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**Our Three Main
National Causes**

* **Non-disintegration of
the Union**

* **Non-disintegration of
National Solidarity**

* **Perpetuation of
Sovereignty**

Fifth day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular session held Two reports submitted, one proposal discussed



The fifth day regular session of fourth Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—The fifth day regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon, with attendance

of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 609 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submitted a report and Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyein, report of findings and comments on JICA credit (former OECF credit).

As the Hluttaw agreed on bridge loan from Japanese Commerce Bank and ODA loan from JICA proposed by the Union government, they were approved.

U Hmat Gyi of Mandalay Region Constituency No (9), U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency, U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No (4), Daw Mi Myint Than of Ye Constituency, U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu Constituency, Daw Khin Than Myint of Ngapudaw Constituency, Daw Su Su Hlaing of Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency, U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency, U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Toke of Momeik Constituency and U Tin Win of Kawlin Constituency discussed the proposal on **doing justice in confiscation of farmlands not to harm farmers**. They discussed farmlands were confiscated for urbanization, establishing industrial zones and extension of base of battalions of Tatmadaw. Farmlands in operation of the farmers were confiscated in extension of railroads, motor roads and airports, establishing state-owned factories and workshops and allotting lands to private companies for farming purposes.

The farmers are traditionally engaging in the farming on the lands with no knowledge on legal status of the lands. Village land committee was found to be failing to register the lands in accordance with the law.

The farmers, who had not applied for permission or had no knowledge to do so to do farming on the lands of their ancestors, were labeled encroachers citing lack of documents. The farmers in each corner of the country are victimized by the individuals who allegedly

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Myanmar Engineering Society (Mandalay) holds annual general meeting

MANDALAY, 24 July—Myanmar Engineering Society (Mandalay) held the annual general meeting at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 21 July.

At first, new generation engineers sang the opening song. Chairman of the society U Win Khaing made a speech. Chairman of the society (Mandalay) U Tun Kyi reported on tasks of the association.

Myanmar Engineering Society has organized 2461 members with the aim of propagating engineering

science, actively taking part in the regional welfare tasks with engineering works, organizing new generation engineers and continuously turning out professional engineers to keep abreast of global nations.

The society holds meetings, engineering discussions, technological talks and fund-raising works. The society participates in sending of trainees to training courses at home and abroad and visits. Moreover, it connects with other organizations to create job opportunities for its members.—Kyemon

Health talks given at BEHS No 1 in Tatkon

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—A talk on health knowledge was held in conjunction with the medical checkup at No 1 Basic Education High School in Tatkon on 17 July.

Headmaster U Sein Hlaing made an opening address. Dentist Dr Myo Theingi of Tatkon General Hospital (100-bed) gave lectures on prevention against dental diseases, Township Nurse Grade-I Daw Naw Shel Hsae facts about worms, Health Staff Daw Thin Thin Hlaing danger of cigarette and chewing betel

and U Tin Aye of malaria section prevention against DHF.

Next, medical checkup was provided to students.

Kyemon

Cash assistance provided to offspring of war veterans

YANGON, 23 July—A ceremony to present cash assistance provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee to basic education students of its members was held at the hall of Mingala Taungnyunt Township War Veterans Organization on 17 July morning.

Chairman of Township WVO Lt-Col Aung Myint (Rtd) presented cash assistance to students of veterans.

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US Osprey aircraft arrives in Japan



An MV-22 Osprey medium-lift military transport aircraft is manoeuvred at Farnborough Airshow 2012 in southern England. PAGE 3

Drogba could have been Fergie target



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said on Monday he may have considered signing Didier Drogba, pictured on 22 July, if the striker had opted to remain in the Premier League after he left Chelsea last month. PAGE 14

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Noble mission

As for progress of nation and socio-economy, the government has been unwaveringly implementing social, economic, educational, health and agricultural reforms while reviewing its monetary, financial, trade and investment policies and taking other necessary reform measures with added momentum. Basically, it is taking steps to create a sound environment for the smooth flow of foreign direct investments into the nation apart from easing procedures and formalities for the convenience and development of trade and export and import activities.

Concerning investments, the government has three phases. The main agenda of the first phase is the establishment of mass production factories which can generate job opportunities for a very large number of working age people. The second is the setting up of value-added industries for export promotion and for reducing the volume of raw material exports while the third is the rise of businesses based on high technology.

Since trade and investment are the main driving force for the nation's economic growth, efforts must be made for the increase in the volume of local and foreign direct investments in bringing about socio-economic growth of the people and creating job opportunities while preventing what is detrimental to the interest of the State and the people, undermining the image of the State and sovereignty and harming natural environment. Meanwhile, systematic steps are required for sustainable development of land, water, forest and mineral resources for future generations.

As per the pledge toward the entire country, the government is always on its noble mission of striving utmost for the restoration of national reconsolidation, the prevalence of national peace and stability, the enforcement of the rule of law, the promotion of democratic practices, the creation of good governance and clean government, while enabling the people enjoy the fundamental rights of a citizen, raising their education and health standards, introducing and implementing economic reforms and developing socio-economy and environmental conservation tasks.



In memory of mother Daw Hla Khin who live in Thuwunna's Shwe-in-gyin residence of Thingangyun Township, Yangon, Dr U Yi Soe Win-Daw Ohnma Tin Maung and family donated K 400,000 to Hninzigone Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman of Executive Committee U Aung Than recently.—NLM

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Ms. Linda Duffield of Westminster Foundation for Democracy and party

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Chairman of the Bill Committee U Mya Nyein received a delegation led by Ms. Linda Duffield of Westminster Foundation for Democracy based in London at the Hluttaw Building here at 9 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Deputy Speaker were Secretary and members of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee and officials concerned of the Hluttaw.

The meeting focused on further cementing of friendly ties between the two countries, bilateral



cooperation, as well as matters related to legislation and democratization.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee Chairman meets foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee U Maung Maung Swe received Ms Gayathiri Jambulingam and Ms Tashia Ann Peterson of International Women's Right Action Watch-Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP) at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

They discussed matters related to undertakings of the committee, availability of ART medication, abortion, contraceptics usage and conducting trainings by the committee.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary U Myint Thu and Member Daw Le Le Win Swe.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Committee Chairman receives Deputy Attorney-General of Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Committee Thura U Aung Ko receives Deputy Attorney-General Mr Jeffery Chan of Singapore and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

They exchanged views on formation and undertakings of the committee and judicial affairs.

It was also attended by members of the committee.

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Workshop on ensuing Myanmar lacquer wares to penetrate Korean market

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Under trade promotion programme, the ASEAN-Korea Centre in cooperation with the Minister of Commerce will hold a workshop on ensuing Myanmar Lacquer wares to penetrate Korean Market in Bagan from 1 and 2 August.

The workshop was held with aim of promoting the quality of Myanmar lacquer wares, ensuring Myanmar lacquer to be familiar with Korean market and creating trade opportunities between the two countries. Also present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Commerce, local authorities, those from Lacquer Arts College and lacquer entrepreneurs will be attending the workshop and those who want to attend it are to the trade exhibition section, the International Trade Promotion Division, the Ministry of Commerce or dial 067-408411.—MNA

Conservation of fish resources talked in Inlay Region

NYAUNGSHWE, 23 July—A talk on conservation of fish resources was held at Inchan Kaylar Village-tract of Inlay region in Nyaungshwe Township recently.

Head of Shan State Fisheries Department U Tin Tun Aung explained the talk was aimed at ensuring hatching of fingerlings in the rainy season and their development.

"If the female fish with eggs are caught, the fingerlings-to-be would be destroyed. So, the fish species may deplete. If anyone catches fish through incorrect ways, not only fish but also other marine animals will face reduction of numbers. Thus, all the people are to join hands with authorities to conserve fish resources," he continued.

Later, pamphlets were distributed to those present.

Kyemon

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks at the International AIDS 2012 conference in Washington on 23 July, 2012.—REUTERS



US in global AIDS fight to win, Clinton vows

Clinton said on Monday. "I am here to make it absolutely clear: The United States is committed and will

milestone."

Clinton's keynote speech sought to underscore Washington's dedication to the global AIDS fight amid fears that US leadership might suffer as spending cuts and budget woes threaten a range of government programmes.

Clinton announced more than \$150 million in new US spending initiatives geared toward leveraging progress against AIDS already achieved through new drug treatments, programs to stop mother-to-child transmission of HIV and the preventive effect of expanded voluntary male circumcision.

"This is a fight we can win. We've already come so far, too far to stop now," Clinton said. "HIV may be with us into the future until we finally achieve a cure, a vaccine. But the disease that HIV causes need not be with

us."

The United Nations estimates that about 34 million people are living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS. But UN figures show that the number of worldwide AIDS-related deaths fell to 1.7 million last year from some 1.8 million in 2010, after peaking at 2.3 million in 2005.

An estimated 8 million people in lower-income countries are receiving antiretroviral drugs, and the United Nations has set a target to raise that to 15 million by 2015.

Funding for HIV prevention and treatment totaled \$16.8 billion last year. Of that amount, \$8.2 billion came from international sources including the United States, which donated 48 percent of it.

Reuters



People inspect a destroyed vehicle after a bomb attack in Madain, about 15 miles (25 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Iraq death toll from wave of violence rises to 115

BAGHDAD, 24 July—Officials say the death toll from Iraq's deadliest day in more than two years has risen to 115.

Police and hospital officials said on Tuesday that five more people died from injuries sustained in a late-night car bombing on Monday near a cafe in a Shiite neighbourhood in eastern Baghdad.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Initial casualty figures often change in the immediate hours following attacks.

Monday's death toll was the worst for a single day in Iraq since 10 May, 2010, when a string of nationwide attacks killed at least 119 people.

The attacks came days after the leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq warned that the militant group is regrouping.—Internet

Heatwave claims 13 lives in Japan last week

TOKYO, 24 July—A total of 13 people died due to heatstroke last week in Japan, while 5,467 people were sent to hospital, Japan's Fire and Disaster Management Agency said on Tuesday.

Strong heatwaves scorched wide parts of Japan last week, with record high temperatures for July observed in several parts of the country.

On last Wednesday

alone, the temperature jumped to over 35 degrees Celsius in 77 of Japan's 927 observation points, with 10 observation sites logging record highs for July, according to the Japan

Meteorological Agency.

The number of people hospitalized across Japan last week through Sunday was 2.1 times more than the previous week as Japan experienced intense heat, according to reports.

Xinhua

US Osprey aircraft arrive in Japan

TOKYO, 24 July—A ship carrying the US military's latest transport aircraft Osprey arrived in Japan on Monday morning amid protests over safety issues.

Workers began unloading and assembling the 12 MV-22 Osprey aircraft in the city of Iwakuni soon after the ship arrived, according to reports. The US plans to deploy the newer tilt-rotor aircraft to Okinawa to replace CH-46 helicopters.

Iwakuni Mayor Yoshihiko Fukuda told reporters after the ship's arrival that he will lodge a protest with the central government. "We have been urging that it not be allowed into the port until safety is confirmed," he said. "We feel distrust and indignation that (our message) did not reach the state."

Though the Ospreys will only be in Iwakuni shortly, its deployment plan has become the latest uniting point for US base opponents. Both the mayor of Iwakuni and the governor of Okinawa said that they do not support even temporarily hosting the aircraft. Protesters on Monday held a sit-in outside the base where the Ospreys are to be transported to, according to local media.—Reuters



An MV-22 Osprey medium-lift military transport aircraft is manoeuvred at the Farnborough Airshow 2012 in southern England.—REUTERS

Thais warned of heavy rain, flash floods

BANGKOK, 24 July—Thailand's Meteorological Department on Tuesday issued a warning for people in the North, Northeast, East and the South to prepare for widespread scattered rain with heavy falls in some areas, the danger of floods and forest-runoff today and over the next few days, Bangkok Post

online reported.

The department said storm "Vicente" is expected to arrive in the upper parts of Vietnam on Wednesday. This will cause widespread scattered rain in the mentioned Thailand's four regions.

People living near hillsides and waterways

should prepare for heavy rain, possible flash floods and forest-runoff from Tuesday to 27 July and from tomorrow to 27 July.

Due to the prevailing southwest monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand, there will also be strong wind-generated 2 to 3-metre-high waves in the Andaman Sea.

All shipping should proceed with caution and small boats should keep ashore today and the next few days, the department said.—Xinhua

Rescuers evacuating elderly woman from her flooded home in Chongqing, in southwest China. Beijing's propaganda chief ordered Chinese media to stick to good-news about weekend floods after the death of at least 37 people sparked fierce criticism of the government on 24 July, 2012.—INTERNET



Queen Elizabeth welcomes IOC members at palace

TOKYO, 24 July—Britain's Queen Elizabeth has welcomed members of the International Olympic Committee at Buckingham Palace ahead of the opening of the London Games.

IOC president Jacques Rogge was among those invited to Monday's reception. The queen commended athletes coming from around the world for years of dedication, hard work and sacrifice.

The monarch said that she and Britain send their warm wishes to the athletes for a rewarding and enjoyable event.

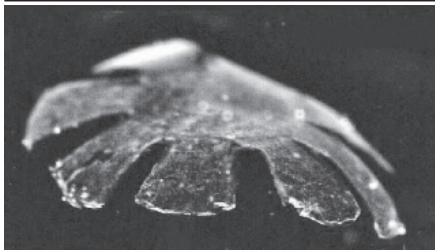
The international sports event is being held in London for the 3rd time. Queen Elizabeth will declare the opening on 27th July.

The queen said that preparations for the games have helped regenerate east London and create world-class sporting facilities at the Olympic Park.

She expressed hope that the Games will leave behind a legacy for future generations.

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The artificial jellyfish replica is made from silicone polymer and rat heart cells.— INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 24 July — Scientists in the US have created a free swimming artificial jellyfish. The team members built the replica using silicone as a base on which to grow heart muscle cells that were harvested from rats. They used an electric current to shock the Medusoid into swimming with synchronised contractions that mimic those of real jellyfish. The advance, by researchers at Caltech and Harvard University, is reported in the journal *Nature Biotechnology*. The finding serves as a proof of concept for reverse engineering a variety of muscular organs and simple life forms.

Because jellyfish use a muscle to pump their way through the water, the way they function—on a very basic level—is similar to that of a human heart. “I started looking at marine organisms that pump to survive,” said Kevin Kit Parker, a professor of bioengineering and applied physics at Harvard. “Then I saw a jellyfish at the New England Aquarium, and I

immediately noted both similarities and differences between how the jellyfish pumps and the human heart. “The similarities help reveal what you need to do to design a bio-inspired pump.”

The work also points to a broader definition of “synthetic life” in an emerging field of science that has until now focused on replicating life’s building blocks, say the researchers. Prof Parker said he wanted to challenge the traditional view of synthetic biology which is “focused on genetic manipulations of cells”. Instead of building just a cell, he sought to “build a beast”. The two groups at Caltech and Harvard worked for years to understand the key factors that contribute to jellyfish propulsion, including the arrangement of their muscles, how their bodies contract and recoil, and how fluid dynamics helps or hinders their movements.

Once these functions were well understood, the researchers began to reverse engineer them. They used

Artificial jellyfish created from heart cells

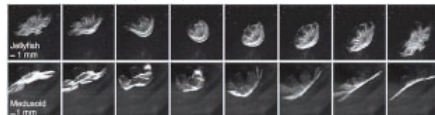
silicone to fashion a jellyfish-shaped body with eight arm-like appendages. Next, they printed a pattern made of protein onto the “body” that resembled the muscle architecture of the real animal. They grew the heart muscle cells on top, with the protein pattern serving as a road map for the growth and organization of the rat tissue. This allowed them to turn the cells into a coherent swimming muscle. When the researchers set the Medusoid free in a container of electrically conducting fluid, they shocked the Medusoid into swimming with synchronised contractions. The muscle cells even started to contract a bit on their own before the electrical current was applied.

“I was surprised that with relatively few components—a silicone base and cells that we arranged—we were able to reproduce some pretty complex swimming and feeding behaviours that you see in biological jellyfish,” said John Dabiri, professor of aeronautics and bioengineering at Caltech. “I’m pleasantly surprised at how close we are getting to

matching the natural biological performance, but also that we’re seeing ways in which we can probably improve on that natural performance. The process of evolution missed a lot of good solutions.” Lead author Janna Nawroth from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena commented that the field of tissue engineering was “still a very qualitative art”.

She said researchers tried to copy a tissue or organ “based on what they think is important or what they see as the major components without necessarily understanding if those components are relevant to the desired function or without analysing first how different materials could be used”. The team aims to carry out further work on the artificial jellyfish. They want to make adjustments that will allow it to turn and move in a particular direction. They also plan to incorporate a simple “brain” so it can respond to its environment and replicate more advanced behaviours like moving towards a light source and seeking energy or food.

Internet



The swimming behaviour of the Medusoid closely mimics that of the real thing.— INTERNET



The centre will at first house existing staff, but expansion is expected.
INTERNET

Amazon to open major London hub

LONDON, 24 July — Internet retail giant Amazon is to open a new creative centre in London which will house hundreds of software developers and engineers. The centre, based near London’s “Silicon Roundabout” area, will focus on producing the “next generation of TV and film services”, the company said. Mayor of London Boris Johnson said Amazon’s decision was a “splendid feather in our cap”. “We thank them for their vote of confidence,” he added.

“We know we have the talent, the space and infrastructure to make the most of the digital economy - this will be my prime message during Games-time, as I seek to woo even more companies for the capital, delivering jobs and growth for Londoners.”

The Silicon Roundabout area, situated in the Old Street

area of London, is at the centre of the government’s Tech City project, designed to attract big technology names to the capital. Amazon, the world’s largest retailer, said it intended to use the centre to develop interactive services for a range of platforms such as games consoles and smartphones.

When it opens, the eight-floor centre will house existing staff—although Amazon said it could recruit more workers in the future. Teams working at Amazon—owned companies Pushbutton and Lovefilm will be based at the site which is set to open in the “coming months”. Amazon spokeswoman Paula Byrne said: “London is a hotbed of tech talent and testament to that fact is Amazon choosing the capital as the location for the new global digital media development centre.”

Internet

Science graduates ‘lack skills needed by business’

LONDON, 24 July — Universities are not producing enough science graduates with the skills needed by UK industry, a report says.

The Lords Science and Technology Committee calls for immediate action to boost student numbers in science, technology, engineering and maths at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Too many students start science courses with weak maths skills, it says. Report chairman Lord Willis said he was “gobsmacked” by figures which showed few who had studied maths beyond GCSE. The report notes that the government’s Plan for

Growth attached great importance to education and the hi-tech industry to create jobs and prosperity.

But it highlights a lack of key skills which extends from too few young people studying maths beyond GCSE to too few students taking postgraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects. The sub-committee that produced the report said they were shocked that so many STEM undergraduates did not have A-level mathematics.

The figures showed that around 70% of biology undergraduates, 38% of chemistry undergraduates and 10% of engineering students did not

have A-level maths. The report team even found evidence that even an A* in A-level mathematics was no guarantee that students would be able to cope with a university science course.

Lord Willis said: “When you have a university like Cambridge saying that even with an A* in mathematics we are having to give remedial maths in order to study engineering there is something not quite right if we are going to produce the very best to compete with the world.”

In reality the quality of the STEM graduates coming out of universities does not meet the requirements of industry and in fact is ultimately not even likely to meet the requirements of academia.” The report says that, without action, the government risks failing to meet its objective of driving economic growth through education and hi-tech industries.—Internet



The report looked at engineering and other science degree courses.
INTERNET

What’s up dock? Apple to shrink connector for iPhone 5

TAIPEI/HONG KONG, 24 July — Apple Inc.’s new iPhone will drop the wide dock connector used in the company’s gadgets for the best part of a decade in favor of a smaller one, a change likely to annoy the Apple faithful but which could be a boon for accessory makers. The iPhone 5, Apple’s next generation iPhone expected to go on sale around October, will come with a 19-pin connector port at the bottom instead of the proprietary 30-pin port “to make room for the earphone moving to the bottom”, two sources familiar with the matter told Reuters.

That would mean the new phone would not connect with the myriad of accessories such as speakers and power chargers that form part of the ecosystem around iPods, iPads and iPhones, without an adaptor. That means new business, analysts say. “It represents an opportunity for

accessory vendors,” said Pete Cunningham, London-based analyst at technology research firm Canalys. “The iPhone connector has been a standard for a long time now and I would expect the same to be true for a new connector, should Apple change it as expected.” Apple did not immediately reply to an emailed request for comment.

Tech blogs have long speculated on the demise of the 30-pin connector, which at 21 mm wide takes up a chunk of space, especially as the latest technologies such as microUSB offer more power in less space. They say that a smaller connector would give Apple more scope for new product designs or a bigger battery, or simply to make ever smaller products. Switzerland’s Logitech, one of the biggest makers of Apple speakers, declined to comment. But some enterprising vendors in China have already begun

offering cases for the new phone, complete with earphone socket on the bottom and a “guarantee” the dimensions are correct.

For some in the peripherals industry, the change could open doors to new business. “iPod docking speaker sales have been declining for one or two years,” said an employee of a Hong Kong-based company that designs speakers especially for Apple products.

Internet



Attendees sit in front of an Apple logo during the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference 2012 in San Francisco, California on 11 June, 2012.— INTERNET

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Health Tip: Buying shoes for your child

A child's feet can grow rapidly, so don't ever assume that your child still needs the same shoe size as last time.

The American Podiatric Medical Association offers these additional shoe-shopping suggestions:

- * Measure your child's feet before every new shoe purchase, no matter how recently the feet were last measured.
- * Make sure the child is wearing typical socks as he or she is trying on shoes.
- * Inspect the child's feet for any signs of irritation after trying on new shoes.
- * Avoid buying secondhand shoes, which could spread a fungal infection.
- * Inspect the heels of your child's existing shoes to look for signs of uneven wear. If found, it could indicate a foot problem that should be checked.
- * Let your child participate in the shoe-shopping experience.
- * Choose the size that accommodates the child's largest foot.
- * Make sure the shoes are comfortable in the store.

Internet

Cancer-causing toxin found in Chinese baby formula

SHANGHAI, 24 July — A Chinese dairy has been ordered to suspend production after a cancer-causing toxin was found in its infant formula, China's quality watchdog said on Monday, in the country's latest milk scare. Ava Dairy Co Ltd has started a recall after high levels of aflatoxin, which is caused by mould, was found in products made between July and December, the watchdog said, according to the official *Xinhua* news agency.

The affected formula was mainly sold to supermarkets in Hunan and Guangdong, said Li Yuanping, spokesman for China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. China is trying to crack down on product safety violations to reassure citizens and restore faith in the government after a series of high-profile scandals.

The latest case comes just a month after dairy maker Yili began recalling batches of baby formula when authorities found they contained high levels of mercury. And in December, aflatoxin was found in milk produced by another leading dairy company, Mengniu Dairy Group.

Milk was at the centre of China's biggest food safety scandal in 2008 when the industrial chemical melamine was found to have been illegally added to dairy products to give the appearance of higher protein content. At least six babies



A Chinese baby drinks coconut milk mixed with water instead of baby formula in Shanghai. A Chinese dairy has been ordered to suspend production after a cancer-causing toxin was found in its infant formula, China's quality watchdog said on Monday, in the country's latest milk scare.—INTERNET

died and another 300,000 became ill after drinking milk tainted with melamine. Aflatoxins can be found in milk after cows consume feed contaminated by mould and can increase the risk of cancer, including liver cancer, according to the World Health Organization.—Internet

Cisco to cut about 1,300 jobs

SHANGHAI, 24 July—Network equipment maker Cisco Systems said on Monday that it plans to cut about 1,300 jobs as part of ongoing efforts to restructure the company.

"We are performing a focused set of limited restructurings that will collectively impact approximately 2 percent of our global employee population," the company said in an emailed statement.

These actions are part of a continuous process to simplify the company and assess the economic environment in certain parts of the world, it said. Cisco had 65,223 employees at the end of its fiscal third quarter, according to its website.

Cisco last year started a plan to cut expenses by \$1 billion in an effort to make the company leaner and more efficient. At the time, it said it planned to cut 15 percent of its workforce. Cisco is due to report on its fourth quarter on 15 August.—Reuters



A security guard walks past a Cisco display at the Mobile Asia Expo in Shanghai on 20 June, 2012.—REUTERS

UN, OIE call for more controls on rinderpest virus

WASHINGTON, 24 July — The UN's food agency and the OIE called on countries on Monday to comply with a 2011 global moratorium and destroy potentially dangerous rinderpest virus samples or put them into safe storage. The deadly animal virus, which caused cattle plague, was the second viral disease in history to be wiped out after smallpox more than 30 years ago. It was officially declared eradicated in 2011, but some of the samples still stored worldwide are being kept in unsafe conditions, the organizations said.

"The process of cataloguing the still existing virus-containing materials worldwide found that some were being kept under insufficient levels of biosecurity," the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome and Paris-based World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) said. In

two international resolutions passed in last year, OIE and FAO member countries agreed either to destroy remaining stocks of rinderpest virus or store them in a limited number of safe, high containment laboratories.

"The moratorium is pivotal to managing biological risks until an oversight mechanism is established," Kazuaki Miyagishima, head of the OIE Scientific and Technical Department, said in a joint statement released by the organizations. "While rinderpest virus remains present in a large number of laboratories across the world, we cannot say that there is zero risk of a reoccurrence." Priority must be given to destroying remaining non-secured stocks of the virus and maintaining vigilance until this is accomplished," he said.

The OIE and FAO said

some reserves of the virus should be kept "to produce vaccines and for research in case the disease emerges again or is released as a result of an accidental or deliberate



A scientist holds blood samples in a laboratory at the Center for Scientific Research Caucasus on the outskirts of Cali, Colombia, on 25 April, 2012.—INTERNET

act". The virus, which caused respiratory disease, diarrhoea and death in the majority of cattle infected, devastated livestock and led to widespread hunger. "While rinderpest has been successfully eradicated, there may be some virus material that would be useful for research or vaccine

development," said Juan Lubroth, the food agency's chief veterinary officer. "We must remain vigilant so that rinderpest remains a disease of the past, consigned to history and the textbooks of veterinarians to benefit from the lessons we've learned," he said.—Internet

Global shares inch up after China PMI, Spain drags on euro

TOKYO, 24 July — Asian shares inched higher on Tuesday, helped by improving Chinese manufacturing data, but the euro remained under pressure as surging Spanish borrowing costs stoked fears that the euro zone's fourth-largest economy will be forced to seek a bailout. The HSBC flash China manufacturing purchasing managers index rose to a five-month high in July, driven up by a jump in the output sub-index and signs of an improvement in new export orders that offered some relief to fragile markets.

Asian shares erased earlier losses while oil and copper rose after the Chinese data, pushing the commodity-linked Australian dollar up to \$1.0288 from around \$1.0265. The euro also received a temporary boost before retreating to stand not far from a two-year low against the dollar and a near 12-year low against the yen. The single currency was undermined by Moody's Investors Service changing its ratings outlook to negative for Aaa-rated Germany, the Netherlands and Luxembourg amid Europe's ongoing debt crisis.

"China's PMI data beat market expectations and gave shorts a reason to cover today," said Orient Futures derivatives



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 2 July, 2012.—REUTERS

director Andy Du, referring to buying by short-sellers to realize their gains on earlier bets that markets would fall. It was the first significant Chinese data in the third quarter and

signalled that pro-growth government policies may be gaining traction in the world's second-largest economy. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan edged up 0.2 percent, after spending most of the session in negative territory. It tumbled 2.4 percent on Monday for its biggest one-day drop in about two months.

Japan's Nikkei stock average also steadied after earlier slipping to a six-week low. Brent crude rose 0.8 percent to \$104.03 a barrel and US crude added 0.8 percent to \$88.81, while copper jumped 1.1 percent to \$7,485 per metric ton (1.1023 tons) on China's PMI. "The data gave a slight boost to markets, but whether such effects are sustainable are doubtful as Europe struggles with its problems," said Hiroyuki Kikukawa, general manager at trading company Nihon Unicom.

"Government policies will underpin the Chinese economy over the longer term, but in the short-term, instability in the European situation will keep a drag, especially as Europe is a big export market for China," he said. European stocks were seen mixed and US stock futures were barely changed. Financial spreadbetters called the main indexes in London (FTSE), Paris (FCHI) and Frankfurt (GDAXI) to open between 0.4 percent fall and a 0.3 percent gain. (EU) (L) (N) Hong Kong's stock market (HSI) opened up 0.1 percent after the morning session was cancelled due to Typhoon Vicente.—Reuters

Saw Township keeps itself green



Saw, 24 July—Jointly organized by Saw Township General Administration Department of Gangaw District in Magway Region and Township Forest Department, the rainy season tree growing ceremony took place at the site near Aungtheikdi Pagoda in Minle Village of Saw Township on 12 July.

Before growing the

saplings, Township Administrator U Naing Tun and Staff Officer U Kyaw Win of Forest Department presented 6500 saplings to departmental personnel, social organization members and village people.

The township planted 59000 saplings in the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony.

Myanma Alin

Cash assistance provided to staff members in Mawgyun

Mawlamyinegyun, 24 July—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for outstanding students in the matriculation examination 2011-2012 academic year was held at the hall of Township Information and Public Relations Department in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 11 July.

On behalf of the wellwishers, Head of

Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Thida Aung handed over K 30,000 awarded by Information and Public Relations Department (Head Office) and cash assistance to Ma Khin Thida Myint Aung who passed the matriculation examination with one distinction in economics subject.

Myanma Alin

Dangerous buildings amounts to over 130 in Yangon City

YANGON, 24 July—There are over 130 dangerous buildings in Yangon City's municipal area from 1 January to end of July 2012, said an official of Engineering Department (Building) of Yangon City Development Committee.

A total of 54 buildings were designated as dangerous structures in the municipal area of Yangon City Development Committee.

The YCDC has allowed

demolishing 54 applications for dangerous buildings, designating 19 buildings as dangerous structures, reconstructing 35 buildings and allowing 36 buildings for residence but the latter is designated as dangerous ones.

In 2012-2013 fiscal year, there are 12 dangerous buildings: one in Pabedan, four in Pazundaung Township, three in Latha Township, one in

Kyauktada Township, two in Lanmadaw Township and one in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

In addition to these dangerous-designated buildings, any person may apply their buildings as dangerous structures attached to respective documents to Engineering Department (Building) of Yangon City Development Committee.

Kyemon

CRIME REDUCTION

TALKED: The talks on crime reduction, prevention against trafficking in person and traffic rules was held at the administrative office in Ward 29 of Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township on 6 July. IP Aung Gyi of Thuwunna Police Station gives talks on crime reduction.

MYANMA ALIN



Talks on taxation given to students in Taikkyi

YANGON, 24 July—Taikkyi Township Internal Revenue Department gave talks on taxation to students at seventh and eighth standards at Basic Education High School in Taikkyi on 14 July.

At first, Township

Education Officer U Myint Win gave a speech.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Tin Tin Than explained levying of four kinds of taxes from the tax payers by the department.—Myanma Alin

Literary talks broaden horizon of people in Tiddim

TIDDIM, 24 July—The literary talk was held in Lwebul Ward in Tiddim of Falam District on 17 July.

Writer Ko Targave talks on advantages of reading

and writer Myint Zaw on forests and environmental conservation.

They then replied to queries raised by those present.—Myanma Alin

Facts about taxation clarified in Pyawbwe

PYAWBWE, 24 July—A ceremony to clarify taxation was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 and Panson BEHS No. 2 in Pyawbwe of Mandalay Region on 18 July morning.

At the ceremony, Township Education Officer

U Hla Soe made a speech. Deputy Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Thet Cho explained facts about taxation to the teachers and students.

Later, pamphlets on taxation were distributed to those present.

Myanma Alin



Aids provided to locals of Rakhine State

PYAY, 24 July—A ceremony to donate cash and kind was held at Thiri Mingala Monastery in Hline Guard Street in Hsawdaw region of Pyay on 15 July for providing assistance to the people of Rakhine State who lost property in the recent occurrences.

Pyay dwellers, faculty members and students of Pyay Technological University (Pyay), faculty members of Education College (Pyay) and Pyay University, students and

people from Hsinde Village of Padaung Township and Htonbo Station donated 1193 bags of rice, 17 bags of gram, 25 bags of sugar, 21 containers of edible oil, jiggery and personal goods worth K 5.4 million, totaling over K 30 million.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Zaw Htet and officials presented certificates of honour to wellwishers. Later, they were served with refreshments by Rakhine families.—Myanma Alin



Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Kyauktan

KYAUKTAN, 24 July—Head of Kyauktan Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Ko Ko Naing and staff of Yangon South District issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people in Chaungsauk Village of Yegyaw Village-tract in Kyauktan Township on 15 and 16 July.—Myanma Alin

Issuance of AA alphabet reaches 1190 taxis

YANGON, 24 July—As permanent taxi are being

issued AA number, so far, Directorate of Road Transport have issued to the taxi 1190 from 6 June to 12 July.

"If the number reaches the designated amount, the number plate will start BB and then CC and so on," said an official of the directorate.

AA number starts from AA-0001 and it will finish AA-9999.

The overage cars are being accepted and at present, the alphabet of the number plate reaches "Pa".

According to the statistics of the Directorate of Road Administration up to 12 July, a total of 2265 cars with "Pa" number plate have been handed over and there remain 2135 cars with "Pa" number place. Moreover, military vehicles and civilian vehicles are being accepted as of 12 July.

Kyemon

TAXATION TALKED: The talks on taxation was held at Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kyaukyedwin Village of Phayagon Village-tract in Thanlyin Township on 14 July. Head of Thanlyin Township Internal Revenue Department U Maung Maung Thein explained facts about taxation to students.—MYANMA ALIN



Land utilization course commences in Kalay Township

KALAY, 24 July—The rules for land utilization law was clarified at the hall of Kalay Township General Administration Department in Kalay District of Sagaing Region on 14 July morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Yi made a speech. Head of District Settlement and Land Records

Department U Thein Lwin gave talks on land management laws and Deputy Head of Department U Maung Maung Soe rules for land utilization.

The training course was jointly organized by Township GAD and Settlement and Land Records Department.

Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

Prizes presented to outstanding students and teachers of Yesagyo Township

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and wife Daw Nan Phyu Phyu Aye attended a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who matriculated with flying colours in 2011-2012 academic year at No. 1 BEHS in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region held on 21 July.

Union Minister U Soe Maung made a speech on the occasion. He said that the government is paying serious attention to the emergence of an education system that can create a constant learning society capable of surmounting the challenges of the Knowledge Age and stressed the importance for service personnel to do their bit for the promotion of education, health, economic and social sectors in line with the democratic practices. He called on students and teachers to make continued efforts to become the ones on whom the State can rely.

As the Ministry of Education is providing stipends to outstanding students along with scholarship, students at all education level are to try their utmost to be well-versed in their studies.

Next, the Union minister presented K 1

million for prize presentation of outstanding students in township level and the Union minister's wife and wellwishers presented cash donations.

Afterwards, the Union minister and wife, district/township level departmental officials presented prizes to distinction winning students, students and teachers.

On arrival at Yesagyo No. 1 BEMS (branch), the Union minister heard reports

to the needs.

Later, the Union minister proceeded to the Sasana Beikman construction site in the township and looked into works being carried out.

On arrival at Daw Oo Home of the Aged, he heard reports on health and social care for the elder persons and presented foods and other necessities.

After that, the Union minister went on to Local Battalion-3 where he met



Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung cordially greets the aged at Daw Oo Home for the Aged in Yesagyo Township.

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presented by the TEO, the school head on upgrading of the school and attended

with families of the battalion and presented exercise books and stationery for

Successful holding of Waso robe offering ceremony discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—A coordination meeting on successfully holding of Waso robe offering ceremony of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at the hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, here, at 2 pm today, with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Waso Robe Offering Ceremony Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Chairman of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, departmental heads of the Ministry of

Religious Affairs, officials of subcommittees and guests.

At first, Union Ministers Thura U Myint Maung and U Thein Nyunt gave instructions on preparations for successfully holding the Waso robe offering ceremony.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay and Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung reported on preparations for holding the ceremony.

Officials of the subcommittees submitted reports on their respective sectors.

After reviewing the reports, Union Minister Thura U Myint Maung urged those present to actively carry out the tasks to be able to successfully organize the Waso robe offering ceremony.—MNA

Regional development tasks supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Htay on 21 July arrived at Thabyesan village, Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, where regional development and poverty alleviation works are being carried out and inspected steps being taken for better transport, agriculture, health and availability of potable water.

In meeting with local people, he clarified matters on collection of data for regional development and poverty alleviation, and works being carried out for successful realization of the tasks.

Similarly, the member of Nay Pyi Taw Council on 22 July visited Aunthiri village and fulfilled the needs of regional development tasks.—MNA

Meetings of investment working group of ASEAN multi-economic cooperation, ASEAN Coordination Committee on Investment continue



NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—The 1st plenary meeting of investment working group of multi-economic cooperation and the 57th meeting of the ASEAN

Coordination Committee on Investment are being held at Hotel Amara here from 23 to 26 July.

The meetings focussed on future plans to be carried

out according to the bylaw of investment working group of multi-economic cooperation in ASEAN countries and tasks to be implemented under the MoU on multipurpose investments in ASEAN countries are being currently taken by representatives from ASEAN countries, officials concerned from ASEAN Secretariat and departmental heads of the ministries of Myanmar.

Myanma Alin

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Locals in Rakhine State continuously provided with cash assistance

YANGON, 24 July—Locals in Rakhine State have lost their houses and property on account of riots that happened in Rakhine State recently. That's why a ceremony to provide cash

and foodstuff for those to relieve their pains was held at Maykhalat Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.



Under the aegis of mother Daw Kyi of Ward 6 of South Okkalapa Township, siblings Daw Hla Hla Sein, U Ashaung, Daw Hla Kyu, U Win Zaw, U Khin Maung Kyaw-Daw Khin Sein and Daw Zin Zin Latt and family donated K 300,000 to Hninzi-gon Home for the Aged through EC Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Rtd) recently.—NLM

At the ceremony, Myanmar Tamil-Hindu Foundation (Central) in Yangon donated K 4,510,000, in memory of late U Tin Shwe, Daw Kyi Kyi and son Ko Lwin Maw and family of Maubin K 50,000, Ko Soe Min Kyaw+Ma Htet Htet Tun of Mann Ayeya farm equipment trading family K 50,000, PyinOoLwin Township FSD K 25,000. Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department and officials accepted the donations.

The donations have amounted to K 307,576,073 so far.

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Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Shwegu

SHWEGU, 24 July—The collective tree growing ceremony was held in Tawpon Village-tract of Shwegu Township in Bhamo

District on 3 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi and staff, Head of Township Forest Department

Pyithu Hluttaw session...

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Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Myint Zaw replied to question of U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency about resources for electricity generation and question of U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency about what measures would be taken to displace people due to Thattay Hydropower Project.

Regarding the first question, the deputy minister replied that there are 19 hydropower plants, 1 coal-fired power plant under the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) and 15 natural gas and boiler power plants, installed with total capacity of 3494.9 megawatts and generated

10338.08 kilowatt hours in 201-2012 fiscal year and distributed to the national grid. Upon completion of ongoing projects namely Chipwenge, Phyu Creek, Thaukyekhak (2) Bilu Creek (3), Upper Bilu Creek (2) and Upper Paunglaung from 2012-2013 fiscal year to 2014-2015 fiscal year, 2383.7 kilowatt hours electricity could be produced, installed with 520 megawatts capacity in total.

The deputy minister continued to say that Anchaung, Thattay, Upper Kengtawng, Upper Yeywa and Shweli-3 projects would produce 1502 megawatt and 5527 KWH upon completion from 2016-2017 to 2020-2021.

To fulfill electricity demand on a temporary basis, six gas power plants in Yangon will be upgraded. Major repair will be carried out at Ywama gas power plant. Upon completion of repair, it would produce more 110 megawatt.

The ministry is in negotiation with China-based Hydrolancang Co Ltd to establish 543-megawatt gas power plant, with Korea-based Busan Korea Biotechnology to establish 500-megawatt gas power plant, with Thailand-based Toyo Thai Co to build 100-megawatt gas power plant in Insein, and with Thai EGAT Co to urgently build

one 110-megawatt gas power plant. Regarding the second question, the deputy minister said village relocation plan was drafted by district and township authorities and departmental personnel under leadership of Thandwe District Peace and Development Council in April, 2009. Reclamation of farmlands, electrification and repair of village roads will be carried out coming open season in coordination with project and local authorities. School bus will ply daily for school children.

Daw Dwe Bu of N'Jiangyan Constituency, Daw Zatalan of Thantlang Constituency, U Aye of Homalin Constituency and U Shi Thee of Leshi Constituency discussed the proposal for prescribing legislation safeguarding rights of ethnic people submitted by U T Khun Myat of Kutkai Constituency. They discussed the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should be in a rush to prescribe the law and rules to safeguard the rights of ethnic races. Suggestions and comments from region and state government members, region and state Hluttaw speakers and representatives, national race affairs minister, members of ethnic literature and culture committee, ethnic leaders, local people and armed national people under ceasefire agreement as well as armed groups which are yet to agree ceasefire.

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acquired permissions for the lands which are not vacant or fallow lands with recommendations of officials at each level and removed farmers by bringing them to the courts.

The least possible area of farmlands with least possible risk to farming or vacant and virgin lands should be confiscated. Investigations should be launched whether the lands were confiscated fairly. The issue should be tackled fairly not to hurt the farmers.

The proposal should be approved as the legislation is a sine qua none in democratic reform of the country and it plays a key role in lasting democracy in Myanmar. The legislation will ensure equitable rights for all races in Myanmar for making the united country for ever a reality. It is a genuine goodwill of the government which extended a border affairs ministry to bring about equitable development to the hilly regions where the national people lived. The drafting of the law will contribute to the pursuit of the eternal peace. The lawmakers will further discuss the proposals in next coming



U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No (6) participates in discussion.—MNA



U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency makes discussion.—MNA

The session was concluded at 3.40 pm today.

The sixth day session is held on 25 July.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency raises query.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw replies to questions.—MNA

sessions. At today's session three questions were answered and one proposal submitted.

The session concluded at noon and it will continue for 14th day at 10 am on 25 July.—MNA

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In so doing, there does not need to enact a particular law as it is the special invitation of the President, but related works are in systematic operation in line with rules and procedures of the entrance visa.

So, it will not need to promulgate a law as such works are being carried out in line with accurate and firm principles enabling Myanmar expats come back home at the invitation of the President without delay. Myanmar expats only need to follow the procedures if wishing to come back home.

Regarding the third question, the deputy minister replied that out of the three border gates to neighbor Thailand, only Kawthoung-Ranong gate is open under the cross-border agreement of the two countries. Agreements have not been reached for opening of other two gates—Mawtaung and Htikhi. It will need the coordination between the two countries to open border trade camp and border gate in Mawtaung as it is not in the agreement.

If the two countries reach an agreement, the Ministry of

Immigration and Population would assign its staff there to handle related works, to issue border pass and temporary border pass.

To undertake roadworks on Myeik-Mawtaung road with BOT system, Yuzana Co has signed agreement with the Public Works to carry out roadworks on 50 miles and five furlongs long Myeik-Taninthayi road section and 69 miles long Taninthayi-Thaebu-Mawtaung road section. Roadworks on those road sections are planned to start in open season this year.

Taninthayi Region government has made field trip to Mawtaung to check its requirements for opening of Mawtaung border gate and ensure long-term smooth transportation. It would put the works into operation after the monsoon.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Aung Than Oo replied to the question of U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency (3) about if there is any plan to construct Taunggyi power station and the question of U Pe Thauang of Kachin State Constituency (6) about if there is any plan to supply



Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein puts forward proposal.—MNA

power to Indawgyi region from Hsedawgyi national grid for supplying electricity to local people in Indawgyi region.

Regarding the first question, the deputy minister replied that 132/66KV 60MVA power station and 44 miles long Taunggyi-Hshiseng 66 KV power line have been projected in five-year plan so as to start the construction in 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Upon completion of power line and power station projects, Taunggyi District and surrounding regions would have full access to electricity and the surplus



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe submits proposal.—MNA

would be supplied to districts and townships in Shan State (North) through 66KV power line.

So, the two facilities would be implemented depending on the funds allocation of the Union government.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that construction of 66/11KV (5) MVA power station was completed in Mohnyin Township on 23-4-2012. It was first intended to increase electricity supply to Mohnyin and surrounding regions. But later it was found that it would result in low voltage and

the electricity from Namhmon power station by forming village electricity supply committee and construct related facilities on self-reliant basis. The ministry would permit it within the framework and provide technical support.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe submitted disaster management bill to the Hluttaw for discussion. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and MPs wishing to discuss the bill are enlist by 27 July, announced the Hluttaw.

Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein submitted profession and capacity building bill to the Hluttaw. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and MPs wishing to discuss the bill are enlist by 27 July, announced the Hluttaw.

The session came to an end at 10.50 and the 14th day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

Five questions were answered and two bills put forward at today's session.

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Union Information, Culture Minister visits ancient Srikestra Pyu city in Pyay

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan, accompanied by Bago Region Development Affairs Minister U Ye Myint Tun and officials, yesterday inspected excavation and preservation of ancient Srikestra Pyu city in Pyay, the widest ancient city excavated in Southeast Asia with the eight miles long city wall.

The Union Minister inspected preservation of Lulin Kyaw Gate, urns and excavation records at hillock No. 53, maintenance of Bawbawgyi Pagoda, one of Srikestra pagodas built by King Duttapaung between 4 AD and 9 AD, and Lemyethna Pagoda, the only temple of Srikestra era with four arches, Bebegyi Pagoda, Rahanda Temple, Rahanda Myowin Gate, the city wall, and stone pillars designating the area of the ancient zone.

Then, the Union Minister viewed

systematically and extend research works with technical and financial aids from international organizations. He called for showcasing original works and renovated works separately in explicit manners and for educating and organizing the local people to do their bits in preservation of ancient cultural heritages. He then met local people and urged them to cherish and preserve cultural heritages.

The Union Minister then proceeded to Srikestra Museum where he viewed such cultural heritages of Pyu era as gravel thrones, stone pillars with Buddha Images, earthen pots and nails of Pyu era, urns, bronze figures of Pyu era, stone carvings, stone pots, baked sculptures.

On arrival at Archaeological Technological Training School (Pyay), he heard report on organizational structure of Pyu division and the training school,



Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan inspects Srikestra Museum.—MNA

excavation of inner palace hillock of the ancient city, preservation of unearthed brick structures and exploration of historical evidences.

The Union Minister said that ancient cultural regions attract keen interest from archaeologists, researchers and tourists. He highlighted the need to preserve the sites

excavation of ancient cultural heritages, museum exhibition, and courses and research works conducted by the school submitted by Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department.

U Win Kyaing, principle of the training school, reported the minister on courses and

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives British Parliamentarians



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Ms Linda Duffield of London-based Westminster Foundation for Democracy.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation comprising British Parliamentarians led by Ms Linda Duffield of London-based Westminster Foundation for Democracy at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall I-1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 3 pm today.

At the call, they discussed promoting of bilateral ties between the two countries and parliamentary affairs.

Present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker were

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Affairs Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat, Secretary of Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe and Secretary of Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin. Ms Linda Duffield of Westminster Foundation for Democracy was accompanied by four Mps of British Parliament and responsible persons from the British embassy.

MNA

subjects offered by the school, and attempt to put three ancient cities of Vishnu, Hanlin and Srikestra on World Cultural Heritage list.

The Union Minister recognized hardwork of staff of both the Pyay division and the school in research works, exploration of cultural heritages of ancient Srikestra city and maintenance of museum.

He underscored that ancient Srikestra Pyu city would contribute much to research works on the history of both the nation and the human beings. Exploration tasks have been carried only by a few percent, he said, citing technical, human resource and financial needs to unearth the ancient city.

He underlined the need of cooperation from international organizations including

UNESCO and interested entrepreneurs at home. He called on the staff to prepare for upgrading the ancient city site to Archaeological Park or Historical Park in each particular area, pinning immense hope for success of such projects on proficiency and goodwill of the staff. Excavation and museum display might be continued to be carried out with HR, technical and financial aids, he said.

The Union Minister showed his ambition to upgrade the training school from the status of diploma school to the university that could offer post-graduate and doctorate courses. He reiterated the importance of hard work of officials and the staff in making these things into reality.—MNA

1st Myanmar Mining and Minerals Summit held



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik addresses at 1st Myanmar Mining and Minerals Summit at Sedona Hotel.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Local and foreign investments will contribute to creation of job opportunities for the people, development of socio-economic life of the people and industrializing the country; moreover, systematic processes are to be carried out for development of natural

resources; the Ministry of Mines is implementing policies of the State in the mineral sector in line with the laws, rules and procedures; the State owns all of above ground and underground and water resources in accordance with the constitution; and as the new Myanmar investment

law will be promulgated soon for investors from international community, they will have the opportunity to carry out the tasks in mining sector with transparency, accountability and security, said Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik at the 1st Myanmar Mining and Minerals Summit at Sedona Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Myanmar is trying to join the market policy of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by utilizing and manufacturing the resources, he said. In addition, he urged investors to put their investments from various countries in Myanmar. Thanks to the summit, he expressed his expectation on participation of investors in mining sector of the nation, putting of investment in Myanmar and undertakings of mutual cooperation. Later, he invited the interested persons to hold discussions in detail.

The summit was attended by about 250 scholars, entrepreneurs and interested persons from international and foreign countries and about 50 local entrepreneurs totalling about 300 in addition to departmental officials.—MNA

Drive safely

DISTRICT NEWS

MLF invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Model plot of Palethwe paddy harvested in Yamethin Township



PYAWBWE, 24 July—Pyawbwe Township Agriculture Department organized the harvesting of Palethwe hybrid paddy in Thitseinbin Village of the township on 14 July.

At first, Head of Mandalay Region Agriculture Department U Hla

Myint Aung explained 14-point good agricultural pattern for boosting production of paddy.

After that, the 10-acre Palethwe paddy plantation of farmer U Kyaw Win was harvested in Thitseinbin

Village in Chaungmagyi Village-tract. The harvesting works were observed by the head of Mandalay Region Agriculture Department, Deputy Commissioner of Yamethin District General Administration Department U Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Head of District Agriculture Department U Ye Maung, Township Administrator U Kyaw Aung Hsan, members of the agricultural promotion committee of the township and local farmers.

The model plot produced 171.68 baskets per acre in dry status.

Myanma Alin

Citizenship cards issued to eligible citizens in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 24 July—Hlinethaya Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Yangon Region carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration at the administrative office in Ward

19 of Shwepyitha Township on 6 July in line with Moe Pwint-3 Plan.

The staff of the department issued citizenship cards to 75 local people and household registration to the people free of charge.

Myanma Alin

Taxation clarified at basic education schools in Minhla Township

MINHLA, 24 July—Jointly organized by Minhla Township Internal Revenue Department of Bago Region and Minhla Township Education Office, the talk on knowledge about taxation was held at Basic Education High School Branch in Seinkantlant Village on 14 July morning and at Basic Education Middle School in Thayettabin Village in the

afternoon.

At the talk, Head of Minhla Township Internal Revenue Department U Thein Win explained taxation system of Myanmar, purpose of levying taxes, emergence of taxation system, responsibility of all citizens to pay taxes, commercial tax, income tax, stamp tax and Aungbale lottery tax.

Myanma Alin

Agricultural equipment provided to farmers in Yekyi

YEKYI, 24 July—Yekyi Paddy Trading Co Ltd of Max Myanmar Group of Companies provided agricultural loans, inputs and agricultural equipment to farmers at Yekyi Hall in Yekyi Township of Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region on 12 July morning.

At the ceremony, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung

delivered an address. Chairman of Max Myanmar Group of Companies and Ayeyawady Foundation U Zaw Zaw and Chairman of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Chit Khaing explained the purpose of providing assistance to the farmers.

After that, gifts were presented to 10 farmers who repaid their loans to the company in 2011-2012.

Next, U Zaw Zaw of Max Myanmar Group of Companies presented inputs worth K1500 million to farmers of Kywetatin Village through U Tin Maung Myint.

Myanma Alin

Take DHF preventive measures

Outstanding students honoured in Momauk

MOMAUK, 24 July—At Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Momauk Township of Bhamo District in Kachin State, a ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination in 2012 academic year was held on 16 July morning.

At the ceremony,

Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing made a speech. Township Education Officer Daw Malan Rwe spoke words of honour.

After that, the township administrator presented certificates of honour to 46 students who passed the matriculation exam with flying colours and cash awards to them.—Myanma Alin

Monsoon tree growing ceremony organized in Thabaung Township



THABAUNG, 24 July—Under the leadership of Thabaung Township Forest Department of Ayeyawady Region, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Basic Education Middle School in Kyetthunkwin Village of Thabaung Township of Ayeyawady Region on 7 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Aung and Staff Officer of

Township Forest Department U Maung Maung Soe explained advantages of growing trees.

Assistant Director U Thein Zaw Win of Patheingyi District Forest Department and staff, the township administrator and departmental officials, members of social organizations, teachers and students planted 350 saplings on the occasion.

Myanma Alin

Cash assistance provided to offspring of staff

YANGON, 24 July—A ceremony to present cash assistance to offspring of staff from Dagon Myothit (East) Township General Administration Department was held at its office on 16

July.

At the ceremony, Administrator of the township U Thit Lwin presented K105,500 as cash assistance to offspring of staff.—Myanma Alin

Efforts made for greening environs of school



THANATPIN, 24 July—The tree growing ceremony was held in front of Basic Education High School and its environs in Thanatpin of Bago Region on 8 July morning.

Headmaster U Hla Soe and teachers, students, Forester U Thein Shwe of Bago Township and staff grew over 280 saplings of shade and flowery plants.

Myanma Alin

Traffic rules talked in Pyinmana

PYINMANA, 24 July—The talks on traffic rules were held at Basic Education Primary School No 3 (Mingala) of Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 20 July morning.

IP Win Myint of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force talked about rules for pedestrians, rules for drivers and road signs.

Headmaster U Bo Htwe of BEPS No 3, teachers and students attended the talks and asked they want to know.

Myanma Alin

Fingerlings hatched at camp on test in Sittway

SITTWAY, 24 July—Seawater fry shrimps are being hatched successfully at the hatching camp in Yecganbyin of Sittway Township in Rakhine State.

Indeed, the hatching of fry shrimp is to be carried out in cold season. In the rainy season, the camp tests hatching of fresh water fry shrimps.

Rakhine State Minister

for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Kyaw Thein inspected hatching of fresh water carps on 9 July afternoon.

Head of Fisheries Department U Soe Myint reported on matters related to hatching of fish.

Later, the State Minister viewed fingerlings at the hatching tanks.

Myanma Alin



Double-decker London bus reborn as athletic Czech art

PRAGUE, 24 July—A Czech artist has re-modelled a traditional London double-decker bus into a mechanical sculpture of an athlete doing push-ups to celebrate the Olympic Games opening in the British capital on Friday.

David Cerny, whose past works have enraged European politicians and sought to poke fun at rival artists, has installed the bus outside the Czech Olympic House in London's Islington neighbourhood.

Cerny bought the 1957 bus from an owner in the Netherlands, attached two huge arms, an electrical engine and a lot of wiring and suspension tools to make it into a piece of art named

"London Boosted".

The mechanisms inside make the 6-tonne bus move up and down on bright red arms, raising the chassis into various angles, accompanied by recordings of a groaning voice and video projections in the windows.

"There is one common exercise for every sportsman in the world, and that is push-ups," Cerny said.

"It is training for sport activities but at the same time it is also punishment in armies and prisons. So the push-ups are a very universal physical activity...It is in a way very ironic."

In 2009, Cerny revealed a huge puzzle-like object, called "Entropa", in an EU building

in Brussels that pictured European countries in unflattering ways, making a dramatic start to the Czech Republic's EU presidency.

Bulgaria protested for being shown as a squat toilet, Germany was a Swastika-like web of highways, including moving cars, France was covered by an "On Strike" banner and Britain was missing altogether.

In the Czech Republic, he once painted pink a Soviet tank, which was serving as a monument of the 1945 liberation of Prague. His "Shark", was a statue of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein floating in formaldehyde. It was meant to poke fun at British artist



A London bus that has been transformed into a robotic sculpture by Czech artist David Cerny is assembled in front of the Czech Olympic headquarters in London on 22 July, 2012. —REUTERS

Damien Hirst's embalmed shark, and was banned from exhibitions in Belgium and Poland.

Cerny once also put up large replicas of guns and posters in London back in the 1990s, calling on people to observe a "Day of Killing" to control population growth, as

part of an art fair.

In that context, the London bus seems uncontroversial.

"We will see how long the athlete can work out for," Cerny said. "Let's hope he will exercise for the full three weeks. He will be the biggest sportsman there." —Reuters

Shark kills surfer off France's Reunion island

SAINT-DENIS EN REUNION, 24 July—A shark mauled a surfer to death on Monday in an attack off the coast of France's Indian Ocean island of Reunion, emergency services said.

The 21-year-old surfer, a resident of Reunion, died after the shark bit through his leg some 100 m (330 feet) from shore at one of the island's most popular surfing spots.

Fellow surfers hauled the victim to the beach and emergency services unsuccessfully tried to revive him for more than hour, according to witnesses speaking on local radio station Freedom.

Two other fatal shark attacks off the island killed surfers in June and September of 2011, prompting local authorities to step up monitoring. Monday's attack occurred an hour after monitoring at the beach in question had ended, officials said.

Shark attacks have been on the rise in the Indian Ocean, especially in Australia. Surfers are frequently the victims.

Reuters



A worker walks through The Tanks, new galleries within the Tate Modern art gallery in London on 16 July, 2012. REUTERS

Telling tales in Tate Modern's huge Turbine Hall

LONDON, 24 July—Visitors to London's Tate Modern gallery this Summer may find themselves holding a conversation with a complete stranger in a cavernous hall as part of a piece of art. They could perhaps be invited to listen to someone's holiday experiences or be encouraged to join in a running or singing game.

By doing so, the visitors will become part of the gallery's live art exhibition "These Associations" by British-German artist Tino Sehgal.

The exhibition, which runs until 28 October, is part of the Unilever Series hosted at the Tate Modern each year which has seen artists like Olafur Eliasson, Rachel Whiteread and Carsten Höller create huge pieces of art that have filled the Turbine Hall and drawn millions of visitors to the gallery each year. Sehgal said the idea for this work was influenced by the vast space at the Tate Modern and the idea of being an individual in a collective.

"It's a place that is made for visitors or audiences to gather which is very unusual, for a museum space," he told Reuters. "Normally, you're supposed to not gather but walk around and look at the art politely."

The 70 or so participants engage in a variety of sequences to create movement, sound and conversation including singing, or running full speed down the hall, as well as speaking to the public. Curator Jessica Morgan said the public response has been positive so far.

"I think they are completely fascinated," she said. "I think many people come to the Tate, expecting this type of experience. They're looking for an encounter that perhaps is quite different to the encounter that they might have at the National Gallery." "Many people are joining in... there's quite a movement around the space and many of the people who encounter it are completely taken over with this type of almost 'ebb and flow' in the gallery space and join in."

The commission follows the Tate Modern's opening of its first dedicated space to live art and installations, The Tanks, which it hopes will allow the gallery to expand its programming. —Reuters

Man jumps off Tower Bridge in Olympic taxi protest

LONDON, 24 July—A man jumped off London's historic Tower Bridge into the River Thames on Monday during a protest by taxi drivers over their exclusion from part of a special Olympic Games road network in the capital and survived.

Police pulled him from the water under the landmark bridge, from which Olympic

rings were suspended to celebrate the 2012 London Games, and arrested him on a public order offence.

The man, who has not been named, had been taking part in a protest by London taxi drivers over a decision to keep them off part of a road network reserved for Olympic athletes.

The drivers are worried

that they will be stuck in congestion and will lose money during the Games.

Tower Bridge, which was opened by the Prince of Wales in 1894, is a suspension and bascule bridge designed to allow tall ships to sail through. It is next to the Tower of London from which it takes its name.

Reuters

Bill Gates says much more work needed to turn tide of AIDS

WASHINGTON, 24 July—Philanthropist and AIDS prevention advocate Bill Gates said on Monday there had been significant advances in the fight against HIV/AIDS, but he was not ready to say the world was "turning the tide" on the disease, the theme of this week's International AIDS Conference.

Gates said the trajectory of the disease had certainly improved, noting figures the United Nations released last week showing global AIDS deaths last year fell to 1.7 million, down from 1.8 million

in 2010.

But that still means far too many people are dying from AIDS, the multibillionaire co-founder of Microsoft Corp (MSFT O) told Reuters in an interview at his offices in Washington, the host city of this year's AIDS conference.

"Is the end clearly in sight? No. Do we have the tools that will bring about the end? No," said Gates.

He said wealthy nations, which have been the primary engine for funding the research and the delivery of

life-saving drugs to 8 million poor people, faced financial challenges that threatened AIDS funding.

If anything, now is the time to make sure AIDS remains a funding priority "despite the toughness that is out there," he said.

According to the UN report, funding for HIV prevention and treatment totaled \$16.8 billion last year, with \$8.2 billion coming from wealthy international sources, including the United States, which donated nearly half of it.



Bill Gates, co-chairman and co-founder of the The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, speaks at the international AIDS 2012 conference in Washington on 23 July, 2012. —REUTERS

But poor and middle-income countries are shouldering more of the HIV burden, spending \$8.6 billion last year, surpassing the contributions of affluent donor nations for the first time.

Reuters



Eloy Pacheco, a tuberculosis patient, ingests a medicine from a free treatment at a medical post in the outskirts of Lima on 10 November, 2011. —REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 24 July—A new combination of three drugs killed 99 percent of patients' tuberculosis bacteria in two weeks, raising hope for a new weapon against increasingly resistant forms

Study raises hope for new drugs for resistant TB

of TB. The midstage study, presented on Monday at the International AIDS Conference in Washington, needs to be confirmed in larger and longer trials. Scientists say the drug cocktail could speed treatment and help reduce the emergence of resistant forms of tuberculosis.

"TB is the largest killer of AIDS patients, and so in order to contain the AIDS epidemic, we have to contain TB to a much greater extent," said Dr Mel Spiegelman, chief executive officer of the TB Alliance, a non-profit research group that conducted the

study, which was published in the *Lancet*.

The combination of drugs includes one existing TB drug, pyrazinamide, a repurposed antibiotic from Bayer AG called moxifloxacin that is now used off-label for patients with drug-resistant TB, and a new drug called PA-824 being developed by the New York-based TB Alliance.

What the combination lacks are any drugs in the class called rifamycins, which pose the greatest threat of side effects for patients who also are being treated for

infections with HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS. "The results of this clinical trial give us the first indication that a new TB drug regimen — a combination of drugs — could be more effective than any of the existing TB drug regimens," Spiegelman said.

He said the combination is especially promising because it could be used to treat patients with both treatment-sensitive TB and TB strains that are resistant to two or more of the common drugs, known as multiple-drug resistant TB. —Reuters

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Severe typhoon hits Hong Kong and south China

HONG KONG, 25 July—Hong Kong raised its highest tropical cyclone warning on Tuesday as an intensifying severe typhoon edged closer towards the financial hub, grounding flights and forcing the port to close.

Financial markets, schools, businesses and non-essential government services close when any No 8 or above signal is hoisted, posing a disruption to business in the capitalist hub and former British colony that returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

The Hong Kong observatory said it expected the No 10 signal to remain in force overnight, meaning markets could be shut down in the morning.

Separately, China's National Meteorological Center issued an orange alert for Typhoon Vicente, the second highest warning level in China's four-tier typhoon warning system, state media reported.

Strengthening gale force winds overturned trees, churned up huge waves in Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour and sent debris flying, injuring some 30 people as Vicente edged closer to the city and the western reaches of China's Guangdong Province.

Twelve flights were cancelled and over 200 delayed late on Monday evening in Hong Kong, aviation authorities said.

"Vicente has intensified abruptly into a severe typhoon," said Wong Wing-tak, a senior Hong Kong observatory official.

Reuters



Firemen try to remove a broken tree which hit a car, in which the driver left safely, during a typhoon in Hong Kong's rural Taiipo district on 23 July, 2012.

REUTERS

Car plunges into river after wash

Workers at a New Jersey car wash said a woman hit the wrong pedal while exiting the business and plunged into a river.

John Goetz, 40, of Teaneck, an employee at the Spotless Auto Laundry in Hackensack, said the elderly woman apparently hit the accelerator pedal when her wash was completed on 22 July and her car drove into the Hackensack River, *The Record*, Hackensack,

reported on Monday.

Goez and a customer, Jay Orsino of River Edge, jumped into the water and rescued the woman from her car.

"I kept telling her, 'Don't worry, we're going to get you out of here,'" Goez said. "We couldn't open the door because of the water pressure," Goez said. "Thank God, the window was half open. We got her through the window."

The woman was taken to



A car is pulled from a river in St Louis.

Hackensack University Medical Center.

Firefighters said they

tethered the car to the shore and helped a tow truck pull it from the water.

Navy blamed for garage door problems

A spokesman for a Connecticut Naval base said a communication system may be behind malfunctioning garage doors in nearby neighbourhoods.

Sondra Tuchman, who said her garage door opener recently stopped working consistently, said she spoke with about 50 neighbours in Montville and they all had similar complaints about their garage doors, *The Day of New London*, Conn, reported on Monday.

Tuchman said a salesman for Overhead Door Company told her similar complaints had been received from customers in Groton, New London, Waterford, Montville and Gales Ferry. He said the company investigated and found the equipment was not defective.

Chris Zendan, a spokesman for the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, said a radio communications system installed in July 2011 may be to blame for the garage

door problems. He said radio frequencies between 380 and 399.9 megahertz are reserved for the Department of Defence, but some garage door openers legally operate on low power at the same frequencies.

"In response to the increased needs of homeland security, the Department of Defence now must make more use of these frequencies to deploy new mobile radio systems on and around certain military bases," the Federal Communications Commission

said in a public notice. "Some consumers near these bases may experience interference to their garage door openers that can reduce operating range or cause the remote control to cease functioning."

Officials said they can't alter the system to fix the problem and a manager at Overhead Door Company said the firm is not responsible for fixing the problem because "it all has to do with homeland security." Tuchman said the company told her it would cost about \$300 to change the frequency of her door opener.

Wedding moved to hospital

A Tennessee woman who had to be hospitalized prior to her wedding said the ceremony was only delayed an hour when she moved the nuptials to the hospital.

Kristine Nepomuceno, who received a kidney transplant in 2009, said she went to the emergency room at St Thomas Hospital in Nashville for health problems on Friday night and hoped she would be out in time for her 3 pm wedding the following day, WSMV-TV, Nashville, reported on Friday.

"I couldn't get up out of bed and walk by myself so I wanted to go to the ER to see what they could do," she said.

Nepomuceno said she was heartbroken when doctors told her she wouldn't be out in time, but she perked up at the suggestion of moving the wedding.

"The people at St Thomas

told me there was a chapel on-site and that I would be more than welcome to use it," she explained. "So we just moved everyone from the church across the street to the hospital."

Nepomuceno said she rolled down the aisle in a wheelchair only about an hour behind schedule.

"I just came here as a regular patient, and I'm walking out as a princess," she said. "I'm having my fairy-tale wedding even though I'm in a wheelchair."

The bride said she was further delighted to share the day with her maid of honour, who donated her kidney to her in 2009.

"She's one of my best friends and she donated her kidney to me," Nepomuceno said. "If it weren't for her selfless act I wouldn't be here today."

News Album

Cybill Shepherd to wed Andrei Nikolajevic

NEW YORK, 24 July—Actress Cybill Shepherd confirmed to the *New York Daily News* she has accepted the marriage proposal of her beau Andrei Nikolajevic.

"He was a jeweler. Now, he's a psychologist," Shepherd told the newspaper. "He's Serbian." Shepherd, 62, is known for her roles on TV's "The Client List," "Cybill" and "Moonlighting," as well as in

the films "Taxi Driver" and "The Last Picture Show." She was previously married and divorced twice, and is the mother of three adult children.

Shepherd told the *Daily News* Nikolajevic asked her to marry him several weeks ago in New York City.

"It was very romantic and on one knee," the actress and former model said. "I never thought I'd get married again."

She did not say how long she has known Nikolajevic or when she plans to marry him.

Internet

Actress Cybill Shepherd



Roger Waters completes 'The Wall' N American tour

NEW YORK, 24 July—Roger Waters has wrapped up his North American concert tour of "The Wall" at The Plains of Abraham in Quebec City, Columbia Records said.

About 75,000 fans caught Saturday's show. Waters wrote "The Wall" and first recorded it with Pink Floyd in 1979. It has sold more than 23 million albums to date. The band subsequently brought "The Wall" on tour, performing 28 shows in 1980, and the album was adapted into a feature film in 1982.

Waters updated his "The Wall" tour in 2010 to take advantage of advances in technology and has since performed the show 160 times in 27 countries.

The 2012 North American

tour included nine outdoor stadium performances, including New York's Yankee Stadium, Boston's Fenway Park, and Chicago's Wrigley Field. "Forty years ago, we couldn't have filled the space in a way that would have been emotionally, musically and theatrically satisfying. Technology has changed. Now we can," Waters said in a statement.—Internet



Roger Waters performs in concert at Yankee Stadium in New York on 6 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Cameras ready to roll on 'Defiance'

NEW YORK, 24 July—Syfy says it plans to start shooting its new show "Defiance," starring Grant Bowler and Julie Benz, in Toronto this week.

A pilot for the series was taped in the spring. Production on the rest of the first season is scheduled to start on Tuesday. The show will also star Stephanie Leonidas, Tony

Curran, Jaime Murray, Graham Greene, Mia Kirshner and Fionnula Flanagan.

"An unprecedented partnership between Syfy and Trion Worlds, 'Defiance' is the first-ever convergence of television and Massive Multiplayer Online gaming, featuring an interconnected world and story-lines that will co-exist throughout a scripted

drama series and a multi-platform MMO shooter," a synopsis said.

Both the series and the game are to debut simultaneously in April.

The action takes place in the near future as seven unique alien races arrive on Earth and natives and newcomers must learn to co-exist peacefully.

Internet



Actress Julie Benz and Rich Orosco

Katherine Jackson safe with family

LOS ANGELES, 24 July—Katherine Jackson, whose nephew reported her missing last week, is safe and staying with family, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department told E! News.

Jackson, 82, has been raising the three young children of her son, pop music icon Michael Jackson, who died in 2009.

A man identified as her nephew Trent reported her missing, saying she had not been heard from in a week. Michael's 14-year-old daughter Paris echoed the claim in a Twitter posting.

The LA Sheriff's Department told E! News



Paris Jackson listens at her grandmother Katherine Jackson speaks during a ceremony honouring Michael Jackson in Los Angeles. INTERNET

investigators know Katherine is safe with members of her family, but are still talking to relatives to see why there are differing accounts regarding her whereabouts.

"Let me put to bed today's nonsense: as I made clear some days ago, Mother is safe and well in Arizona with her daughter and our sister, Rebbie, resting up on doctor's advice, so it is beyond me how she can be reported 'missing,'" Jermaine Jackson, Katherine's son, said during the weekend on Twitter.—Internet

Mariah Carey hired as new 'Idol' judge

LOS ANGELES, 24 July—Fox says pop singer Mariah Carey will fill one of the vacancies left by outgoing judges Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler on "American Idol." *The Hollywood Reporter* said Fox Entertainment President Kevin Reilly made the announcement on Monday during a Press conference in Los Angeles.

"We do, in fact, have one judge whose deal closed very recently," Reilly said. "It's an artist that many contestants have tried to emulate. Because it really was concluded only hours ago, our new judge couldn't be with us."

"I am so excited to be joining 'Idol,'" Carey told reporters by speakerphone. "I can't wait to get started."

Randy Jackson said last



Pop singer Mariah Carey week on "The View" he would be back again as judge on Season 12 of "Idol." There is no word on who the third judge might be.

Internet



US actor Nick Stahl

Missing actor Nick Stahl resurfaces

LOS ANGELES, 24 July—US actor Nick Stahl, who is battling an addiction to drugs, has reconciled with his family and is in treatment, TMZ reported.

Stahl's wife Rose told police in Los Angeles the "In the Bedroom," "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" and "Sin City" star had gone missing twice since May.

But TMZ said the 32-year-old actor is now "in a good place," working to stay sober and in constant communication with his family, although he has not moved back home with his wife and their pre-school-age daughter.

Rose Stahl posted on Twitter a photo of herself smiling alongside the actor on Sunday.—Internet

Golf-World rankings

LONDON, 24 July — World rankings on Monday (US unless stated, last week's positions in brackets):

1. (1) Luke Donald (England) 9.81 average points
2. (4) Tiger Woods 8.45
3. (2) Rory McIlroy (Northern Ireland) 8.41
4. (3) Lee Westwood (England) 7.89
5. (5) Webb Simpson 6.47
6. (13) Adam Scott (Australia) 6.27
7. (6) Bubba Watson 6.23
8. (7) Jason Dufner 5.87
9. (8) Matt Kuchar 5.75
10. (9) Justin Rose (England) 5.47
11. (12) Graeme McDowell (Northern Ireland) 5.38
12. (11) Zach Johnson 5.31
13. (10) Hunter Mahan 5.26
14. (14) Steve Stricker 4.90
15. (40) Ernie Els (South Africa) 4.81
16. (17) Dustin Johnson 4.71
17. (16) Phil Mickelson 4.52
18. (15) Martin Kaymer (Germany) 4.50
19. (18) Louis Oosthuizen (South Africa) 4.43
20. (20) Rickie Fowler 4.39 — *Reuters*

International Sports

Villas-Boas blasts 'unprofessional' Modric



Andre Villas-Boas has launched a fresh attack on Luka Modric, pictured in June 2012. — INTERNET

LONDON, 24 July — Andre Villas-Boas has launched a fresh attack on Luka Modric after branding the Tottenham midfielder as unprofessional following his summer revolt. Modric, a target for Real Madrid, is desperate to force through a summer move and has angered Spurs by going on strike. The Croatian has been hit with an £80,000 (\$124,000) fine for refusing to train and missing the club's pre-season tour of America, where they play a friendly against LA Galaxy on Tuesday and the New York Red Bulls on 31 July. And with Spurs refusing to move on their £40 million (\$62 million) asking price, new Tottenham boss Villas-Boas has condemned Modric's stance.

"We understand this

won't drag on too long as it doesn't help Luka or us." Meanwhile, Tottenham have been dealt a further blow after it emerged Scott Parker is set to miss the start of the new season.

Parker is poised to undergo an Achilles injury that will him out for six weeks. He will miss England's friendly with Italy next month and is a major doubt for opening two World Cup qualifiers against Moldova and Ukraine in September. We think there might be a small tear on his Achilles," said Villas-Boas. We are evaluating the situation at the moment — with regards to an operation, which would take four to six weeks to heal. It is a situation that also depends on our ability to have the player in surgery as quickly as possible. That's what we are trying to work on." It's a difficult one because players react differently to different types of surgeon. Scotty prefers to be seen by a Professor Harrison, so we have to wait to see whether we can all get it together as quickly as possible. If that's the case hopefully we will be able to get the Achilles open and see the extent of the injury."

Internet

Mourinho to receive career award from Portuguese reporters



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

LISBON, 24 July — Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho will receive on Friday the

Fernando Soromenho Prestige Award from the Portuguese Association of Sports Journalists (CNID) for his achievements in football.

The 49-year-old will receive the honour at the Pestana Palace Hotel in Lisbon, after which he will address the media at a Press conference. It is the highest award handed out by CNID, which was created in 1967.

Internet



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said on Monday he may have considered signing Didier Drogba, pictured on 22 July, if the striker had opted to remain in the Premier League after he left Chelsea last month.

INTERNET

LONDON, 24 July — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said Monday he may have considered signing Didier Drogba if the striker had opted to remain in the Premier League after he left Chelsea last month.

After eight years at Stamford Bridge, the Ivory Coast star signed for Chinese side Shanghai Shenhua for a reported 200,000 pounds (\$314,000) a week, making him the highest-paid player in China and in the top bracket

Drogba could have been Fergie target

globally.

Ferguson, speaking in Shanghai ahead of a friendly against Drogba's new team on Wednesday, said he may have pursued the 34-year-old if he had decided against going overseas. Asked if he was ever interested in Drogba joining the Red Devils, Ferguson said: "I think that the decision was his anyway because he said he was going to leave Chelsea and not play in the English league — that eliminated everyone. I could have been."

Drogba decided to join his old Chelsea team-mate Nicolas Anelka at Shanghai, saying he wanted a "new challenge" outside of England's top flight. He made an instant impact on his debut in the Chinese Super League,

setting up his team's equaliser in a 1-1 draw away to Guangzhou R&F on Sunday. United and former England defender Rio Ferdinand said Shanghai will face a test of how much they have developed with their new signings when the teams meet.

"I'm looking forward to it. Obviously there's been a lot of excitement and press coverage about Didier and Anelka coming to Shanghai so it's a great game for both clubs," Ferdinand said. "Shanghai gets to see where they are at, and obviously at this stage it's our pre-season and the main focus for us is to get to another stage of fitness and get through the game unscathed by injuries."

Internet

Forlan set for Internacional debut

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 July — Uruguay international striker Diego Forlan is set to make his debut for Brazilian club Internacional against Vasco da Gama on Saturday.

Forlan, who signed a three-year contract with the Porto Alegre outfit earlier this month, was officially registered by Brazil's football

confederation (CBF) on Monday. The 33-year-old began training with his new teammates on Monday. Despite limited preparation, he is eager to play at home against Vasco at the Beira-Rio stadium.

His debut will come six days after former Dutch international Clarence Seedorf played his first game for Rio side Botafogo in its 1-0 loss to Gremio on Sunday. Forlan, the winner of the Golden Ball award at the 2010 World Cup, scored only two goals in 20 matches across all competitions with Inter Milan last season. — *Xinhua*



Uruguay international striker Diego Forlan

Everton's Cahill set for Red Bulls move

LONDON, 24 July — Everton have agreed terms with the New York Red Bulls for the transfer of Australia midfielder Tim Cahill to the Major League Soccer team, the Premier League club said on Monday.

"Tim will move to the Red Bulls for a nominal fee, subject to agreeing personal terms and passing a medical.

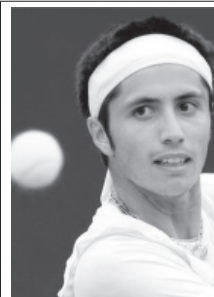
He will travel to the US in the next few days," Everton said on their website

(www.evertonfc.com). British media reported the transfer fee would be about one million pounds (\$1.55 million).

The 32-year-old attacking midfielder scored 68 goals in 278 games for Everton after joining the club from Millwall in 2004. He has also scored 24 goals in 55 games for Australia and played at the last two World Cups in Germany and South Africa. — *Reuters*



Australia's Tim Cahill is fouled by Japan's Keisuke Honda during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Brisbane on 12 June, 2012. — *REUTERS*



Paul Capdeville of Chile

Capdeville holds off Kunitsyn at Farmers Classic

LOS ANGELES, 24 July — Paul Capdeville of Chile nearly wasted a five-point lead in a second-set tiebreaker before holding off Russia's Igor Kunitsyn for a 6-4, 7-6 (5) victory on Monday in the first round of the Farmers Classic.

Capdeville, who earned a match point before Kunitsyn held serve to tie it 6-6, raced out to leads of 5-0 and 6-1 in the tiebreaker before Kunitsyn rallied.

Capdeville will face the winner of a later match between Americans Brian Baker and Rajeev Ram. Baker, who missed almost six seasons because of injuries, has climbed almost 400 places in the ATP rankings to No 79.

American wild card entry Jack Sock was scheduled to face Italy's Flavio Cipolla in the opening night match. Former tournament finalist James Blake will be in action Tuesday and two-time champion Sam Querrey will play on Wednesday.

Internet

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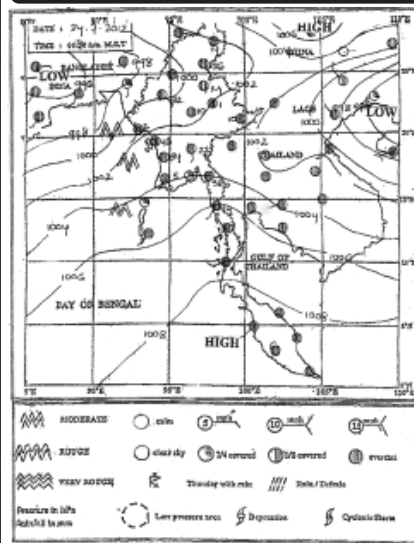
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- 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 4. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am
- 5. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:00 pm
- 6. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 7. Musical Programme
- 4:40 pm
- 8. Song Of National Races
- 5:00 pm
- 9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:20 pm
- 10. Performance With Song
- 5:25 pm
- 11. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm
- 13. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:45 pm
- 14. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Korea NG Award
- 17. TV Drama Series
- 18. Orchestra Concert Myanmar

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 25th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	22/72	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers k	(100%)
4	Chin	19/66	15/59	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
9	Magway	32/90	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	28/82	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	20/68	17/63	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	26/79	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	27/81	22/72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	28/82	23/73	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 fairly widespread in Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Tanintharyi Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region, Chin and Kayah States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwebo (6.26) inches, Kyaukse (5.31) inches, Nyaung-U (5.24) inches, Madaya (4.72) inches, Gwa (4.45) inches, Hkamti (3.54) inches, Patheingyi (3.31) inches, Manung (3.27) inches, Myawady and Taunggyi (3.15) inches each.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Monsoon paddy grown through good agricultural patterns

DAWEI, 24 July—The cultivation of monsoon paddy with the use of dyke system was held at two acres farmlands of farmer U Maung Shin in No 355 field of Peindaw Village-tract in Thayetchaung Township, Dawei District, on 9 July.

It was attended by members of Taninthayi Region, District and Township Agricultural Coordination Committees, township administrator, departmental officials and local farmers of Peindaw, Kayo, Bagyishau, Thayethnakhwa and Oktu village-tracts.

At the ceremony, Head of Region Agriculture Department U Myint Soe explained use of good agricultural patterns. Head of Township Agriculture Department U Zaw Min and staff demonstrated cultivation of paddy.—MYANMA ALIN



TAXATION TALKED: A talk on taxation was held at Pyyinny Beikman at Basic Education High School No 1 in Myeik on 14 July. Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Kyaw Hoe Hlaing explains matters related to taxation.—MYANMA ALIN

Capello gets advice on Russia from Zenit manager



Italian football coach Fabio Capello attends a match of Russia's Premier League between CSKA Moscow and Rostov on 21 July, 2012 in Moscow. Capello received advice on life in Russia from compatriot Luciano Spalletti, who coaches Russia's reigning champions Zenit St Petersburg, local media reported on Monday. — INTERNET

Moscow, 24 July — Russia's new national football coach Fabio Capello received advice on life in Russia from compatriot Luciano Spalletti, who coaches Russia's reigning champions Zenit St Petersburg, local media reported on Monday.

After Sunday's match at the Petrovsky stadium, which Zenit won 2-0 over the visitors Amkar Perm, Capello visited Zenit's dressing room and had a friendly talk with

Spalletti. "Fabio (Capello) is a great figure and a coach with a tremendous experience," Spalletti was quoted as saying.

"He will never develop his outlook relying only on somebody's opinion as his own experience is the most important thing for him."

"In general only few Italians have a clear view of the situation in Russia. That's why I told Fabio some things about life in Russia."

I hope our conversation

will be helpful for him." Spalletti added that he also introduced some of Zenit players to Capello.

"I introduced (Vladimir) Bystrov, who missed Euro 2012 because of an injury and (Alexander) Bukharov, who was also playing for the Russian national squad, to Capello," Spalletti said.

"But first of all he was interested in our video footage. Fabio is also going to travel a lot across Russia watching the league's matches to collect his own impressions about the candidates for the national side."

"I have a similar approach when I start working in a new team. I believe that only what you see with your eyes is really true information."

Russia earlier this month announced it had hired Capello as the new national coach after the squad's bitterly disappointing first round exit from Euro 2012. He is due to sign his contract on Wednesday, officials have said.

Internet

Four-time Olympian Venus eyes Rio 2016

LONDON, 24 July—Venus Williams may be about to become the first American tennis star to feature in four Olympics, but she intends to keep playing until the 2016 Rio Games when she will be 36.

Williams, the singles gold medallist at Sydney in 2000, and doubles winner with sister Serena in 2000 and 2008 in Beijing, has no intention of calling it quits despite her world ranking having slumped to 69.

"I'm aiming for 2016. Serena and I both want to play there."

I have played a lot of Olympics and to keep adding to them is amazing," said Venus after her first hit at Wimbledon on Monday.

Five-time Wimbledon champion Venus was a first round casualty at the Grand Slam event earlier this month, her worst defeat in south-west London since her 1997 debut.

But she and Serena then went on to win their fifth

doubles title at the venue where the London Olympics tennis tournament is taking place

"I had a great Wimbledon. I was very happy with the results and getting the doubles title. You can't win every one in singles," said Venus, whose build-up to Wimbledon had been hit by Sjogren's syndrome, an auto-immune disease, which left her lacking energy.

"Thankfully I have been able to be a champion here, so I am grateful for that and if I could triumph in the Olympics, that would be even more amazing."

Venus, 32, said that after her battle to regain her fitness and recover her ranking to boost her Olympic qualification hopes, she rated the London Games as the most important in her career.—Internet

Henry Joseph Simeons Aged 80 years Asleep in Jesus

Henry Joseph Simeons (Retd. Supervisor GSO-US Embassy), residing at No. 48, 135th st, Tamwe Township, eldest son Mr. and Mrs. John Simoens, beloved husband of Mary Simoens, father of Andrea-Hubert (PISM), Patricia-Patrick (Perth-Australia), Justin-Marcellina (New York-USA) and grandfather of Romuald, Mark, Evelyn, Henry, Justina, Terence and David, passed away at 8:20 p.m. on 24th July 2012, Tuesday at No. 27, 101st Street, Mingalar Taungnyunt, Yangon.

The funeral will take place on 25th July 2012, Wednesday with Holy Mass at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kyaikkasan Road, Tamwe Township and thence to Yayway Christian Cemetery for burial.

The Bereaved Family

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 13th day Three questions answered, one proposal submitted



The 13th day of fourth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—The fourth regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 13th day at Pyithu Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex, here, today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 405 MPs.

Regarding the question of U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency about **if there is any plan for stability of rice market, keeping fertilizer price down and investigation into proportion of propositions of fertilizer**, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

U Ohn Than replied that rice dealing companies have been formed and are growing quality paddy strains on trial for fetching good price of exported items and increased export revenues. Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry has been taking measures to introduce rice importing technologies from abroad with a view to penetrating international rice market. Currently, Myanmar rice is paid lower than rice from other countries due to its inferior quality. So, it has been focused on cultivation of quality strains competitive with others to be able to fetch same price.

Rice is exported to neighbouring countries through respective border trade camps. Higher price than conventional exportation and ability to transport the commodity into the hands of purchaser in the other countries in time are advantages of exportation through border trade camps, benefitting both farmers and exporters of the country. A total of 30 billion kyats has been funded—10 billion from the State, 10 billion from Central Cooperative Union and 10 billion from Myanmar Rice Industry Association—to form State Rice Reserve Supervisory Committee to purchase rice reserve at a set price, enabling farmers gain reasonable price for their rice. The committee has purchased

100 baskets of monsoon paddy for K 330,000 and 100 baskets of summer paddy for 320,000 and has purchased 13.3267 million baskets of monsoon paddy 1.5455 million baskets of summer paddy, stabilizing the domestic rice market to some extent.

In addition, measures are being taken for easy importation of modern rice milling equipment to be able to produce high-quality rice. Production of rice with the use of modern milling machine would contribute to increased price and competitiveness. The Ministry of Commerce together with rice associations and traders would tour ASEAN countries, African countries and European countries very soon to market Myanmar rice penetrating new markets.

The government has planned to loan fertilizers to farmers through rice dealing companies to ensure farmers have easy access to fertilizer at reasonable price.

Regarding the investigation into composition of nitrogen, phosphorous and potash in fertilizer, the Agriculture Department of the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry scrutinize the fertilizer to be imported into the country in line with fertilization importation procedures and issue import permits for fertilizers.

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Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 13th day Five questions answered, two bills put forward

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—The fourth regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 13th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 205 MPs.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied to the question of U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency (12) about **if there is any plan to form highway traffic rules enforcement forces to constantly monitor and take actions against recklessly-moving vehicles, humans and animals on Yangon-Mandalay Highway**, the question of U San

Tun of Kachin State Constituency (11) about **if there is any plan to enact certain provision or specific law for enabling Myanmar migrants come back to motherland**, the question of U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency about **if there is any plan to fulfill the requirements of Mawtaung in Taninthayi Region**.

Regarding the first question, the deputy minister replied that the Construction Ministry is erecting and repairing notice signboards and road signs to enforce traffic rules along Yangon-Mandalay highway. Yangon-Mandalay highway maintenance team comprising 25 superintending engineers (civil) led by the chief engineer (road) under which there is a team consisted of a senior assistant engineer for every 12 miles of the highway to help curb road accidents and to enforce highway rules issued by the Ministry.

Plans are under way to establish new (A) level police station on No. 3 Highway in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District another one in Bayataung Village, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area to accelerate measures for security and the rule of law and traffic rules enforcement works and to help reduce road accident death along Yangon-Mandalay Highway. Police station along the highway and the Public Works are increasingly enforcing traffic rules and tightening security along the highway.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that Myanmar expats in foreign countries for various reasons apply visa for short visit, social visit and for

resettlement in Myanmar.

Those wishing to come back firstly have to contact the Myanmar embassy concerned and fill the application form first which is then submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ministry of Home Affairs,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Immigration and Population are working in coordination enabling Myanmar experts come back home at the invitation of the President.

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The 13th day of Amyotha Hluttaw session in progress.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (24-7-2012)

Shwegyin	(6.26) inches
Kyauktaw	(5.34) inches
Nyaunglebin	(5.24) inches
Madauk	(4.72) inches
Gwa	(4.45) inches
Hkamti	(3.54) inches
Paletwa	(3.31) inches
Manaung	(3.27) inches
Myawady	(3.15) inches
Taungup	(3.15) inches

Flood Warning

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is 1034 cm. It may reach its danger level 1070 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon.

According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is 642 cm. It may reach its danger level 700 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA