe-Amar road as a all-weather one, saying that 15-mile and three-furlong Pyapon-Kyonkadoe gravel road on 51-mile and five-furlong Pyapon-Amar road in Pyapon Township can be used at any time and 36-mile and two-furlong Kyonkadoe-Amar road is poor in rainy season; and if some parts of Kyonkadoe-Amar road section is repaired, there will be swift flow of commodity and smooth transport, thereby contributing to regional development**, the Union minister replied that Pyapon-Amar road linking between Pyapon Township and Amar sub-township in Ayeyawady Region is 51 mile and five furlongs long. As the road was in need of repair in the aftermath of severe storm Nargis during 2008-09 fiscal year, the road is being upgraded by the ministry as No (7) road included in Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network.

The 15-mile and three-furlong Pyapon-Kyonkadoe road section on Pyapon-Kyonkadoe-Daw Nyein-Amar road can be used at any time and the 36-mile and two-furlong Kyonkadoe-Amar road with earth road section can be only used in open season. Road works are being carried out by engineers of Pyapon Township and Amar sub-township with the use of capital funds for 2011-12 fiscal year.

Under capital funds for 2011-12 fiscal year, one mile and two furlongs long road section was upgraded as tarred one and nine furlong long earth road as hard one on Pyapon-Kyonkadoe-Daw Nyein-Amar road. Depending on capital funds and maintenance funds for 2012-13 fiscal year, upgrading of Pyapon-Amar road will be carried out.

Secretary of Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin submitted Pyithu Hluttaw Bill to the Hluttaw and

Hluttaw representatives.

U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No. 9 said that **four above-100 feet long bridges on Buthidaung-Nyaungchaung Road were damaged by torrents in the rainy season yearly. Therefore, temporary bridges were built, and local people passed the bridges by motorcycle with difficulty. He asked whether the government has a plan to build the bridges or not.** The Union Minister replied that Buthidaung Township Development Affairs Committee has spent K 271.195 million of border region development fund and K 210.965 million of development affairs fund on construction of rural bridge and road construction tasks.

Rakhine State Development Affairs Committee allotted K 422.821 million for rural roads and bridges construction and Buthidaung Township DAC K 43.355

committee member U Khin Maung Myint read out the report on the Bill.

As the Hluttaw decided to discuss the bill on 26 September (Monday), Hluttaw representatives who want to participate in the discussion are to submit their name lists in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 155 and 157, expressing "paragraph, subparagraph, statement and text" precisely to be amended, not later than 23 September (Friday).

U Zin Wum of Nanyun Constituency, U Htan Lain of Mindat Constituency, U Kyaw Khine Win of Mese Constituency, U Sikhamram of Khaunglanphu Constituency, U Khin Maung Htay of Hulin Constituency, U Sai Than Naing of Hpa-pun Constituency, U Tun Hsar (a) U Sai Tun Win of Tangyang Constituency, U Aik Yun Mun of Metman Constituency seconded the proposal submitted yesterday by U Zong Ting of Chipwe Constituency **"calling for change for suitable rate for cost of living allowance for service personnel discharging duties in far-flung areas"**. They said that service personnel assuming duties along border areas hardly survive on low salaries and allowances; to help them tackle the issue and boost their morale, the State needs to provide adequate regional allowance under a special programme; it will make them enthusiastically participate in regional development tasks and serve the duties for long.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than said that regional allowance were provided to service personnel in townships — with worst social difficulty and with bad social difficulty — since 1 June, 1979; service personnel in townships with worst social difficulty enjoy 10 per cent to 25 per cent of salary as regional allowance and in townships with bad social difficulty enjoy eight per cent to 20 per cent of their salary as allowance; since 12 July, 1989, service personnel discharging in border areas enjoy the amount equal to their salary as the special allowance; the salaries of governmental staff were increased on 21 April, 2000; those in border areas enjoy both increased salaries and 25 per cent of the salary as allowance; as the salaries of service personnel were increased since 2006, government staff and labour who are assigned development duties of border regions which are enjoying development receive allowances, daily costs, wages and special wages in addition to increased salaries and daily wages; the Union government and Region/State governments have been formed; service personnel in far-flung areas are to submit their difficulties, if any, through the respective Region/State government.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal of U Zong Ting.

U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency submitted the proposal about **"the right to reclaim fairly vacant and virgin lands by those who actually want to do"**.

The proposal will be discussed on 22 September (Thursday). Hluttaw representatives who want to participate in discussion are to submit their name lists this evening.

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establishment of universities/colleges across the nation with the aim of ensuring equitable development in all regions of the nation and enabling the national youths to pursue education in their respective regions. Two Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges are opened in Yangon and Mandalay.

At present, it does not need to open the UDNR. The courses are being conducted as the final year in 2011-2012 academic year, and next courses will not be opened any more.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay replied to questions on border affairs raised by six

million on urban roads and bridges construction and K 28.2 million on rural roads and bridges.

It is estimated that construction of four above-100 feet long bridges on Buthidaung-Nyaungchaung Road will cost K 151.3 million. Kin Creek Bridge and Thabeikdaung-Myaukywa Bridge will be built with K 57.515 million contributions of Buthidaung Township DAC and K 16.785 million contribution of the State.

The remaining two bridges may cost K 77 million. Considering the feasibilities, the Union government will carry out construction tasks by using the funds of the border region development and that of township DAC.

With regard to the question that **whether there is a plan to upgrade gravel and earthen roads of MraukU-HsinO section and MraukU-Popyukyun section to asphalt facilities**, raised by U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine (See page 9)

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State Constituency No. 2, MraukU Township DAC spent K 36.429 million of the State's fund and K 154.037 million of the DAC on construction of 13/5 miles long rural road 16 bridges in 2010-2011 fiscal year. The committee maintained MraukU-HsinU section and MraukU-Popyukyun section spending K 90.056 million in 2010-2011 fiscal year. The committee sets a plan to upgrade MraukU-HsinU road section and MraukU-Popyukyun section to the gravel roads by spending K 17.92 million in 2011-2012 fiscal year. Depending the allotted funds, the township development affairs committee continues its tasks in fiscal years.

Regarding a question asking that **whether Ministry of Construction will accept maintenance of Yenangyoung-Gwegon-Wetchok-Natmauk Road built in the past by former Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs** raised by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No. 2, the Union Minister replied that Magway Region DAC sets plan to build roads and bridges in rural areas spending K 853.902 million, Yenangyoung Township DAC K 44.78 million on rural roads and bridges construction and Natmauk Township DAC K 18.71 million on rural roads and bridges.

Yenangyoung Township DAC spent K 16.838 million and Natmauk Township DAC K 21.03 million on maintenance of Yenangyoung-Gwegon-Wetchok-Natmauk inter-township road.

Kaung Mon Construction Co is taking responsibility for maintenance of 12-mile Yenangyoung-Gwegon Road through BOT system. Such section was maintained with the use of the funds of the Ministry of Construction. The remaining 29/3 miles long section is being maintained by Ministry of Border Affairs. Of them, 6/5 miles long gravel section and 22/6 miles long earthen section have been maintained. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, 4/2 miles long earthen section will be maintained, 0/2 mile long section gravel road extended and two culverts built with K 41.428 million contribution of the Township DAC fund. The Union government will set plans for upgrading them step by step.

Regarding a question asking **whether there is a plan to lay water pipeline from Gyobyu Lake to Taikkyi** raised by U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 12, the Union Minister replied that Taikkyi Township is constituted with eight wards. The township has 10,022 houses and 36,437 people consuming 7.28 million gallons of water daily. Taikkyi Township DAC can supply about 100,000 gallons to hub of the town daily. The remaining people take water from 45 artesian wells. Therefore, the township has 90 per cent of water availability.

If a plan is implemented to lay water pipelines from Gyobyu Lake to Taikkyi, the pipeline would be connected with upstream main water pipeline that supplies water to Yangon. The water pipeline will much disturb the supply of water to Yangon. If the water supply task is carried out from Gyobyu Lake to Taikkyi through 8-inch PVC pipeline, the seven mile long distance for the pipeline will cost K 890.9 million.

At present, tube-wells in Taikkyi can produce better quality of water. To supply more volume of water, sinking tube wells and building the water tanks for supply of more water will benefit the local people. The Township DAC has built water supply facilities with the use of K 127 million up to 2010-2011 fiscal year. A plan is under way to supply 150,000 more gallons of water to the town daily by spending K 56 million from the State fund and K 40 million by the DAC in 2011-2012 fiscal year. Therefore, 250,000 gallons of water can be supplied to the town. In the long run, plans will be drawn for supply more volume of water to the people after conducting systematic survey.

Regarding a question asking **whether there is a plan to upgrade 8-mile Hopan-Namtit road to an asphalt facility for regional development of 'Wa' Self-**

Administered Division raised by U Hsaing Paung Nap of Shan State Constituency No 12, the Union Minister replied that spending K 22.17 million from the funds of border area development from 1989-1990 to 2012-2013 fiscal year, 13/4 miles long asphalt road, 14/2 miles long gravel road and two bridges were built in Hopan-Namtit region of 'Wa' Self-Administered Division.

Of 9/2 miles long Hopan-Namtit Road, the one mile and two furlongs long section has been tarmacked. The remaining 8 miles long section will be maintained for all-season facility and then it will be upgraded to the asphalt facility. In 2012-2013 fiscal year, the plan will be submitted to the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races to demand the funds. When the peace and stability can be restored in 'Wa' Self-Administered Division, the plans will be implemented to better transport of the region spending the funds.

With regard to the question submitted by U Nyi Nyi



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No. 10 raising question.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Tun Myint of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 6 raising question.

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Tun of Mon State Constituency (II) asking **whether there is a plan to build a bridge on Kyaikkatha-Khalun inter-village road in Kyaikto Township of Mon State and another one on the route linking Khaywe, Mokkhamok and Theinzayat villages for better development of the region**, the Union Minister replied that Mon State DAC set a plan to use K 569 million on construction and maintenance of rural roads and bridges in 2011-2012 fiscal year. Kyaikto Township DAC allotted K 112.62 million on urban roads and bridges and water supply tasks and K 56.31 million for rural roads and bridges.

Kyaikto Township DAC built 7 miles long and 12 feet wide Kyaikto-Kyaikkatha laterite road and Kyaikkatha-Khalun Road of the 8/7 miles long Kyaikto-Kyaikkatha-Khalun Road in 2008-2009 fiscal year with fund of K 8.006 million from Township DAC.

To be better transport, the 2/3 miles long Kyaikkatha-Khalun inter-village road as a 16 feet wide and three feet high earthen facility and one bridge on Khalun Creek and Tanaw Dam Creek Bridge and Akhaing Bridge on Theinzayat-Mokkhamok-Khaywe inter-village road will be built with the use of K 42.35 million by Kyaikto Township DAC and K 30 million assistance of the State this year.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied to questions raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 5 asked **"whether a tunnel can be constructed between Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea of Myanmar, its economic viability and if the government has studied whether to discuss with ASEAN and international partners."**

The Union Minister replied that Parchan River lied between Myanmar and Thailand and was shared by the two neighbours; the feasibility for sailing ocean-going liners by building tunnel between Parchan and Chumphon linking water way of Parchan River from Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea of Myanmar was high unlikely and, Parchan River was not suitable for liners as it was

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short and shallow with various islands as natural barriers at the exit of the river mouth.

He went on the proposed site was situated in the territory of Thailand and thus only Thailand could implement it depending on Bangkok's attitude and assessment of economic viability.

He added that the tunnel need not constructing through territory of Myanmar and only liners may need to use part of Myanmar waters and the amount of tunnel toll and profits from tourism was estimated to be very small; however, Myanmar should accept if Bangkok proposed to construct tunnel in other appropriate locations including the proposed one.

He added that Dawei Special Economic Zone inclusive of Dawei Deep Sea Port with a view to promoting regional trade activities including Greater Mekong Sub-regions countries such as China, Cambodia, Vietnam, etc and shortening the route via Strait of Malacca.

U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No (5) asked **if legal actions against those who pan for gold, and over-exploit gold and natural resources along rivers and creeks without discipline as continuous enforcement, deterrence and punitive actions are necessary to ensure gold mining is in line with existing laws and if there is comprehensive master plan for preservation of water system collectively operated by regional administrative organizations for water resources prevention and long-term existences of rivers and creeks."**

The Union Minister said that Ayeyawady River, Thanlwin River, Chindwin River and Ngawun River served as god-gifted water ways in water transportation of Myanmar; the annual rainfall of the whole Myanmar was 89.07 inches and the quantity of rainwater was 58 million cubic meters; out of the rainwater, 22 million cubic meters of water flew into Gulf of Mottama via river mouths of Thanlwin, Sittoung, Ayeyawady, Ngawun and Rakhine State, which was 38 per cent of the total rainwater amount of the nation and the remaining 62 per cent or 36 million cubic meters of water vaporized and seeped into the ground.

He went on that with a view to development of rivers system in Ayeyawady and Chindwin, the two major rivers of the nation, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems had permitted private companies for dredging of water ways since 2008, and private companies were also allowed to pan for gold from dredged silt, but were allowed to do so based on alignment and design set by the respective directorates in line with set rules and there was no permit for dredging the river for gold. He added that a law for preservation of water resources and maintenance of river systems was enacted on 2 October, 2006 and field inspections were made to enforce private companies; Ministry for Environmental Conservation and Forestry had set up Watershed Areas Administration Branch under Forest Department with a view to preserve major rivers and creeks in Myanmar and protecting watershed areas of dams.

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He went on that in accord with the guidance of the President, Environmental Conservation Committee was reorganized and the committee was led by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry with deputy ministers of related ministries and personnel as members; in addition formulation of environmental conservation laws under way, said the Union Minister.

He said, therefore, his ministry would coordinate with respective region or state government, government agencies, NGOs for preservation of major rivers of the nation, watershed areas of dams and natural environment; comprehensive master plan for conservation of river systems would be adopted as necessary for protection and sustainability of water resources of rivers and creeks; the project would be hugely beneficial to the nation, but as the same time it called for agreement of the government and short and long-term plans with coordination between local and foreign experts due to formidable works and heavy cost and thus detailed planning was in process.

U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No. 10 asked **whether there is plan to renovate and extend current Manaung Airport and run flights in consideration of convenient transportation to Manaung residents.**

The Union Minister replied that the runway of Manaung (Samonte) Airport was 3000 feet in length and 75 feet in width in 1969 and its surface was made of gravels and earth, two inches in thickness; from 1969 to 1979, Darkota airplanes landed twice a week and from 1979 to 1985, Twin-otter landed twice a week in open season.

As the airport was extended to have the runway with the length of 4000 feet to enable F-27 to land, it has the runway with the length of 3700 feet, the width of 75 feet and the height of 12 feet in 1990-1991 fiscal year. Due to weather and lack of maintenance, the aircraft cannot take off and land the runway. It will continue to extend the runway to have the length of 7800 feet and the width of 600 feet.

As Kyaukpyu Airport with the runway with the current length of 4620 feet and the width of 100 feet is being extending for Deep Sea Port Project, it will have the runway with the length of 7000 feet and the width of 100 feet in coming two years and will be able to land by F-28.

It is not needed to construct the airport with 4000-ft runway as Manaung (Samonete) Airport is in 36-mile distance from Kyaukpyu airport. The ministry will ply short trips with small aircrafts if there is market demand for border region development, depending on the numbers of passengers.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye gave one answer to questions related to education raised by seven Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 3 that **"to improve the understanding and to win more interests of the students in most subjects in high schools of Basic Education Department and universities, degree colleges and colleges under High Education Department, there is plan to use Myanmar language in teaching and questioning definitions in English except in Master courses"**, the Union Minister said English started to be used as Medium of Instruction in higher education courses in 1980 to ensure international standard education; as those matriculated are to be ready to take university courses, mathematics and sciences subjects were taught in English at high school level since 1986-1987 academic year; both at high school level and higher education post-graduate level, lecturers are teaching the lessons in both languages; students have to use English for taking notes and for examinations; language

deficiency does not interrelated with academic skills; though, understanding of the questions may be a weakness; as international universities are using one international language as medium of instruction, it will not meet international university standard if the bilingual texts are prescribed; there is no plan to teach and question in bilingual at university level and teaching subjects well in English at high school level will be scrutinized.

U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State constituency No. 4 asked **whether the ministry how it would correct the weak points of the teacher-centered teaching and examination system and which policies and laws the ministry would promulgate to prevent the teachers from conducting private tuitions.**

He replied that the ministry had allowed the schools in the basic education sector to organize examinations for the final standard of the basic primary and middle education levels by themselves as the past examination system in the basic education sector had caused increase in failure rate and school drop out rate.

As it was found that the quality of students had declined and got low grades in the tests due to the negligence of some teachers despite the monthly chapter-end tests, the ministry was taking measures to evaluate whether examination boards should supervise the examinations of the final standards of the primary and middle education levels or not, he said. The Ministry was expected to carry out the programme within the fifth five-year period of the State, he added.

The 1984 tuition law was enacted to prevent teachers from conducting the private tuitions classes for their own interests, he said. If a teacher taught students not for his or her own interests but for helping the students to understand lessons, he or she could not be charged under the law. As the law had been enacted, action could be taken against those teachers who taught at the private tuition classes and they could be charged of breaking the law and teaching without tuition permit. However, it was found that it was difficult to get evidences of breaking law during the questioning whether they taught students with or without getting tuition fee or not. The ministry had a plan to grant promotions and to provide cash assistance for over time teaching to the teachers under the agreement of the Union Government. The Ministry of Education had no plan to promulgate a law to prohibit teachers not to teach at the private tuition classes. However, the ministry had been scrutinizing complains of private tuition business run by teachers, he said.

U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State constituency No. 5 asked **whether the ministry had a plan to upgrade a school in Mohnyin, Mohnyin District, Kachin State, to a basic education middle school as the town was in need of one BEMS.**

The Union Minister replied that to upgrade a basic education middle school, population of students at middle education level, the number of students at the basic education primary schools, inaccessibility to schools and condition of schools should be considered. The ministry had to upgrade schools which met the requirements with the recommendation of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and with the agreement of the Union Government. He continued to say that as the Ministry of Education had already opened five BEHSs, nine BEHSs (branch), seven BEMSs, 10 BEMSs (Branch) and 36 post-primary schools in Mohnyin Township, it would carry out to upgrade a school to a BEMS depending on the population of students.

U Nyo Tun of Rakhine State constituency No. 11 asked **whether the ministry had plan to promote the heads of basic education middle schools in the basic education sector to the same rank of head of departments at the head offices of the Basic Education Department.**

The Union Minister replied that governmental employees are divided into two categories: intellectual employees and skilled employees. An intellectual employee

could be promoted to the position of a skilled employee if he or she had qualifications of the skilled employee. A skilled employee could be enjoyed the promotion if he had required qualifications and service years.

As the State had designated salary rates for different ranks of employees, the Ministry had no plan yet to promote the head of basic education middle schools to the rank of the head of departments of the head offices of the Basic Education Department.

Dr. Tin Shwe of Yangon Region constituency No. 6 asked **the appointment of teachers for physical exercise training and arts at the basic education primary, middle and high schools.**

He replied that the Ministry of Education had taught the teachers from education colleges and universities physical training and arts during the training and appointed them as teachers at the schools.

Teachers from the education colleges and education universities were appointed at the basic education schools and arrangement were made to teach arts to students.

Since 1985, the ministry had been trained a total of 7450 teachers. However, some retired and some shifted to teaching lessons. Today, 994 teachers for physical training were appointed at the BEHSs and 1518 teachers for physical training at the BEMSs. Besides, the ministry conducted the trainings for physical training teachers yearly.

U Tun Myint of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 6 raised queries **whether there is some plan to promote number of primary schools in Hinthla, Nanpaung, Yepyulwin, Kyitkee Villages in the forest area in Htigyaing Township as it was over ten years that those villages were put into service, and to increase number of primary schools in Ayechanlwin and Thitsoneinn focal points in the forest area, where almost 50 households have lived there, though they haven't been villages yet.** The Union Minister responded that if a primary school (branch) was constructed, it needed at least three acres of land, and as those villages mentioned above were built on vacant lands and Inndaung forest reserve, there might have many difficulties to build a school there. Besides, he stressed that there are mobile schools to be able to pursue the children's education.

U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No. 10 questioned **how much percentage of GDP the government is spending on the education sector in this fiscal year to come out a modern developed nation, and whether there is some plan to spend cost rate as much as foreign countries', and when that plan will be started if planned.**

The Union Minister answered that in the time of the present government, there has been universities, degree colleges and colleges totaling 162 in higher education sector, in middle education sector, basic education schools (high/middle/primary) totaling 41272 this fiscal year. The State government is costing K 352,584 million, 0.77 percentage of GDP, in education sector; that is 4.42 per cent of the government expenditure. The government has arranged to award scholarships costly K 1089.6 million to any outstanding students in 2012-2013 fiscal year as the more development the country, the more investments increased. Besides, the Union Minister said that the government is carrying out tasks for promotion of education sector such as extension of universities, degree colleges, colleges, institutes and basic education schools, assigning of teachers more and more, supplying teaching aids, making research tasks more than before, building additional rooms starting from this year. Therefore, there has been increased percentage of GDP spent on education sector year by year.

The first Amyotha Hluttaw ended the second regular session for its 22nd day at 2:40 pm, and will continue its 23rd day at 10 am tomorrow.

At today's session, the respective Union Ministers answered 19 queries raised by representatives.

MNA



Workers unload reaped soybeans from the truck on a farm in the land reclamation area of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 18 Sept, 2011. The new planting method is expected to help the soybean output increase to over 200 kilograms per mu (about 0.067 hectare) this year. —XINHUA

Growing concern over drugs fed to animals

NEW YORK, 21 Sept—Drugs fed to animals to promote growth and prevent diseases may play a key role in the emergence of antibiotic resistant bacteria, microbiologists said.

The practice of administering large quantities of antimicrobial drugs “favours the emergence of drug resistant bacteria that can spread to humans through the consumption of contaminated food, from direct contact with animals or by environmental spread,” said Awa Aidara-Kane of the World Health Organization.

“In addition, genes encoding for resistance can be transmitted from zoonotic bacteria to human pathogens,” added Aidara-Kane, who leads the WHO Advisory Group on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance. In order to reduce the risk of the emergence and spread of resistant bacteria via the consumption of animal food products, the WHO suggests restricting and even eliminating the use of antibiotics to boost animal growth.

Between 2008 and 2010 resistance increased from 8 percent to 24 percent. In retail chickens isolates, resistance in Salmonella Heidelberg increase from 17 percent in 2008 to 31 percent in 2009.”

The strain is resistant to nearly all antibiotics.



More than 30,000 young chickens in a stall in the northern German City of Visbek. Drugs fed to animals to promote growth and prevent diseases may play a key role in the emergence of antibiotic resistant bacteria, microbiologists said Sunday.—INTERNET

Karp also expressed concern about the risk of resistance to cephalosporin antibiotics in other Salmonella serotypes.

Nontyphoidal Salmonella is the main cause of food poisoning in the United States and affects about 1.2 million people each year, including 23,000 who are hospitalized and 450 who are killed, according to the CDC.—Internet



Children look at halal food during a cuisine festival in Wuzhong, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 18 Sept, 2011. The fourth China Halal Cuisine Festival opened here on Sunday. XINHUA

12 bushfires still burning across Australia's Queensland

BRISBANE, 21 Sept—About a dozen bushfires are still burning across Queensland in Australia but are not threatening any property, authorities said on Wednesday. Firefighters are monitoring at least 12 blazes, including four that broke out at Eidsvold in southeast Queensland on Monday, according to Queensland Government's Department of Community Safety (DCS).

The Department said the fires were all within containment lines but being closely watched.

“There's no threat to property or residents,” a DCS spokeswoman said.

A large grass fire at Dallarni, west of Gin Gin in the North Coast Region has been burning since Sunday. Another at Black Snake, near Gympie in the same region began on Tuesday.—Xinhua

Wild cattle species endangered in Cambodia

BANGKOK, 21 Sept—The world's largest population of banteng, a type of cattle native to Southeast Asia, is at risk from hunters and agricultural concessions granted inside protected areas of Cambodia, a conservation group said Monday.

Numbers of banteng, graceful wild cattle that once roamed in vast herds, in Cambodia have plummeted by 90 percent since the 1960s and the species is listed as globally endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which monitors wildlife populations.

A three-year study by the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Cambodian government showed that between 2,700 and 5,700 banteng have survived on the plains of northeastern Cambodia from a global population of 5,900 to 11,000. Areas of Thailand and Indonesia shelter only several hundred.

Along with poaching for meat and horn trophies, the wild cattle is losing its habitat to land concessions granted by the government to foreign and local investors and large-scale infrastructure projects, the WWF said.

“It essentially means Cambodia's protected areas, including those that contain globally important species, are not as protected by law as people once thought,” the statement said.—Internet

Australian scientists discover how liver kills “killer cells”

SYDNEY, 21 Sept—Australian scientists at the Centenary Institute in Sydney have discovered that the liver destroys the “killer” T-cells, which target donor organs, reducing organ rejection. Their discovery, published on Tuesday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, opens the way to both new approaches to transplant rejection and to the fight against hepatitis and other chronic liver diseases which affect over 200,000 Australians and hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The scientists have seen for the first time (in mice) how the liver goes independent, engulfing and destroying the body's defense troops - T-cells.

What the researchers have discovered is the liver goes around this process: liver cells signal to naive T-cells and digest them before they have a chance to become killer T-cells. “The liver is an amazing organ,” said Dr Patrick Bertolino, the leader of the research team at the Centenary Institute. “Most people think it just breaks down alcohol, but it's the factory of the body breaking down substances we don't want and making the ones that we do.”—Xinhua

S Korea jobless rate falls in August

SEOUL, 21 Sept—South Korea's unemployment rate fell in August from the previous month, according to official figures. The rate was 3.0 percent compared with 3.3 percent in July, Statistics Korea said. The number of people with jobs rose by 490,000 from a year earlier to 24.5 million, compared with a 335,000 rise in July.

Finance Minister Bahk Jae-Wan said the data indicates the country's strong fundamentals, but stressed the need for global cooperation to ease market fears arising from US and eurozone

woes. “Korea will show leadership in resolving global issues,” he said, referring to the Group of 20 finance ministers' meeting in the US later this week.

“We will also hold bilateral talks with key

countries like the US and China and meet with global credit rating agencies to strengthen our capacity to respond to crises and prevent unnecessary misconceptions about our economy.”—Internet



South Korean office workers are seen crossing a street in Seoul. S Korea's unemployment rate fell in August from the previous month, according to official figures.—INTERNET

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Pilot error, drunk navigator caused Russian crash

Moscow, 21 Sept—Pilot error, slight intoxication of the navigator, and a failure of the crew to interact properly caused a plane crash that killed 47 people in June of this year, Russia's Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC) said on Monday.

The crew should have circled to make a fresh attempt at landing in poor weather conditions, the IAC probe found.

It "was the failure of the crew to decide on a go-around and descend below the minimal established safety altitude in the absence of visual contact with approach lights and landmarks which resulted in the collision of the aircraft with trees and ground," the IAC said.

The report comes out nearly two weeks after another plane crash that killed dozens of Russian and international hockey players in Yaroslavl, Russia. An investigation into that crash is ongoing.

Monday's report examined a Tupolev-134 airliner



File photo of a grizzly bear in a zoo. A couple probably provoked a fatal attack by a grizzly bear in Yellowstone National Park by yelling and running away from it despite advice to the contrary, an investigation has concluded.

INTERNET

Airbus: Passenger planes to double over 20 years

LONDON, 21 Sept — The number of passenger planes worldwide will more than double over the next 20 years, planemaker Airbus has predicted.

The number of planes made by all manufacturers of more than 100 seats will grow from 15,000 this year to 31,000 by 2030, it forecast.

China, the US and Germany are predicted to generate the greatest demand.

"Over the next 20 years, Asia-Pacific will account for 34% of demand, Europe 22% and North America 22%," it said. Airbus, speaking at its annual global forecast

meeting, predicted that the number of low-cost airlines will make up around 19% of all air traffic by 2030, compared with around 5% currently.

It claims the number of middle-class people - traditionally more likely to fly - will grow from 1.84 billion this year to almost 5 billion by 2030.

Airbus's forecast also includes 900 newly built freighter aircraft for commercial use. Two thirds of the world's cargo planes have been converted from conventional passenger planes.

The European firm, which makes the giant

double-decker A380 superjumbo, believes long-haul air traffic will grow three-fold over the next 20 years.

It could even launch an extra-large version of the A380 by the end of this decade, it said.

Internet



"Love on Credit" film crew releases photos of Lin Zhiling in a wedding dress which was sold at one million yuan at a charity auction.

XINHUA

Winner finally takes the plunge

LONDON, 21 Sept—Film director Michael Winner finally tied the knot in London on Monday. The 75-year-old married 70-year-old Geraldine Lynton-Edwards, whom he met in 1957 when she was a 16-year-old actress and ballet dancer.—Internet

Five bikers killed by fumes at event

NASHVILLE, 21 Sept—Five bikers were found dead in a recreational vehicle at a Tennessee speedway fund-raising event, apparently killed by fumes. The three men and two women were found in the vehicle at the Clarksville Speedway, about 40 miles north west of Nashville. —Internet

Wild West comes to New York

NEW YORK, 21 Sept—A horse sparked scenes normally seen in the Wild West rather than New York when it broke loose in the streets of Harlem. The horse was taking part in a cowboy event when it made its bid for freedom, running through six blocks before being corralled by police in a park.—Internet

120 donkeys living California dream

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Sept—Scores of donkeys have been flown to a sanctuary in California after being rescued in Hawaii. The Humane Society of the United States chartered the flight for 120 donkeys. They are descendants of donkeys brought to Hawaii's Big Island to work on coffee plantations, but were cast aside when they became obsolete.—Internet

Illegal rat poison in NY's Chinatown

NEW YORK, 21 Sept—Twelve New Yorkers face multiple misdemeanor charges for selling rat poison nearly 61 times more concentrated than legally allowed, officials said.

Thousands of packets of the illegal pesticides were sold to undercover agents during the course of a five-month investigation in and around Chinatown, *The New York Times* reported on Monday.—Internet



The A380 superjumbo is Airbus' flagship model



A rescue worker walks amid the debris of the Russian jet that went down on 20 June in Petrozavodsk, killing 47 people.—INTERNET

that went down on 20 June in the Russian northwest City of Petrozavodsk.

The jet with 43 passengers and a crew of nine took from Moscow for Petrozavodsk, about 950 kilometres (600 miles) to the north.—Internet

US couple provoked fatal bear attack

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept—A couple probably provoked a fatal attack by a grizzly bear in Yellowstone National Park by yelling and running away from it despite advice to the contrary, an investigation has concluded. Brian Matayoshi, 57, was mauled and killed by the bear, which then picked up his wife Marilyn by her backpack before dropping her and leaving with its two cubs, said Tuesday's official report, accompanied by a recording of 911 calls.

The couple encountered the mother bear with her cubs on the Wapiti Lake Trailhead, a popular route in the sprawling park, which spans the US states of

Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, on the morning of 6 July. The bear was about 100 yards away when they noticed it and turned around to get away. Looking over their shoulders, they saw it was following them and began to run and yell, the report on the park's website said.

"The bear's chase response to the Matayoshis was most likely exacerbated by their running and yelling as they fled," it said. "What possibly began as an attempt by the bear to assess the Matayoshis' activities became a sustained pursuit of them as they fled running and yelling on the trail."—Internet

12-foot, 3-inch gator caught in Florida

A Florida 19-year-old hunting alligators with his parents managed to reel in a 12-foot, 3-inch reptile weighing about 800 pounds. Tim Stroth of Hobe Sound said he was out with his parents, Steve and Rachel Stroth of Southern Life Taxidermy and Guide Service, Friday evening after hearing reports of a large alligator near the locks of the St Lucie River, TCPalm.com reported Tuesday.



Tim Stroth and the 12-foot, 800-pound alligator, courtesy of the Stroth family.

Stroth said it took them less than an hour to locate the beast and he hooked the gator with his bass rod after his

father missed a cast with a far-sturdier rod.

"I thought it was just a 9-footer," Tim Stroth

said. "Then I saw how big it was. I was more afraid we would lose it than I was of the gator, because of the rod." Stroth said he managed to reel the gator in next to the boat and they used harpoons to hoist the large reptile onto the craft.

"It's the largest gator I've seen since I started guiding hunts in 1989," Steve Stroth said.

"The processor we went to in Loxahatchee said it's the biggest they've ever handled."

News Album

Baby born on Manila-San Francisco flight

Philippine Airlines announced a passenger on a Manila to San Francisco flight gave birth to a baby boy in mid-flight.

The airline said passenger Aida Alamillo was 35 weeks pregnant when she went into labor aboard the Monday flight and she was assisted by three nurses and the plane's cabin crew.

Flight Purser Antonia Castaneda wrote in her Flight Incident Report the baby gave a "loud cry" upon his birth and "started to breast feed" after a few moments.

The plane landed about 4 hours after the birth and the mother and her newborn were taken to the Mills Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame.

Philippine Airlines said in-flight births are rare, but all cabin crew members are trained to handle childbirth.

Ring returned to owner after 39 years

A Pennsylvania man said he was shocked when a high school student showed up at his front door and presented him with a ring he lost nearly 40 years ago.

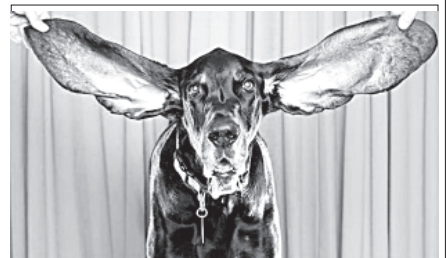
William Delaney, 57, of Point Breeze said

he lost his class ring during a snowball fight on Tilbury Street less than a week after obtaining it from Allerdice High School in 1972, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Monday.

Delaney said he had

long since given up hope of finding the ring when Max Zeck, 15, and his father, Mike Yoffee, showed up on his doorstep two weeks ago. "I couldn't believe it," said Delaney, who still lives in the same house. "They put a lot of effort

into this." The father and son said Ruben Gonzales, 77, found the ring while weeding his Tilbury Street yard in the spring and he gave it to Zeck, an Allerdice High School student who mows Gonzales' lawn, to try to find the owner.



Harbor, an 8-year-old coonhound from Boulder, Colo., displays his winning ears after securing a Guinness World Record title for 2012.



Models present creations of Shen Lin during Madrid Fashion Week, Spain, on 20 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

Disney, Cameron to build "Avatar" theme park

LOS ANGELES, 21 Sept—Moviegoers pining for a return to the lush moon of Pandora in James Cameron's "Avatar" will finally get their chance — first-hand.

Walt Disney, teaming with the Oscar-winning director and Fox Filmed Entertainment, will begin building from 2013 a section at its Orlando theme park that will mimic the thriving green landscape depicted in the highest-grossing movie of all



Canadian director James Cameron attends the launch of the movie "Avatar" in Blu-Ray Disc and DVD in Sao Paulo on 11 April, 2010.—INTERNET

time.

Under their agreement, Disney — which typically sticks to its own franchises and properties in designing rides — won exclusive global theme park rights to the Avatar franchise. It will eventually take Avatar "lands" beyond Orlando's Disney World.

"Our goal is to go beyond current boundaries of technical innovation and experiential storytelling, and give park-goers the chance to see, hear, and touch the world of 'Avatar' with an unprecedented sense of reality," Cameron said in a statement.

Reuters

Actor Tom Sizemore arrested, held briefly in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 21 Sept—Actor Tom Sizemore spent several hours behind bars in Los Angeles on Tuesday for apparently missing a court date last month, police and judicial officials said.

The "Saving Private Ryan" actor, is trying to make a comeback from drug addiction with a role in TV show "Hawaii Five-O", was arrested by police during a drug-related investigation.

Although no drugs were found, police found



Actor Tom Sizemore arrives at the 19th Annual Elton John AIDS Foundation Academy Award Viewing Party in West Hollywood, California on 27 February, 2011. INTERNET

Sizemore had an outstanding warrant against him, which

officials said was issued when he failed to turn up for a court date in August relating to a 2009 arrest for battery.

Sizemore, 49, has spent years in an out of courts on drug related charges and appeared on TV show "Celebrity Rehab" in 2010 to try and beat his habit.

He is set to appear in the new season of detective series "Hawaii 5-O" as the internal affairs chief of Hawaii's police department.

Reuters

Connick to perform on 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES, 21 Sept—Harry Connick Jr and LMFAO are to perform on the premiere of "Dancing with the Stars: The Results Show" in Los Angeles, ABC announced.

Season 13 of the dance competition show began Monday. The first results show of the season, during which one couple will be eliminated, is to air Tuesday.

The episode will follow a one-hour special called "Dancing

with the Stars: Meet the Cast," featuring the "most exciting moments from Monday night's performances, along with commentary from

the judges and never-before-seen footage from the teams' first weeks of training," ABC said in a news release.

Internet



Harry Connick Jr., a cast member in the motion picture family drama "Dolphin Tale", attends the premiere of the film in Los Angeles on 17 September, 2011.—INTERNET

United, Arsenal advance to League Cup 4th round

LONDON, 21 Sept — Manchester United transferred its free-scoring form to the League Cup by cruising past Leeds 3-0 in the third round on Tuesday night, while Arsenal had to come from a goal down to overwhelm fourth-tier Shrewsbury 3-1 and avoid another defeat.

Former England striker

Michael Owen scored twice and veteran winger Ryan Giggs added the third as makeshift United team swept past second-tier Championship side Leeds at Elland Road.

Arsenal also played its reserves and had to work much harder to make the fourth round after slipping behind to James Collins' shock 16th-minute goal

for visiting Shrewsbury.

Defeat to a team three divisions lower would have piled more pressure on Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger after his team's dreadful start.

However, left back Kieran Gibbs equalized with a far-post header before halftime and second-half goals by the impressive Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Israel captain Yossi Benayoun eased the gloom around Emirates Stadium.—INTERNET

Shrewsbury Town's James Collins, center, celebrates after scoring against Arsenal during their English League Cup soccer match at the Emirates stadium, London.—INTERNET



Gerrard set to boost Liverpool in Cup return

LONDON, 21 Sept — Steven Gerrard is poised to make his long-awaited comeback as Liverpool look to forget their Premier League problems by beating Brighton in their third round League Cup clash on Wednesday.

Gerrard has not played since suffering a groin problem in March which required surgery, but manager Kenny Dalglish is set to use the game to ease his influential captain back into action after six months on the sidelines.



Steven Gerrard

Two successive league defeats, including a 4-0 hammering at Tottenham on Sunday, have marred Liverpool's solid start to the season, but the return of the England midfielder will lift spirits.

"I've said all along, he's done fantastically well to get where he is," said Dalglish when asked about the imminent return of Gerrard.

"We'll just monitor him and pick the right moment for him and us before we get him back. It's natural everyone wants to chase Stevie, especially after you have lost 4-0.

"But we'll monitor it, take it how it goes and when both parties agree he'll play."—INTERNET

After big win, Thompson hopes to be tour regular

NEW YORK, 21 Sept — Golf's latest female phenom has no interest in teeing it up with the guys. Being able to play full-time on the LPGA Tour is challenge enough for Lexi Thompson.

Two days after becoming the youngest winner

Lexi Thompson holds high her trophy after winning the Navistar LPGA Classic on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Ala.—INTERNET

on the LPGA Tour, the 16-year-old said she plans to petition for an exemption to the tour's 18-year-old age requirement. That comes as no surprise to LPGA commissioner Mike Whan, who said he will consider any petition from Thompson when he



returns from the Solheim Cup, which begins Friday in Ireland.

"I'm not going to be playing on the men's tour," Thompson said Tuesday when asked if she'd consider playing any PGA Tour events, as Michelle Wie did before she joined the LPGA Tour full-time. "I really just want to focus on women's golf. They're so good out here. You have to shoot 20 under every week to win."

INTERNET

AP source: Man United delays stock market offering

LONDON, 21 Sept — Manchester United put on hold its \$1 billion Singapore stock market offering because of volatile global markets, a person familiar with the situation told *The Associated Press*.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the club is not discussing its financial plans publicly, said United's American owners are waiting for market conditions to improve before going ahead with the listing. Approval for the initial public offering already had been approved by Singapore's stock exchange.

The Glazer family, which also owns the



Manchester United's Nani, third right, is congratulated by team mate Wayne Rooney after scoring a goal against Chelsea during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford, Manchester, England.—INTERNET

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, plans to remain in control of United by making only 25 percent to 30 percent of the club available. The family wants to raise \$1 billion to help to cut debts, which were \$747 million on 30 June.

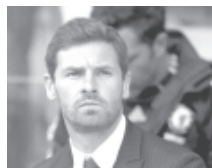
If the Premier League champions do not list by the end of the year they

will have to seek an extension. United's planned listing values the club at far more than the \$1.9 billion valuation by *Forbes* magazine, which has ranked it as soccer's most valuable team the last seven years. The club was bought by the Glazers for \$1.4 billion in 2005.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Villas-Boas cries foul over Old Trafford defeat



Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas

LONDON, 21 Sept — Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas revealed Tuesday he had made a complaint to the head of the Premier League referees body following the performance of officials in the defeat at Manchester United.

Villas-Boas was left fuming on Sunday after Manchester United took a

2-0 lead to goals which replays suggested could have been disallowed for offside.

The Chelsea manager told reporters he has lodged a complaint with referees chief Mike Riley since the match, eventually won 3-1 by United.

"Very, very unhappy with a poor performance from the referees, which in the end had a decisive role in the result, and I don't take it very, very lightly," Villas-Boas said. "You expect the linesman to do his job.

"I already went further ahead with the situation by speaking to the correct people. We all feel very, very down when the referee had such an impact on the result."—INTERNET

Lille escape with draw after Diabate penalty miss

PARIS, 21 Sept — French champions Lille missed the chance to go level on points with Ligue 1 leaders Lyon on Tuesday as they drew 1-1 away with out of form Bordeaux.

It could have been worse for Lille - who drew for the third successive



match — as Bordeaux' Chieck Diabate missed a penalty 12 minutes from time.

Lille - who had let leads slip against both Sochaux in the league and CSKA Moscow in last week's opening Champions League group game - had gone behind to a Diabate penalty in the third minute only for their Belgian star Eden Hazard to level in the 57th minute with a fine goal.—INTERNET

Lille's forward Joe Cole reacts during the French L1 football match Bordeaux vs Lille at the Chaban-Delmas stadium in Bordeaux.—INTERNET

Del Potro confident of Spanish Davis Cup upset



Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro celebrates after winning a Davis Cup semi-final match against Serbia's Novak Djokovic at the Belgrade Arena, on September.—INTERNET

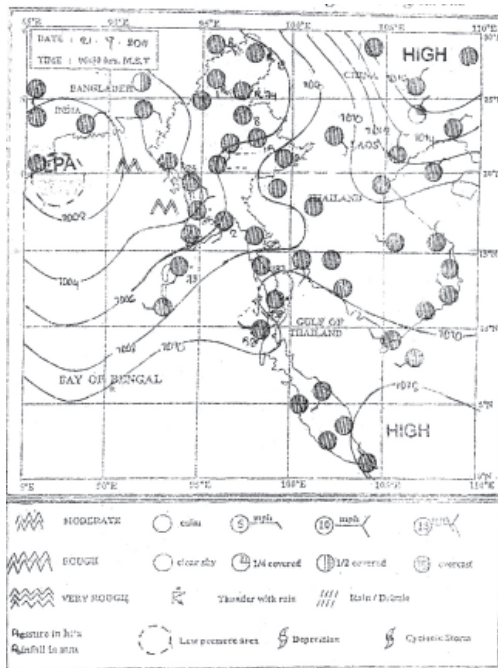
BUENOS AIRES, 21 Sept — Juan Martin del Potro expressed his confidence on Tuesday that Argentina could "strike a blow" against the Rafael Nadal-inspired Spanish when the two sides meet in the Davis Cup finals in December.

Del Potro, ranked 13th, won both his singles rubbers to help Argentina to a 3-2 success over defend-

ing champions Serbia on a hardcourt surface in Belgrade at the weekend to set up a showdown with Spain who host the final from 2-4 December.

Spain have won all three of their previous meetings with Argentina including the last time the two nations met in the final in Mar del Plata in 2008.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 22nd September, 2011

S. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayah	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	28/88	19/55	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tanintharyi	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
8	Bago	29/84	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	33/91	26/71	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	30/86	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	29/84	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	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 Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with Regionally heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region and Mon State and isolated heavy fall in Magway Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Lunglei (5.71) inches, Dawei (5.55) inches, Ye (4.66) inches, Chungang (3.46) inches, Kyaukse (3.18) inches, Coogyun (2.96) inches, Myittha (2.91) inches, Myit (2.76) inches and Gangaw (1.85) inches.
 According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, Yesterday's a low pressure area is still persists in Northwest Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
 Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.
 Bay Inference:
 State of the Sea:
 Outlook for subsequent two days:
 Moderate Monsoon.

Valencia's Rami for man-to-man job on Messi

BARCELONA, 21 Sept—Valencia's French centre-back Adil Rami says the only way to stop Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi is to try a spot of man-to-man marking.

"I think you'd have to put a quick and gifted player on Messi who would follow him wherever he goes. We'd lose a player — but then so would they," Rami told Wednesday's *El Pais* daily.

Spanish league leaders Valencia host Barcelona on Wednesday evening.

Rami, who joined Valencia in the summer after winning the French title with Lille, meanwhile admitted he had his work cut out to survive in La Liga and said his technique required improvement. "I know I can put the



Valencia's French centre-back Adil Rami says the only way to stop Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi, seen here on 13 Sept, is to try a spot of man-to-man marking.—INTERNET

team in difficulty owing to my technical level being only there or thereabouts. That can be dangerous sometimes," Rami said when asked if he had any weaknesses.

"People say I am impressive physically but I am only doing my work — that is, defend well and do more if the opportunity presents itself."—Internet

Myanmar

TV

Thursday, 22 September View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. Health Programme

8:00 am
7. Dance Variety

8:10 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:20 am
9. Dance Of National Races

8:30 am
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita) (Basic Education Level) (Men/ Women)

8:40 am
11. International News

8:45 am
12. Musical Programme

3:30 pm
1. AFF U-19 Championship 2011 (Delay) (Final) (Thailand Vs Vietnam)

5:00 pm

2. Musical Programme

5:10 pm
3. Cute Little Dancer

5:15 pm
4. Documentary

5:25 pm
5. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

5:30 pm
6. Documentary

5:45 pm
7. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita) (Basic Education Level) (Men/ Women)

6:00 pm
8. Evening News

6:15 pm

9. Weather Report

6:20 pm
10. Myanmar Series

6:35 pm
11. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011)

17. Documentary Interview (Dance)

18. TV Drama Series

19. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (22-9-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(22-9-11 09:30 am ~ 23-9-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ancient Shwe San Taw Pagoda (Taungoo)
- * News

- * Bilateral Cooperation and Exchanging Technologies
- * Mural Painting (Bagan)
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Perfect Combination of Art and Nature

Overseas Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ancient Shwe San Taw Pagoda (Taungoo)
- * News
- * Bilateral Cooperation and Exchanging Technologies
- * Mural Painting (Bagan)

- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Perfect Combination of Art and Nature
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth (Debate)
- * Traditional Banana Shrine Art
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "Myanmar Pottery"
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie "Myself, Other, Men & Women"

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Ariyasaccana dassanam; to discern the noble truths; this is the way to auspiciousness

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 22nd day

Six questions answered, one bill submitted, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 22nd day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today.

It was attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 376 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Six questions were answered, one bill submitted, one proposal discussed and one new proposal submitted.

U Nyan Swe Win of Kyaukkyi Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to set up the farmers' organization under the leadership of the government for serving the interest of the farmers and the State.** Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan replied that he would reply as the leader of the Spokespersons and Information Team, saying that farmers constituted the 70 per cent of the population as major forces of the nation as well as primary productive factors of the economy; so, the Section 23 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar stated that "The State shall enact necessary laws to protect rights of the peasants; and assist peasants to obtain equitable value of their agricultural produce" and in accordance with the provisions, measures would be taken for promotion and protection of rights of farmers; in doing so, steps would be taken from various aspects for better socio-economic life of farmers, helping them enjoy satisfactory profits from agricultural produce; likewise, steps would be taken for broadening horizon of farmers, developing human resources.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance books.

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Nineteen questions raised by Hluttaw representatives answered



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It was attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 198 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U Aung Chit Lwin of Sagaing Region Constituency No 11 asked whether there is a plan to regularly open University for Development of National Races where national races of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gather to pursue education by upholding the national unity. Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Thu replied that since its establishment, the Institute of Development for National Races was opened with the aim of training the national races from border areas and far-flung areas of the nation to get degrees for assigning them at far-flung and undeveloped regions so as to disseminate education among the local people and to participate in regional development.

At that time, Myanmar had two universities in Yangon and Mandalay. Colleges were located in Mawlamyine, Magway, Patheingyi, Myittha, Taunggyi and Kyaukpadaung. Beginning 1994-1995 academic year, the University for Development of National Races admits the trainees from regions and states to be provided with M.Ed courses.

All 14 regions and states have been facilitated with universities, technological universities, universities for computer studies and degree colleges. The State has spent a large sum of money on

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