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While Myanmar is sharing fortunes of ASEAN with other member countries in political economic and social spheres, we also have duty to accomplish our obligations for progress and perpetuation of ASEAN

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—*A message sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thayay Sithu Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma U Thein Sein on the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the ASEAN is as follows:-*

Esteemed national brethren of Myanmar,

On this auspicious occasion of 45th Anniversary of the founding of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which falls today, I would like to congratulate the ASEAN for its accomplishments achieved during the past years and wish for the successful establishment of a peaceful, stable, prosperous and harmonious ASEAN Community in accordance with the ASEAN Vision. This year also marks the 15th Anniversary of Myanmar's membership of the ASEAN.

ASEAN was primarily established in 1967 as a less formal organization for regional cooperation by the Bangkok Declaration and now has transformed into a rule-based inter-governmental organization with legal personality after the adoption of the ASEAN Charter, integrating itself into the "ASEAN Community" by 2015 under the concept of "One Vision, One Identity and One Community".

We are very pleased with the all-round progress made in the ASEAN Community building. ASEAN is recognized as the most vibrant, dynamic and integrated region with a broad based development where its benefits are widely distributed. We are also pleased with the socio-cultural development in the ASEAN.

For the promotion of peace and security in the region, ASEAN's Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia has now become an international norm for inter-state relations among peace-loving nations of the world. It is respected by the major powers of the world including permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. We are also delighted that ASEAN will be adopting the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration in the near future that will guarantee the fundamental rights and promotion and protection of human rights of its citizens.

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NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Director-General of UNESCO Ms Irina Bokova at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 2 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and heads of department.

At the meeting, President U Thein Sein extended greetings, saying that he and his party extended a warm welcome to the delegation led by Her Excellency; that Her Excellency while in Myanmar would be able to observe Myanmar culture and traditions to a certain extent.

The President went on to say that Myanmar has established relations with UNESCO since 1945 and had formed the UNESCO National Commission; that since then, the UNESCO has been cooperating with Myanmar, and therefore, he would like to express thanks to the organization.

The UNESCO Director-General for her part said that the current trip to Myanmar is the first time for her and she assumed that the UNESCO was responsible for full cooperation with Myanmar; that she thanked the President for his reform measures and peace-making process; that as peace and sustainable development are interdependent, it is now crucial for the two to emerge simultaneously; that the UNESCO will assist Myanmar in its peace-making process and sustainable development and it is desirous of sharing experiences and technology and of providing assistance for education, peace-making process and building of a harmonious society; and that it is ready to cooperate in promotion of the education sector.

***President U Thein Sein receives Director-General of UNESCO Ms Irina Bokova at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.*—MNA**

The President for his part said that Myanmar is in badly need of assistance from UNESCO for the education, science and culture sectors that the country is also in need of advanced science and technology as it is placing emphasis on ensuring all citizens to be literate; that owing to different political systems, the country 20 years ago obtained least assistance from the UN, UNESCO and the international community and hardly gained country programmes.

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Come hell or high water!

Nowadays, Myanmar is walking on the democratic path towards a new era through peaceful transition till reaching a new system. So, the country is at a turning point, looking for all available means for sustainable progress in every sector, areas where she can find common ground in the international diplomatic and economic relations based on mutual interest, sources from which international cooperation can come, foreign direct investments and financial aids for robust economic growth and internal and international expertise and experts for technology development.

However, Myanmar lagged behind in development for over half a century in the past and till now is a developing country on mission to reduce poverty and develop the rural areas where 70 percent of her population lives. But unlike many other developing countries and emerging democracies, sanctions imposed on Myanmar have been denying her access to any sizable assistance yet from international financial institutions like World Bank, IMF, ADB and UNDP in her democratic nation building endeavours.

Even when the government started the assumption of the state duties, many were doubtful whether it could do the democracy transition job well with full confidence or it would be true to its word. Nevertheless, as a result of its transparency, sincerity and genuine goodwill endeavours the country has begun to win the support of many nations within a short span of time making diplomatic inroads in many new areas. The government has trust in the establishment of mutually beneficial cooperation based on common interest through rules and procedures acceptable by every global country.

In fact, the country has already expected a lot of difficulties and hindrances in her democratization process, and until now, it is braving all kinds of challenges with firm resolve to reach the public aspired goal and to achieve greater regional and global recognition and respect as a democratic state, come hell or high water.

Durability of library discussed in Dawbon

Head of Dawbon Township IPRD Daw Khin Htay Myint speaking at meeting to raise reading habit of local people.

YANGON, 7 Aug—With the aim of raising reading habit and ensuring durability of libraries, Head of Dawbon Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Htay Myint and staff held a meeting with officials of the library and local people at Hsonseeya Library in Lamudan Ward on 24 July.—*Myanma Alin*

While Myanmar is sharing fortunes of ASEAN...

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The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) is also playing a vital role in the establishment of the people-centred ASEAN Community. In this respect, we express appreciation to AIPA for granting the full-fledged membership of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the AIPA in 2011.

ASEAN is also consistently striving to achieve outward looking ASEAN. The ASEAN profile has been enhanced in regional and international affairs through its central role in the emerging regional architecture.

It is imperative for ASEAN to strive to become a more dynamic regional organization while maintaining the centrality of ASEAN. In this context, we should endeavour toward the full realization of the Bali Concord III "ASEAN Community, in the global Community of Nations" adopted by ASEAN Leaders at the 19th ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia.

At the time we are making achievements, there are also many challenges. In this regard, the peoples of ASEAN that include the citizens of Myanmar should do their utmost in the ASEAN integration efforts aimed at reducing the development gap among ASEAN member countries, and the implementation of Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, as identified by the ASEAN Leaders in the Phnom Penh Declaration and the Phnom Penh Agenda at the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Esteemed national brethren of Myanmar,

Myanmar now has a new Government formed in accordance with the democratic principles and the State Constitution which is also in conformity with the basic Principles enshrined in the ASEAN Charter. We are now moving towards a modern and developed nation with disciplined democracy. The mission that we are undertaking is dedicated for the interest of the State and the people, and it also in line with the Principles of ASEAN.

Esteemed national brethren of Myanmar,

While Myanmar is sharing the fortunes of ASEAN with other member countries in political economic and social spheres, we also have the duty to accomplish our obligations for the progress and perpetuation of ASEAN. Taking the auspicious occasion of celebrating the 45th Anniversary of ASEAN, I wish to urge the people of Myanmar-

- To contribute towards maintaining ASEAN solidarity and ASEAN's centrality in addressing regional and international issues,
- To strive for the emergence of people-centred community,
- To exert efforts to play a more pronounced role in ASEAN in accordance with the active, independent and non-aligned foreign policy of Myanmar,
- To strive for the successful chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014.

As armed groups are in border areas, continued...

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The President went on to say that the government elected by people is committed to closely cooperating with UN agencies and is trying its utmost for flourishing of democracy in the nation; that in the process the government is giving priority to peace and stability of the State, and in an effort to bring an end the armed conflicts that were rife since 1948, it is now keeping in touch with ten ethnic armed groups out of 11 and signed some peace agreements with them; that as those armed groups are in border areas, continued efforts are to be made for development of education and health sectors in the regions when peace prevails; and that in this context, the country is to enlist the strength of UN agencies.

The President said that all-out efforts have been made for creating job opportunities for the people, adding that due to economic sanctions imposed against the country for over two decades the country has seen rare job opportunities; that at present, as the Western countries relaxed economic sanctions to a certain degree, unemployment will decrease all the more if there are foreign investments; that at that time, there will require skilled workers and the country expects vocational training from UNESCO since it is providing such kind of training.

Since time immemorial, literature and culture have been flourishing in the country, and over 100 national races have been able to safeguard their literature and culture up to date, the President disclosed. He said that Myanmar has been able to continue safeguarding the Shwedagon Pagoda dating back to 2600 years in Yangon and cultural heritage dating back to over 1000 years in Bagan; that the country is hoping to gain technical assistance and cooperation from the UNESCO in order to preserve excavated cultural heritages of Pyu period in the nation; and that Myanmar would like to express thanks to the UNESCO for its assistance providing in Nargis storm in 2008 and disaster mitigation training.

Afterwards, the UNESCO Director-General pledged to provide assistance to vocational training as much as they can, expressing their willingness to preserve Bagan region and cultural zones where there are Pyu cultural heritages and to closely cooperate in cultural sector. She said that they are desirous of providing technical assistance to Myanmar and of sharing experiences on water sanitation management; that development of media sector is instrumental in the process of transition to democracy and peace-making process; and that they would engage in the capacity building for media persons in Myanmar.

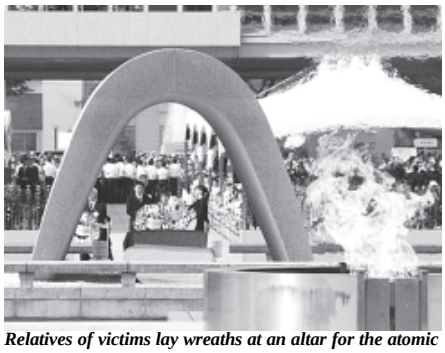
Next, President U Thein Sein thanked the UNESCO Director-General for showing her seriousness towards the country by arriving here herself in a trip to further strengthen relations between Myanmar and UNESCO, and wished the missions of UNESCO a success and a pleasant trip to Myanmar, which brought the meeting to an end.—*MNA*

***President U Thein Sein cordially shakes hands with UNESCO Director-General Ms Irina Bokova.*—MNA**

Flood warnings for Ayeyawady, Sittoung Rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—According to the 12.30 (MST) observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at Hinthada (1369) cm has exceeded by (27) cm (about 0.9 ft) above its danger level. It may fall (12) cm (about 0.42-ft) during the next three days and may remain above its danger level (1342) cm.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1227) cm has exceeded by (157) cm (about 5.2 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next three days, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—*MNA*



Relatives of victims lay wreaths at an altar for the atomic bomb victims at the Peace Memorail Park in Hiroshima in western Japan, on 6 August. Tens of thousands marked the 67th anniversary of the bombing, as a rising tide of anti-nuclear sentiment swells in post-Fukushima Japan.—INTERNET

Hiroshima marks anniversary of atomic bombing

TOKYO, 7 Aug—Tens of thousands of people marked the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on Monday, as a rising tide of anti-nuclear sentiment swells in post-Fukushima Japan. Ageing survivors, relatives, government officials and foreign delegates attended the annual ceremony at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park commemorating the US bombing of the western Japanese city nearly seven decades ago. An American *B-29* bomber named Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on 6 Aug, 1945, turning the city into a nuclear inferno and killing an estimated 140,000 in the final chapter of World War II.

At 8:15 am (2315 GMT), the time of detonation, the toll of a bell set off a moment of silence. Pedestrians came to a standstill and bowed slightly, joining their hands in prayer under scorching sunshine."On this day, in this city, let me proclaim again: there must never be another nuclear attack — never," said Angela Kane, UN high representative for disarmament affairs, reading a message from Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

"Such weapons have no legitimate place in our world. Their elimination is both morally right and a practical necessity in protecting humanity."Some 50,000 people attended the official ceremony, while thousands of others joined demonstrations, marches, forums, and concerts held across the city, a long-time focal point for the global movement against nuclear weapons.

Among the attendees was Clifton Truman Daniel, 55, grandson of former US president Harry Truman, who authorised the bombing of Hiroshima and the port city of Nagasaki three days later.

The Allied powers have long argued that the bombings brought a quick end to the war by speeding up Japan's surrender, preventing millions more casualties from a land invasion planned for later in the year. Daniel is the first Truman relative to attend the anniversary event in Japan. Around 700 people including atomic bomb survivors and evacuees from the Fukushima area also staged an anti-nuclear rally, the latest in a series of protests triggered by last year's atomic crisis.

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People gather to pray at the memorial for victims of the Hiroshima bombing at the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan.
INTERNET

Iran in full control of Hormuz Strait: navy commander

TEHERAN, 7 Aug—Iran's Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari said that Iran is in full control of the Strait of Hormuz, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported on Monday. "Iran is the greatest maintainer and protector of security in the Persian Gulf," Sayyari said, while dismissing the United States' announcement of its upcoming exercises in the regional waters and the Persian Gulf as unimportant, according to the report.

According to media reports, the United States, in cooperation with 20 countries, will hold drills in the regional waters near the Persian Gulf in September."Washington's decisions, moves and war games have no impact on the Islamic Republic of Iran," said the Iranian commander.

He further warned the Arab states on the southern rims of the Persian Gulf to stay away from the United States and to rely more on their domestic strengths.

Regional security can only be established through the joint cooperation of the regional states, Sayyari was quoted as saying.—

Xinhua

Wu Hongbo (R), the newly appointed UN under-secretary-general for economic and social affairs, shakes hands with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the inauguration ceremony held at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States, on 6 Aug, 2012.
XINHUA

Chinese diplomat inaugurated as UN under-secretary-general

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Aug — Wu Hongbo, a senior Chinese diplomat, has been officially sworn in as UN under-secretary- general for economic and social affairs here on Monday. The inauguration ceremony, hosted by the UN Secreteray-General Ban Ki-moon, was held at the UN headquarters. Wu Hongbo, 60, who used to serve as Chinese ambassador to Germany since 2009, was appointed by Ban in May as the under- secretary-general for the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

He is successor to Sha Zukang, also a seasoned Chinese diplomat to the UN who held this position since 2007. It is a very important issue how to coordinate social and economic development in order to make a better world for generations to come, which will also be one of his work priorities, Wu told *Xinhua* after the ceremony.

"My team and I will work hard within the UN framework, cooperate with member states and other international organizations with a view to implementing objectives of 'Rio+20' summit and make relevant proposals and arrangements for the development strategy of post-2015 period," said Wu.

As for the objectives for sustainable development, the main theme of the UN Rio +20 summit, Wu said the Millennium Development Goals is mainly focused on some developing and poor countries, but the sustainable development goals involve social, economic and environmental areas, which are believed to have a wider range than the Millennium Development Goals.

It is necessary to explain to the developing countries that sustainable development objectives will not lead to reduction of help and assistance for them, said Wu, who added that it is also important to pay attention to protecting the interests of developing and the least developed countries in practical work.

Xinhua

Israeli soldiers inspect a burnt out armoured vehicle near the Kerem Shalom border crossing. Israel has returned the bodies of six gunmen, involved in the killing of 16 Egyptian troops during a raid on both sides of the border, to its Arab neighbour, Israeli military sources told AFP on Tuesday.
INTERNET

Israel returns bodies of Egypt attackers

JERUSSALEM , 7 Aug — Israel has returned the bodies of six gunmen, involved in the killing of 16 Egyptian troops during a raid on both sides of the border, to its Arab neighbour, Israeli military sources told *AFP* on Tuesday.The six were sent back overnight Monday, they said.

The Israeli army said in a statement that the Kerem Shalom border crossing between Israel, Egypt and Gaza, which the attackers breached in Sunday's raid, was reopened on Tuesday morning.In Sunday's attack, 35 gunmen in Bedouin clothing opened fire on Egyptian troops before crossing into the Jewish state in an armoured vehicle, Egyptian officials said.

Israel said five gunmen were killed on its side, adding that the armoured vehicle was destroyed by helicopter fire. Israeli media said that the remains of a sixth man was recovered from an explosive-laden pickup truck which blew up as it tried to negotiate barriers at the border crossing. The Egyptian army vowed on Monday to "avenge" the killings. Egypt also closed until further notice its Rafah crossing with the Gaza Strip, the only crossing to and from the territory not controlled by Israel.— *Internet*

Volcano eruption in New Zealand's central North Island causes road closures and flight cancellations

WELLINGTON, 7 Aug — Hundreds of travelers have been left stranded after the eruption of Mt Tongariro caused road closures and flight cancellations in New Zealand's North Island.

The volcano erupted about 11:50 pm local time on Monday — its first eruption for more than a century, spewing ash from the Te Maari craters on the northern side of the mountain and prompting a threat warning for the central North Island.Several Air New Zealand flights to airports east of Mt Tongariro, including Gisborne, Rotorua, Taupo and Napier, along with Palmerston North, were delayed or canceled following the eruption, affecting flights to and from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Air New Zealand general manager of airline operations and safety David Morgan said on Tuesday the airline is working with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), MetService and other authorities to make adjustments to its flight routes and altitudes to ensure its aircraft remain clear of ash and keep travelers flying safely.

The Desert Road (State Highway 1) and SH46 west of Rangipo have reopened after being closed early on Tuesday, while ash has also been reported on SH5 near Te Haroto. Moteliers in nearby Waiouru, Turangi and Tokaanu told NZ Newswire they had not been affected by ash, but there was a sulphur-like smell in the air and dark clouds near Mt Tongariro.

Police were alerted to the eruption shortly before midnight by a member of the public who reported seeing "flame-like explosions" and a cloud of ash coming from "a new hole in the side of the mountain".—*Internet*

There have been no reports of injuries or damage. Civil Defense said the eruption could pose a threat to Waikato, Hawke's Bay, Gisborne, Manawatu, Wanganui, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki. Michael Rosenberg, a volcanologist from New Zealand government geological agency, GNS Science, told Radio New Zealand the situation at the mountain was not yet clear.

"For the moment, things are quiet [but that] doesn't necessarily mean that the eruption is over and done with - it could reactivate at any time so we're watching pretty closely," he said. "It's possible that this could be the start of a much longer episode, or alternatively it could be the end. We just don't know, "

Xinhua

A pair of glasses are covered in ash after Mt Tongariro erupted for the first time in over 100 years on 7 Aug, 2012 in Tongariro National Park, New Zealand.—INTERNET

he added. Civil Defense said some locals had left the area, but authorities

Lenovo executives hold the new ThinkPad X1 Carbon laptops in Beijing on 6 Aug, 2012. The Chinese computer maker unveiled the lighter, quicker ThinkPad notebook computer inspired by the convenience of tablets and smart phones. INTERNET

Lenovo unveils lighter, quicker ThinkPad laptop

BEIJING, 7 Aug — Lenovo has unveiled a lighter, quicker ThinkPad notebook computer inspired by the convenience of tablets and smartphones.

The Chinese computer maker displayed the new ThinkPad X1 Carbon on Monday and said it would go on sale later this month.

A Lenovo vice president, Dilip Bhatia, said it will have a longer battery life and lighter weight.

He said that was in response to demands by customers who want a tablet's convenience but need a notebook's wider range of functions.

Lenovo acquired the ThinkPad brand with IBM Corp's personal computer unit in 2005. Lenovo passed Dell Inc last year to become the second-largest PC manufacturer after Hewlett-Packard Co.

Internet

Apple Senior VP: Steve Jobs considered building an iCar

NEW YORK , 7 Aug — Apple has made some pretty revolutionary new products over the last decade. It absolutely owned the MP3 player market with the release of the iPod.

Then, it dominated of the phone market with its incredibly popular iPhone. Soon after, Apple won the tablet wars with its iPad. But had history turned out just a little bit differently, we could be ferrying all those gadgets back and forth in our very own iCars.

As part of his testimony in the ongoing Apple vs Samsung court case, Apple Senior VP of Marketing Phil Schiller dropped a bombshell: The computing giant was once considering building a connected car. Schiller dismissed the idea as "crazy stuff," but the news is unsurprising. After all, Silicon Valley rival Google has been working on its own car for years now. Schiller also said Apple was considering making its own branded camera.

Of course, we have no idea what an iCar would look like, but we're pretty sure we can guess as to some of its possible features. After all, who wouldn't want a vehicle with digital personal assistant Siri built in to help change radio stations or find directions without taking your hands off the wheel?

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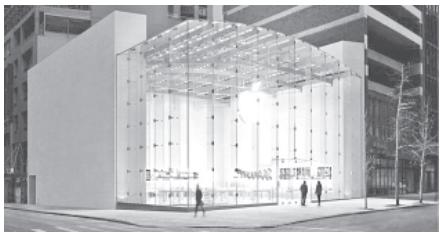


***If you think removing the battery from your iPhone is hard, wait until you try removing one from an iCar.*— INTERNET**

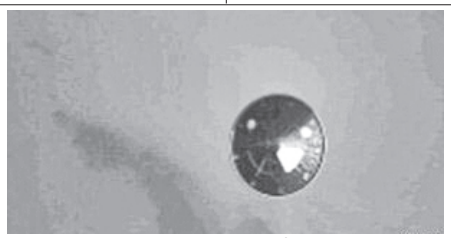
Rover shoots movie during descent

PASADENA, 7 Aug — Images that the Curiosity rover took of the surface of Mars as it made its historic descent on Monday (GMT) have now been released. NASA has provided almost 300 thumbnails from a sequence of pictures that will eventually be run together as a colour hi-def movie. Visible in the timelapse is the heatshield discarded by the vehicle as it neared the ground. So too is the dust kicked up by the rover's rocket-powered crane. It was the crane that finally settled the robot on to the surface.

A signal confirming the Curiosity rover had landed on Mars was received here at mission control at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at 05:32 GMT; 06:32 BST on Monday (22:32 PDT Sunday). The vehicle — also known as the Mars Science laboratory (MSL) — put down in a deep equatorial depression known as Gale Crater. Pictures from the Mars Descent Imager (Mardi), even in their thumbnail form, have now allowed engineers to work out Curiosity's precise position on the planet — a latitude of -4.5895 and a longitude of 137.4417. The full set of high-resolution pictures from Mardi will take some weeks to downlink.

The mission team has also got its best view yet of Mount Sharp, the 5.5km-high peak sitting in the middle of Gale. This comes from a hazard avoidance camera mounted on the lower-front of the vehicle. Ordinarily, hazcam pictures are very wide-angle in view and therefore distorted, but image processing software has been used to correct the geometry. The mountain is the ultimate destination for this $2.5bn (£1.6bn) mission.

The best image yet of Curiosity's ultimate quarry - the 5.5km-high Mount Sharp. INTERNET



***Mardi pictures the heatshield as it falls away under the descending Curiosity rover.*— INTERNET**

Satellite data has indicated that sediments at the base of Mount Sharp were laid down in the presence of abundant water. Curiosity, with its sophisticated suite of 10 instruments, will study those rocks to try to determine if ancient environments on Mars were ever favourable for life. Released earlier on Monday was a spectacular shot acquired not by the rover but of the rover. This came from one of the US space agency's satellites at the Red Planet - the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

MRO played a key role in Monday's landing by recording telemetry from the robot as it approached the ground. But Nasa also tasked it with trying to get a picture of the new arrival. The rover is seen when still inside its protective shell. Moments after this image was acquired, the vehicle would have dropped out of the capsule to ride its rocket-powered crane to the base of the crater. The resolution in the picture is such that it is even possible to pick out the discarded heatshield. The mission team is now in its first full day of Martian operations (Sol 1). One of the key activities will be to deploy Curiosity's high-gain antenna.

This unit will allow the vehicle to talk direct to Earth, in addition to relaying data via satellites like MRO.

Internet

High flying technology to map Peru ruins

LONDON, 7 Aug — Archaeologists in Peru are getting ready to fly an unmanned craft that could radically speed up data gathering at historical sites. Usually, "mapping" is an extremely time consuming process and can take several years to complete.

New technology developed by archaeologists and engineers from Vanderbilt University, in the US, should accelerate this process. The device will be tested later this month at the Mawchu Llacta site.

By including cameras, Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies and programming specific flight algorithms to an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by Aurora Flight Sciences, Professors Julie Adams and Steven Wernke hope to three-dimensionally map the archaeological site.

"To say anything about past societies—past social dynamics—we need to be able to place the material traces of past peoples in their fullest context possible. Mapping is therefore at the core of archaeological research," Prof Wernke told BBC News.

Mapping areas is often labour intensive and the site where the system will be tested would usually take about six months over several years to document.

The new UAV should enable the team to map the area in minutes, once the system is perfected. The site will be a test of the UAV's flight capabilities. "Mawchu Llacta is located at [a] high altitude of 4,100m (13,450ft), [making it] a good site for testing the upper altitude limits of current UAV technology," Prof Wernke said.

Archaeologically, mapping the area will help researchers understand the area, which was once the site of one of the largest forced resettlement programmes in world history, as Spanish colonials moved 1.5 million native Andeans into planned towns in the 1570s.

"[The] urban and architectural planning were at the core of what the Spanish thought they were doing to 'civilize', convert, and subjugate the native Andean populace," he said.

In addition to enabling the researchers to quickly detail ancient landscape features, such as canals and roads, it will also allow 3D digital versions of the sites to be created. These, aside from assisting the process of discovery, would enable the team to "virtually" preserve the site.

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***Using existing mapping techniques, it would take up to six months to survey the site.*— INTERNET**

US scientists trying to produce green power from ocean wave energy

HOUSTON, 7 Aug — Although ocean wave technology still has a long way to go, US scientists are now seeking ways to make ocean wave energy the nation's newest source of green power, local media reported on Sunday. US aerospace engineers are using Texas A&M University's wave tank to test the idea of applying the physics of wind turbines to the sea as they believe that if air can produce affordable electricity, so can ocean water, according to reports posted on the website of local newspaper The Houston Chronicle. Stefan Siegel, who led the testing at the university, said that ocean wave energy is decades behind wind, but with all the resource in the ocean, it's much more attractive. "The wind doesn't always blow. The sun doesn't always shine. But ocean waves, they are always there," said Siegel, whose Colorado-based startup Atargis Energy Corp developed a device using components similar to airplane wings or wind turbine blades.

According to the reports, incoming waves rotate the two wings around a central axis, and the movement activates generators connected to the device, transforming the mechanical energy into electricity. The prototype, about one-tenth the size of a full-scale device, produced 370 watts during testing at the university, and with design improvements, a full-scale version will churn out 5 megawatts in the ocean, enough to power 3,000 to 4,000 homes in the country. The rotating blades now can capture about 95 percent of a wave's energy, and the device operates just below the water's surface, partially shielding it from violent storms, the reports said.—*Xinhua*

Wall Street closes at three-month high on hopes for Europe

NEW YORK, 7 Aug — Stocks closed at three-month highs for the second day in a row on Monday, extending last week's rally on the hope for more assistance for the troubled euro zone. The S&P 500 rose to its highest point since early May, but pared its gains going into the close. The benchmark index also failed to breach 1,400, a level that could spur further buying if convincingly broken. The S&P 500 hasn't closed above the 1,400 level since 2 May . Sentiment in Spanish and Italian bond markets — the forefront of the three-year debt crisis — improved, with two-year Spanish yields falling to 3.42 percent on Monday, less than half of a late July high of over 7 percent.

European Central Bank President Mario Draghi has said the ECB may buy short-dated bonds to lower borrowing costs to help Europe, which has been mired in a debt disaster. European shares closed at four-month highs. "Nothing has been fixed in Europe, but things seem to be getting better, and it seems unlikely that there will be any kind of real blow-up," said John Manley, chief equity strategist at Wells Fargo Funds Management in New York. "I'm worried I may be too bearish." Manley said he saw the S&P 500 trading in a range between 1,250 and 1,450, "which will likely persist for a while, with continued huge volatility."

A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 15 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Wall Street rallied on Friday with the S&P 500 marking its fourth straight week of gains on a strong US jobs report and renewed hope that European authorities would act to contain the euro zone's debt crisis through ECB purchases of Italian and Spanish bonds. Meanwhile, a group of investors will rescue embattled market maker Knight Capital Group Inc (KCG) in a $400 million deal that keeps the company in business, Knight said on Monday. But it comes at a huge cost to investors. The stock fell 24.2 percent to $3.07. The Dow Jones industrial average (^DJI) rose 21.34 points, or 0.16 percent, to 13,117.51 at the close. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (^GSPC) gained 3.24 points, or 0.23 percent, to 1,394.23. The Nasdaq Composite Index (^IXIC) advanced 22.01 points, or 0.74 percent, to end at 2,989.91.Material shares were the strongest for the day, with an S&P materials index (.GSPM) climbing 1.1 percent on the improved sentiment regarding Europe.

US Steel (X.N) led the sector, surging 5.6 percent to $22.94. Newmont Mining (NEM.N) added 3.3 percent to $46.12. Utilities (.GSPU), considered a defensive play, were the day's weakest, with the S&P utilities index down 0.3 percent. Best Buy (BBY) jumped 13.3 percent to $19.99 after Richard Schulze, the founder and former chairman, offered to buy the shares he does not already own in the electronics retailer for $24 to $26 each. Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp (CTSH) rose 11 percent to $64.21 after the information technology services provider raised its full-year adjusted profit forecast.—*Reuters*

Weight training can reduce the risk of diabetes, the study concludes.— INTERNET

Weight training 'reduces diabetes risk'

LONDON, 7 Aug — Weight training helps to prevent type 2 diabetes in men, research suggests. Researchers found regular weights reduced the risk by up to a third, in the study of more than 32,000 men published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* journal. It is already well known that regular exercise can prevent the disease.

But the report is considered important as weights provides an alternative to aerobic exercises such as running for people who are not so mobile. Researchers from Harvard School of Public Health in the US and the University of Southern Denmark followed the men over an 18-year period, during which time nearly 2,300 developed the condition.

They found 30 minutes of weights a day, five times a week could reduce the risk of diabetes by 34%. But they also reported that even less regular exercise — up to an hour a week — had an impact, cutting the risk by 12%. Nonetheless, aerobic exercise was still found to be slightly better with regular activity halving the risk.— *Internet*

Scientists unravel 'other' malaria parasite's DNA code

NEW YORK , 7 Aug — Scientists said on Sunday they had unravelled the genetic codes of parasites responsible for the bulk of malaria cases outside Africa, and found they were scarily diversified and may be harder to kill. In a study published in *Nature Genetics*, researchers said they had sequenced the genomes of four strains of Plasmodium vivax — a parasite that infects about 100 million people every year.

A mosquito, the carrier of malaria, is pictured in a laboratory in Colombia in April 2012. INTERNET

Other research had found that 10 to 20 percent of P. vivax cases occur in Africa south of the Sahara — a region mainly affected by the P. falciparum parasite which causes the most malaria deaths worldwide.

Outside of Africa, P. vivax accounts for half of all malaria cases, mainly in the Middle East, the Western Pacific and Central and South America. Both parasite species are transferred by Anopheles mosquitos. P. vivax is more resilient than its deadlier, tropical cousin, and can stay in remission for longer and tolerate cooler climates. Yet much less is known about P. vivax, and less attention has been paid to unravelling its genetic code than that of P. falciparum.

With their research, a team from India and the United States say they have tripled the number of genome sequences available for P. vivax. They said they observed an "extremely high genomic diversity", suggesting it may be even harder than for P. falciparum to develop a single vaccine targeting several different strains of P. vivax. In 2010, malaria infected about 216 million people and claimed an estimated 655,000 lives — mainly in Africa where a child dies of the disease every minute, says the World Health Organization.

Symptoms include fever, headache, chills and vomiting which if not treated within 24 hours can progress to severe illness and even death.In a second Nature Genetics report, scientists in Japan and the United States said they had sequenced the genomes of three strains of P. cynomolgi — a sister species to P. vivax and a cause of malaria in Asian Old World monkeys. Since it is so closely related, information on the DNA code of P. cynomolgi "provides the foundation for further insights into traits... that will enhance prospects for the eventual elimination of vivax-caused malaria and global malaria eradication," they wrote.— *Internet*

Samsung, Apple spar over gadgets' specs

A customer looks at the screen of an iPad in an Apple store in central Prague, on 6 Oct, 2011. REUTERS

SAN JOSE, 7 Aug — Apple Inc trotted out a veteran designer to bolster its claims that Samsung Electronics copied the iPhone, after the smartphone's 2007 launch triggered a "crisis in design" for the South Korean electronics giant. Monday marked the second week of a high-wattage trial between the world's most valuable tech company and rival Samsung, which has edged past Apple in market share and is intent on expanding its American footprint.

The US company accuses Samsung of copying the design and some features of its iPad and iPhone, and is seeking billions of dollars in damages and sales bans. The Korean company says Apple infringed some of its key wireless technology patents. Apple called Peter Bressler, a college professor with electronics design experience and some 70 patents to his name, who analyzed Samsung gadgets and the iPhone and iPad.

But the hearing quickly descended into a laborious rundown on design differences between the iPhone and Samsung gadgets, as the Korean firm's lawyer— a patient and meticulous Charles Verhoeven — used visuals and real phones to prove his point. The plethora of examples included different curvatures of corners, sides that protrude marginally above the screen, different positions for "lozenge" earpieces, even encircling bezels that are not uniformly thick.

"You're asking me to compare peanut butter and turkey," a slightly exasperated Bressler quipped after about an hour of grilling, and Verhoeven quickly asked which design was which lunch treat. "This is a level of detail that the ordinary observer would never be interested in looking at," Bressler replied. "The overall impression that the ordinary observer would have of that design, is that they're substantially the same," said Bressler, who has worked with Motorola and other technology clients.

"I do not believe they should be investigating teeny little details, one at a time," said Bressler, who lectures at the University of Pennsylvania and founded design firm Bressler Group. Bressler said he read numerous depositions of Apple employees and discovered the company employed special machine processes, for instance.

Reuters

AIG: Latest sale of shares raises $750m for US Treasury

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug — The US government says it expects to receive $750m (£480m) from the latest sale of shares held in American International Group (AIG).

The sales are part of an effort to recoup taxpayers' money which was used to fund AIG's bailout, the largest of the 2008 financial crisis.

This brings the total from the fourth round of sales in AIG shares to $5.75bn. Last week, the US Treasury announced it had sold $5bn worth of AIG shares. In September 2008, the US Treasury and the Federal Reserve stepped in with $182bn to rescue New York-based AIG from collapse.

AIG still owes taxpayers some $24bn, says the US Treasury.— INTERNET

AIG, once the world's largest insurance company, has sold off huge assets as it restructured itself in a bid to return to profitability.

Last week, AIG reported that its second-quarter profit surged 27% from the same period last year to $2.3bn, almost double the expectations. So far, the US Treasury has received $23.3bn from four sales of AIG shares.— *Internet*

Congratulating ASEAN on its 45th Anniversary

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"Myanmar and ASEAN
In Unison
Bringing our Citizens
To our Common Goal
Let's advance on our way
With no delay"

First of all, I wish to congratulate ASEAN on its 45th Anniversary with the above poem.

While we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the ASEAN, it is the most appropriate to hail its achievements as well as to analyze and review the challenges encountered over 45 years and to take new look its future.

The association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which was established 45 years ago, on 8th August 1967 with its five founding members of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Philippines, has now become a most successful regional organization comprising ten countries of South East Asia. ASEAN's integration process is also recognized as one of the most successful regional integration process. ASEAN also is garnering the interests and calls for partnership from countries and organizations around the world.

Myanmar became member of the ASEAN on 23rd July 1997. At the time of formation of ASEAN, its main focus was on economic and development cooperation. ASEAN today has become a legal entity with comprehensive cooperation in Political and Security, Economic and Socio-Cultural matters. This multi-dimensional approach of ASEAN is aimed at bringing tangible benefits to the citizens of ASEAN member countries in the integration process.

ASEAN would be meaningful to its peoples only when the people themselves can participate and benefit from the process of ASEAN integration. Therefore, ASEAN is striving for the establishment of people-centred ASEAN Community. To achieve this objective, the inter-governmental activities should be complemented with the cooperation of the legislative bodies, business communities, civil societies, and youth etc.

The ASEAN Charter which came into force on 15th December 2008 is providing a legal and institutional framework for the systematic and successful implementation of a more comprehensive, broadened and deepened ASEAN activities.

According to the ASEAN Charter, members have the obligation to act as a group as well as an individual member to contribute to the establishment of a peaceful, stable, prosperous, socially cohesive and inclusive ASEAN Community.

Myanmar, being a responsible member of ASEAN, is fully committed to achieving ASEAN's goal of establishing the ASEAN Community by 2015 through fulfilling its obligations and participating in various ASEAN activities.

Myanmar will be assuming the ASEAN Chairmanship by 2014. Myanmar has to play a greater role, as the ASEAN Chair, in transforming the ASEAN leaders' vision to a real action, and to take new initiatives for the better future of ASEAN and its peoples.

It is a great opportunity for Myanmar to take the responsibilities of ASEAN Chairmanship. At the same time, it also is a challenge in the discharge of the huge task. However, the challenges can be turned into opportunities if all the efforts and preparations made by the government gain full cooperation and supports from its people. The year 2014 will be " a year for Myanmar" to showcase the dedication and ability of Myanmar people, the culture and the rich potential of Myanmar.

The ASEAN Political and Security Community is an important and fundamental community for the successful establishment of ASEAN Community in 2015 that comprises three pillars: the ASEAN Political and Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. The Political and Security Community Blue Print has already clearly out-lined the activities for ASEAN and its members.

Promoting the democratic norms is a priority area of cooperation for the ASEAN Political and Security Community. The democratic transformation measures taken by Myanmar government and progress made in various reforms will contribute greatly to the preparations for taking the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014.

For the establishment of modern, developed, prosperous and democratic society, Myanmar is unifying the strengths from the three organs of state power: Legislative, Judicial and Executive pillars and Media, the 4th pillar and the 5th pillar, the entire people.

Recognizing the primary role of the people as a most fundamental and crucial strength for promoting democracy, Myanmar government is taking reforms in enhancing transparency and inclusiveness in decision making process, ensuring accountability in implementing process, promoting human rights, rights of the workers, women and children. All these measures support the priority areas for the establishment of the ASEAN Political and Security Community.

The Myanmar Human Rights Commission is playing an active role to promote and protect Human Right in ASEAN within the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights- AICHR. AICHR has completed the first draft of ASEAN Human Right Declaration-AHRD. This important document is to be adopted by the ASEAN leaders in their next Summit.

Promoting the rule of law, strengthening the legal framework and judicial system are also important areas of cooperation in the ASEAN Political and Security Cooperation.

For the success of democracy, realization of good governance is essential and it is another area of cooperation in the ASEAN Political and Security Cooperation. The government, since its formation in March last year, has prioritized to work for the clean government. Being a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the fight against corruption, measures are underway to bring the Convention into action.

Political stability and rule of law are indispensible for the economic growth and prosperity. At the same time, equitable distribution of the benefits of growth is important for the social harmony, peace and stability. Therefore, ASEAN leaders emphasized to give equal emphasis on the successful establishment of political and security, economic and socio-cultural community. Myanmar is fully committed to these efforts as it can promote the national and regional interests.

ASEAN has made many achievements as well as faced many challenges over the last four decades. The cornerstone of interstate relations in the region, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia which was signed by five founding members of ASEAN and to which Myanmar became a party in 1995, has expanded its membership to 29 by 2012 July after the signing of United Kingdom and EU to its Protocols. Today, 19 non-ASEAN countries including all the 5 permanents members of the United Nations Security Council are party to the TAC. This demonstrates that ASEAN norms for peaceful interstate relations are gaining respects from more and more countries around the world. Similarly, ASEAN has established free trade areas with six dialogue partners. Countries in the ASEAN region are also recognized as the most resilient economies in the world.

Key to these achievements, I may analyze, is the ASEAN way of making decision on consensus, non-interference of internal affairs of the member countries, constructive engagement on issues of common concerns, cooperation in various areas at a pace comfortable to its members.

Considering ongoing cooperation as well as persisting and emerging challenges faced by ASEAN, we need to envision for the future of ASEAN so that ASEAN remain relevant to its peoples.

Like every other countries of the world, ASEAN is not spared from the persisting and emerging challenges and non-traditional security threats such as proliferation of weapons of mass destructions WMD, climate change and related natural disasters, environmental degradation, energy and food crisis, financial crisis, migrant workers issues, human trafficking, drug trafficking and related trans-boundary crimes etc.

Furthermore, the development gap between and within ASEAN members remain as a great challenge for ASEAN. The Phnom Penh Agenda (2012-2015), adopted by the ASEAN leaders in April 2012 during the 20th ASEAN Summit, outlined measures to be undertaken in addressing the challenges and expediting remaining measures for the establishment of ASEAN community in 2015. Therefore, we all have to strive for the full implementation of the Phnom Penh Agenda.

Considering the dynamism of changes and developments in global political and socio-economic landscape, it is very important to take a longer term perspective for the future of ASEAN. Therefore, I would like to conclude by encouraging all ASEAN members and its citizens to take broader and longer term visions for the 2015 ASEAN Community and beyond.

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Assistant Engineers (Water/ Sanitation) (Refresher) Course, Road Quality Surveying (Engineering) Course opened

YANGON, 7 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin yesterday morning attended the opening of Assistant Engineers (Water/Sanitation) (Refresher) Course and Road Quality Surveying (Engineering) Course being held at the Central Training School (Thuwunna) and made a speech on the occasion.

The four-week Assistant Engineers (Water/ Sanitation) (Refresher) Course is being attended by 20 trainees and the four-week Road Quality Surveying (Engineering) Course is being attended by 31 trainees.

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473 culprits arrested in 342 drug-related cases

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug— A total of 342 drug-related cases were exposed across the nation in July.

The seizures of cases were 22.5517 kilos of opium in 33 cases, 116.6038 kilos of heroin in 109 cases, 3.4581 kilos of opium liquid in 15 cases, 0.6026 kilos of low-grade opium in 13 cases, 14.5419 kilos of marijuana in 13 cases, 1460939 stimulant tablets in 115 cases, 51.4121 opium speciosa in 17 cases, 0.622 liter of opium liquid in 3 cases, 97.22 kilos of ice, 274 kilos of Ice liquid, 992 kilos of Caffein in one case, 1.0015 kilos of morpheme in one case, 10 tablets of Alprazolem, 2082.78 kilos of Pseudo-ephedrine in four cases, 6146 tablets of Trapadol in 5 cases, 120 kilos of Phosphate, 0.4525 kilos of Ephedrine in 2 cases, 10 tablets of Lorazepan, 20 tablets of Diazepam in one case, 40 kilos of bone charcoal , 9.5 liter of Acetic Acid, 10 kilos of VANILUNE and 62 kilos of chemical powders.

Action was taken against 473 culprits—389 men and 84 women—3 42cases under law.—*MNA*

Outstanding students honoured at Mingaladon BEHS No. 5

YANGON, 7 Aug—A ceremony to award outstanding students in the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year was held at Basic Education High School No. 5 in Mingaladon Township on 30 July morning.

At Myat Yadana Hall of the school, Headmistress Daw San Win Phyu and Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Soe Myint gave speeches. Chairman of the SBT U Soe Myint (New Shwesin Jewellery Shop) awarded Headmistress Daw San Win Phyu for her performance in managing the school to stand second in the best pass rate of matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year with 43.4 per cent in Mingaladon Township.

Next, U Soe Myint-Daw Khin Lay Yi (New Shwesin Jewellery Shop) presented prizes to 64 outstanding students with flying colours and other distinction winners from Tawtaik Dhamma Yeiktha monastic education school. Later, the wellwisher donated one laud speaker to the school.—*Kyemon*

Hluttaw representatives urged to discharge duties and exercise rights vested by the committee with a sense of uprightness and benevolence: Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Fourth regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 21st day, at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, 396 MPs and departmental heads, responsible persons and the economists from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), officials from Promotion of Marine Products Export Association of Myanmar Fishery Federation (MFF), MBA trainees and course instructors of Applied Economics Department of Yangon Institute of Economics as observers.

At the question-and-answer session, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Constituency raised the question on **"whether there is a plan to take stern actions to eliminate gambling"** and U Tun Aung Kyaw of Ponnagyun Constituency on **"whether there is a plan to open a police outpost in Alechaung Village in Alechaung island".**

With respect to the first question, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied: The government is making strenuous efforts to ensure rule of law, security, rural development and poverty alleviation across the country. Effective plans are being drawn to eliminate two and three digits lottery gambling nationwide, which is a major disturbance to these measures. Gambling is a basic cause of big criminal cases like theft and robbery. In addition, it begets poverty. So, Ministry of Home Affairs is taking control of gambling so as to prevent the aftermath of gambling. Although the Ministry is unable to get rid of gambling at present, Anti-Gambling Supervisory Committee and Gambling Educative Team are giving talks, erect signboards that read the sentences for those who commit the gambling cases and distribute pamphlets.

Regarding the second question, at present, there is no plan to open police outpost in Alechaung Village. Conditions in districts and townships of Rakhine State are being studied. And plans are under way to open police stations and police outposts, based on the conditions of security needs.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin replied to the question of Dr Maung Maung Wint of Bahan Constituency on **"Sufficient availability of qualified teachers to lecture the theory and practical lessons of medical subjects"**. She said: Appointment of experienced scholars as experts is being carried out to avoid teacher gaps after experienced scholars have received old-age pensions. And, officials at different level are making coordination over difficulties at the work. Filling of vacant posts of teachers and promotions are being undertaken under the leadership of Management Committee of the Ministry of Health.

At the session of the extended formation of one committee, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Kawhmu Constituency was appointed as chairman of Committee for Rule of Law and Peace and Stability and U Win Myint of Pathein Constituency, Secretary. Duties are assigned to members of former committee and commission.

The paragraph saying that "if existing laws and orders and directives issued by respective organizations occasionally are in conformity with the current conditions, enforcement of orders and directives are to be monitored and controlled, which includes under the section of former committee's duties," is to be excluded. And it is substituted with the paragraph saying that bylaws, regulations, disciplines, announcements, directives and procedures are to be adjusted in conformity with the existing laws and Union Hluttaw's laws and enforcement are to be monitored and controlled if they have conformity.

Hluttaw sought the approval regarding extended formation of a new Pyithu Hluttaw Committee, duty assignment of new committee members and revocation and substitution of committee's duties, and decided to approve it.

After that, on behalf of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa submitted name lists of members and duties, rights and term of newly-formed committee and commission.

Representatives seen at 21st day session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA

In his speech, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said: it can not be assumed and said that raising questions and submitting proposals and bills alone by Hluttaw representatives are dutiful. They would discharge the duties of Hluttaw to the full only when there is check and balance system by Hluttaw Committee and respective organizations. Committees are small Hluttaws in Hluttaw. Only when Hluttaw Committee have more capability, will they be able to serve the interests of the State and people more, which is the duty of Hluttaw. So, Hluttaw representatives are urged to discharge duties and exercise rights vested by the committee with a sense of uprightness and benevolence.

Hluttaw sought the approval regarding the number and names of members of the Committee and Commission and the newly-formed Committee's duties, rights and term, and decided to approve it.

Afterwards, Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Chairman U Nanda Kyaw Swa submitted the reports submitted at previous session.

At the bill-discussion session, U Maung Maung Thein of Kayan Constituency, Dr Win Myint of Hline Constituency, U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency and U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency discussed Foreign Investment Bill.

With respect to the bill, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein discussed that the facts about Foreign Investment Bill discussed by Hluttaw representatives are complete and valid. Especially, it is obvious that they gave suggestions on the bill to become a law that will be beneficial to the State and people.

That bill is crucial for the State and people. Thus, it needs to hold discussions with Hluttaw committee extensively and scholars in private before the facts are discussed separately.

As a Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, he warned the discussion of some representatives to be in conformity with the rules and regulations recently and he expected that that would not harm the active and open discussion of representatives and but would pave the way for active and open discussion in the interests of the country and the people, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said.

He clarified that he had no option but to warn some representatives who took part in the discussion to be in conformity the rules and regulations and that did not mean to prohibit the open and active discussion. He also urged the Pyithu Hluttaw and the representatives to participate in the discussion openly and actively and in conformity with the rules and regulations in order to promote interests of the country and the people.

As he assumed that the Foreign Investment Law is important for the country and the people and Citizens and the Investment Law which is needed and also important for the country, he said. As a Speaker, he accepted the point presented by a Union level committee on half of the Union Government that the representatives and committees of Hluttaw are to discuss at large and to listen the discussion as part of efforts for enacting the Foreign investment law and the Citizens Investment Law.

Also present at the today meeting were trainees from the MBA course, personnel from commissions, some businessmen who participated in the foreign direct investment meeting in Yangon, experts and some businessmen, he said.

He continued to say that generally, the main duty of the Hluttaw is to make laws and the Hluttaw had to evaluate whether the laws it made would benefit the citizens, give protection to the interests of the citizens, work well practically in the country and be in conformity with the international treaties and conventions.

The Hluttaw must listen to the voice of a citizen and the people to make a law and representatives were to bring the voice to the Hluttaw and to discuss it openly and actively if the voice was reasonable and would benefit the people and the citizens, he added.

If a suggestion proposed by a representative was reasonable and would benefit the country and the people, the suggestion would be translated to action by other representatives, he said.

Similarly, when a voice of the people was brought to the Hluttaw by a representative, other representatives were responsible to discuss it and to make decision. A voice of the people can be brought to the Hluttaw as a question, a proposal and a bill by representatives, he said. The Hluttaw listened to the voices of the people and if the Hluttaw committees assumed that a voice was not brought to the Hluttaw, they went to places where they could hear the voices, he said. He recounted his meeting with the people including traders, farmers, labours and governmental employees at the MICC Hall in Yangon on 30 June, saying that he could also hear the voices of the people along with the Hluttaw committees. After the voices of the people were discussed at the Hluttaw, he decided to submit a proposal to the Hluttaw to make a law which would work to the advantage of the country, he said.

The Pyithu Hluttaw brought back the Foreign investment bill that it sent to Amyotha Hluttaw and was discussing it and those personnel who love the country and the people gave suggestion to the bill, he said, He urged responsible committees to listen to the discussion of the representatives when they met with Hluttaw committees.

Those who are not representatives are not allowed to take part in the discussion at the Hluttaw. Similarly, the rules and regulations of the Hluttaw allows only the Union level representatives to make discussion with the permission of the Speaker, he said. Therefore, the Hluttaw accepted the proposal of the Union-level committees as it can work to the advantage of the country and urged the Hluttaw committees

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Efforts are made by Hluttaw for emergence of law that can protect the interests of the State and people and is a useful one in actual practice and is in accord with the Constitution

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addresses coordination meeting on foreign investment law.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—A coordination meeting on foreign investment law by Pyithu Hluttaw Committee, Commission, entrepreneurs and scholars, was held at Zabuthiri meeting hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 2.15 pm today, with an address by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairmen and secretaries from Pyithu Hluttaw Committee and Commission, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, deputy ministers, responsible persons from Myanmar Investment Commission, economists and scholars.

At the meeting, the Speaker said that Foreign Investment Law was a crucial one for the country. There would be a flood of investment opportunities. So, those present were to discuss it openly in the interest of the State and people.

After that, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Director-General U Aung Naing Oo of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration, Economic advisor to the President U Set Aung, Dr Khin Maung Lwin, Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe, Dr Tin Aung Shwe, U Ko Ko Htway, U Tun Aye, U Than Myint, Dr Tin Latt, U Than Maung and Dr Daw Tin May Tun gave advise on drawing complete Foreign Investment Law for the benefit of the State and people.

With respect to the discussions, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that Pyithu Hluttaw is making efforts for the emergence of complete Foreign Investment Law in leaps and bounds. Each para and subpara of it is ready to be discussed at Pyithu Hluttaw. Hluttaw representatives were placing special emphasis on it. He urged respective committee, representatives, respective ministries and experts to complete it in leaps and bonds on consideration of himself as a citizen and a representative as well as a speaker. It would be sent to Amyotha Hluttaw after being discussed at Pyithu Hluttaw. It would be assumed that the law has been approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if there was no amendment made by Amyotha Hluttaw. From there, it would be sent to the President. It could be approved in 15 days if there was no any comment on it by the President. When there was comment, it was to be discussed at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. After those processes, a law would emerge. Efforts were being made by Hluttaw for emergence of law that can protect the interests of the State and people and is a useful one in actual practice and is in accord with the Constitution. In so doings, it needed to be in conformity with Convention and treaties exercised by the country. Commission at Hluttaw was formed with those who are engaging in the law fields, scholars and experts from all sectors. Coordination was to be made based on today's meeting suggestions in order that it could include necessary facts in it. To become a complete and qualified one, all were urged to take time that is no more than seven days.

After that, Chairman of Economy and Trade Development Committee U Maung Maung Thein discussed foreign investment law.

Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin and Director-General U Aung Naing Oo submitted amendments to the bill. The meeting came to an end after concluding speech by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.—*MNA*

Hluttaw representatives urged to...

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and the Union-level ministries concerned to discuss the proposal so that experts and those who interested in the proposal can feed back it, he said.

At today's session, three questions raised and answered, one new committee formed, revocation and substitution regarding to duties assigned to new members and committee's duties submitted, the approval sought and one bill discussed.

The newly-formed Committee for Rule of Law and Peace and Stability is formed with 15 Pyithu Hluttaw represetatives, namely Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Kawhmu Constituency as chairperson, U Win Myint of Pathein Constituency as secretary and U Man Maung Maung Nyan of Pantanaw Constituency, U Min Swe of DaikU Constituency, Daw Dwe Bu of Ingyanyan Constituency, U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin Constituency, Dr Ro Oak of Matupi Constituency, U Khin Maung Myint of Zeegon Constituency, Daw Mi Yin Chan of Kyaikmaraw Constituency, Daw Le Le Win Swe of Tamway Constituency, U Soe Yel of Dimawhso Constituency, Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathaedaung Constituency, U Nelson (a) U Hsaunghsi of Kyaukme Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency and Daw Zaw Myint Maung of Kyaukpadaung Constituency as members.

The meeting came to an end at 1.45 pm, and 22nd day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.—*MNA*

Meeting on mines sector development, promoting the quality of exports and market penetration held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Mine excavations and explorations are to be made with the help of advanced technologies, and benefits, used for regional development and establishment of industrialized country said Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, at the meeting on regional-level mines sector development, promoting the quality of exports and market penetration, at City Hall of Taunggyi, Shan State on 5 August.

The ministry is granting mines exploration permit to entrepreneurs in line with laws, bylaws and regulations. Environmental degradation is to be protected. Efforts are to be made to export refined metals. Public companies need to be set up to penetrate into international market. Necessary requirements are to be coordinated, he added.

After that, State Forestry and Mines Minister U Sai Aik Paung, State Hluttaw representatives, entrepreneurs and incharges discussed mine sector development, promoting the quality of exports and market penetration. Then, Union Minister and the State Chief Minister gave supplementary report.—*MNA*

Amyotha Hluttaw Reps, Mya Yeik Nyo Foundation provide cash assistance for local people in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Rakhine locals are provided with cash assistance, foodstuffs and clothes due to recent unrest that occurred in Rakhine State.

The donation ceremony of cash assistance for Rakhine locals was held at Maykhalar Hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, here, this morning.

Altogether 219 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives donated K 6.54 million and Mya Yeik Nyo Education, Health and Culture Foundation K 10 million.

U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for SWRR accepted the donations and returned certificates of honour to them.

It was attended by Union Minister for SWRR U Aung Kyi, departmental officials, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and Chairman of Mya Yeik Nyo Education, Health and Culture Foundation Dr Khin Shwe.

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Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi accepts cash donations for local people in Rakhine State from Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and Mya Yeik Nyo Foundation.—MNA

Knowledge about taxation disseminated in Ayadaw

AYADAW, 7 Aug—A talk on taxation was held at Saya San Hall of Basic Education High School in Ayadaw of Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 20 July morning.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Thin Nwe Than explained matters related to taxation.

It was attended by departmental personnel, teachers and students.—*Myanma Alin*

Myanmar still conserves…

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It is the pride of the country that it still conserve its own national characteristics though it has made cultural exchange with other countries including neighbouring countries, he added.

It is found that Myanmar can still conserve not only its cultural heritage but also the spiritual culture of the country and it also means promoting the cultural heritage and guarding the culture of the society of the country, he said.

With the aim of conserving the cultural heritage and passing it to future generations, the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts are held annually and all national races are responsible for it, he said.

He urged participants of the meeting to make efforts for the success of the upcoming 19th competitions on a grand scale overcoming the essence and characteristics of the previous ones.

Afterwards, Chairman of the leading committee for organizing the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan reported on organizational set up of the leading committees and sub-committees.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin reported on arrangements for holding the competitions.

Chairmen and officials of the sub-committees also took part in the discussion.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Vice-President.

The significant characteristic of the upcoming competitions includes the traditional cultural performing arts of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan national races in the respective state/region level competitions.

Winners of the traditional cultural performing arts competitions in state/region level competitions would be invited to Nay Pyi Taw to perform their performing arts as part of efforts for propagation and exchanging the traditional cultural performing arts of the national races and they would be honored in Nay Pyi Taw. —*MNA*

Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt makes explanation.
MNA

Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo makes discussion.
MNA

JEPIC Seminar FY 2012 in Myanmar organized

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug— Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min addressed the opening of JEPIC Seminar FY 2012 in Myanmar (Design Construction Management of Embankment Dam) Seminar at Yeywa Hall of the ministry here yesterday morning.

Group leader Mr Shinjl Shimizu of Japan Electric Power Information Centre Inc (JEPIC) explained purpose of organizing the seminar.

The ministry and JEPIC have cooperated in human resources development since 2005. JEPIC organized seminars in Myanmar and provided trainings to 18 engineers of the ministry in Japan. The seminar aimed at improving electricity generation.

The seminar was also attended by Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw, directors-general, managing directors and officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry, JEPIC scholars and engineers of the ministry. The seminar concludes on 9 August.—*MNA*

DG of UNESCO arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug— A delegation led by Director-General of UNESCO Ms Irina Bokova arrived here by air this morning. They were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe and officials.

A goodwill delegation led by the Director-General of UNESCO met Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan separately this morning.

In the evening, the delegation called on Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin.

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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Director-General of UNESCO Ms Irina Bokova and party.—**MNA**

Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min extends greetings at JEPIC Seminar FY 2012 in Myanmar (Design and Construction Management of Embankment Dam) Seminar.—**MNA**

Union Health Minister meets health staff in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug— Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin on 4 August morning paid an inspection tour of Montaing rural health department in Meiktila Township and Latpanpya Station Hospital and People's Hospital in Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region.

At the meeting hall of the hospital, he met with township health officer, township level departmental personnel and staff, calling for ensuring that the hospitals have fully correct records, the health staff are to carry out maternal and child welfare more and more for reducing death rate of pregnant women and infants, and follow rules and regulations to achieve success in work with a sense to understand time and circumstance of a situation, joining hands with regional authorities, departmental officials, well-wishers, social organization members, as well as rural people.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister held a meeting with Head of district health department Dr Khin Maung Htay and officials at the meeting hall of Taungzin Station Hospital after looking around transmitted diseases ward, the place chosen for extension of staff quarters, operation theatre, intensive care unit and patients ward of NyaungU People's Hospital.

On 5 August morning, the Union Minister inspected Bagan rural health department and a rural health department in east Pwarsaw Village in Pwarsaw Village-tract, and paid call officials for giving effective health care to pregnant women and to reduce mother and infant mortality rate, held at the meeting hall of Poppa rural health department in Kyaukpadaung Township.

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Rakhine locals provided with cash assistance and foodstuff

YANGON, 7 Aug—A ceremony to provide cash assistance and foodstuff for locals in Rakhine State was held at Maykhalar Hall of the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, K 170,000 was donated as remembrance of the 17th anniversary of OTS (Sithu Company), and Daw Myint Kyi in Bahan Township donated K 40,000 and three bales of clothes, Chanthargyi Fashion Shop of Insein Market one box of women clothes worth K 150,000, Ko Phone Myint Kyaw and friends in Kyaukmyaung K 40,000 and 11 bales of clothes, President, students and staff of EDUMAP Language Center of Kamayut Township K 200,000 and two bales of clothes, two boxes of instant noodle, Dr Thida Kyu (Associate Professor) of Applied Economy of Yangon Institute of Economic K 200,000, Daw Nwe Nwe Kyi of Myanmar News Agency and family K 50,000 and two bales of clothes, U Min Thein Myint and family of Sangyoung Township K 52,000 and three bales of clothes, Sayadaw of Magyipingwin Village Withutdarron Shwegyin Monastery and laypersons in Pyinmana Township K 15,000 and 20 sets of robe, ten umbrellas, five pairs of slippers, Daw Thein and family K 10,000, Headmaster and teachers of Bahan BEPS No.3 five packages of text books and four bales of clothes, Major Nyan Tun + Daw Thandar Aung and family two bales of clothes. Director-General of Fire Services Department U Tin Moe and officials accepted the donations and returned certificates of honour to them.

Up to date, the donations amounted to K 313,819,823.

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Marine Police Force is under constitution for prevention against the acts jeopardizing the interest of State and people and sovereignty of nation, combating crimes and attempts to commit crimes and discharging of duties for security of coasts and water courses

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—The Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for the 21st day at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by 203 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives including Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replied to questions on roads and bridges raised by four Hluttaw representatives.

With regard to the question asking **whether there is a plan to upgrade Maungmagan-Hmyawyit road section in Launglon Township** by U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No. 3, the deputy minister replied that the Ministry of Border Affairs plans to spend K 88.25 million on repaving one mile and two furlongs long section in 2012-2013 supplementary fund and K 88.25 million on repaving of one mile and two furlongs long section in 2013-2014 financial year.

U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9 asked **whether there is a plan to expand the width of 51 miles long road from Rezwa Sub-Township to Lailinpi Village and construct a new 40-mile road from Lailinpi Village to Shinletwa Village**. The deputy minister replied that about K 156.18 million will be spent on expanding 12 feet wide facility to 18 feet wide one of 51 miles long Rezwa-Lailinpi Road and K 55.2 million on 34 miles long and 12 feet wide earth road from Lailinpi Village to Shinletwa Village. The funds will be allotted in 2013-2014 fiscal year and 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Along the road, 300 feet long and 14 feet wide Hteinhsi Creek Bridge will be improved as steel frame facility in 2012-2013 fiscal year spending K 1575 million, and it will be the first priority. In 2013-2014 fiscal year, estimated cost of K 1050.5 million will be spent on construction of 200 feet long and 14 feet wide steel frame bridge across Vahar Creek with the financial assistance of India.

U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 12 asked **whether there is a plan to upgrade Tamagon-Shwehlan-Nyaungaing-Buyon rural road to gravel road in Thazi Township**. The deputy minister replied that a plan has been set to upgrade the said rural road to the 12 feet wide road in 2013-2014 fiscal year. Likewise, five miles long Kanthitgon-Ywapalegyi-Kyitaingkon-Thazi inter-village road will be improved in 2014-2015 fiscal year to be 12 feet wide gravel road.

With regard to the question asking **whether there is a plan to construct an earthen road linking Yesagyo and Pakhannge Village by passing through Nyaungzauk, Megon, Tawywa, Thanmatapoh, Singaing and Chitthu villages** by U Aung Than of Magway Region Constituency No. 10, the deputy minister replied that plans are under way to expand the said road to five miles and two furlongs long and 16 feet wide earthen road and three wooden bridges on Nyaungzauk-Thanmatapoh Road Section in 2013-2014 fiscal year and three wooden bridge on Singaing-Chitthu road in 2014-2015 fiscal year.

After that, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko replied to questions on home affairs raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 6 asked that **as some organizations under various names in addition to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) commit problems among the people, administrative bodies/departments, he would like to know how the organizations will be supervised to take registration and to do allowed tasks under the law**. The Union Minister replied that NGOs are to submit applications for registrations with the endorsements of respective township, district and state/region General Administration Departments in line with the law, procedures and directives. Depending on vision and mission of the NGOs, remarks are to be sought from the respective ministries, and executive committee members of the organizations are to be scrutinized whether they are related to political parties and they are cleared in crimes step by step. Next, the Association Institution and Supervision Central Committee headed by the Union Minister for Home Affairs scrutinizes the applications of associations and organizations again and decides to allow them. The decisions are to be submitted the Cabinet Meeting of the Union Government and sought the approval. Then, five-year term permits are issued to the organizations under disciplines.

Departments concerned are supervising the constitution of the associations and tasks of NGOs for ensuring systematic measures under procedures and directives under the guidance of the Union government. However, if the activities of organizations are not in conformity with the principle of the association constitution law and harm the stability and prevalence of law and order of the State, action will be taken against them.

U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No. 6 asked whether **there is a plan to constitute marine police force or coast guard with the use of speed boats for security of western coasts and water courses of developing Myanmar in the future**. The Union Minister replied that Myanmar Police Force has issued an order to formation of the Marine Police Force on 9 July 2012. The Marine Police Force will be headquartered in Nay Pyi Taw and it will control three branches in Yangon, Kyaukpyu and Dawei ports and eight sections in Pathein, Mawlamyine, Sittway, Thandwe, Myeik, Kawthoung, Mandalay and Wampon (Mekong). The Marine Police Force is under constitution for prevention against the acts jeopardize the interest of the State and the people and sovereignty of the nation, combating the committing of crimes and attempts to commit crimes and discharging of duties for security of coasts and water courses.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Than Myint read the reports of the committee on **Bill Revoking Public Welfare Services Protection Act**. Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted a proposal to the Hluttaw for seeking the approval of the bill, and a Hluttaw representative seconded it.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Sun Dok Ciint read the report of the committee on **Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention Disturbances and Oppositions,** Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted the proposal to be approved and a Hluttaw representative seconded it.

The Hluttaw approved the bill.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted a proposal on **bill revoking Land Confiscation (Mines) Act** to be considered by the Amyotha Hluttaw and a Hluttaw representative seconded it.

21st day Amyotha Hluttaw regular session in progress. MNA

The Hluttaw decided to accept the proposal to be discussed and the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist their nominations, not later than 9-8-2012.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submitted the **Securities Exchange Bill** to be discussed by the Amyotha Hluttaw and a representative seconded it.

The Hluttaw decided to accept the proposal to be discussed and the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist their nominations, not later than 9-8-2012.

Secretary of Local and Foreign Non-governmental Organization Committee U Swe Aung read out the report of the committee to the Amyotha Hluttaw.

The representatives willing to discuss the report are to submit their name list not later than 4 pm on 9-8-2012.

U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency (6), Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (6), Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency (1), U Zon Hlal Htan of Chin State Constituency (2), U Ha Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency (8), U Boe Yal of Kayah State Constituency (3), U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10), Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7) and U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency (9) discussed the proposal "**urging the Union government to pursue development plans for less developed ethnic people**" submitted by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8). They said the government should invite foreign investments in agricultural for development of the states. Development plans for coastal region should be pursued. The policy of "the poor takes more" from Union development fund should be adopted in least developed regions.

Comprehensive management schemes based on natural resources of each state are needed. Natural resources, human resources, geopolitical advantages, energy and technical resources, monetary policy, financial resources and market should be considered at planning stage. Each region or state should be entitled to claim at least 10-25 percent of tapped natural resources. The role of the State Hluttaws must be improved and the State governments must operate effectively.

Road transportation is a sine qua none for development of states. Accessibility of electricity and water, manufacturing industries, regional products, border gates and border trade camps, technical know-how of nationals and regional peace are key to development.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win said in his discussion a fund of 496.63 billion—178.49 billion from border area development fund and 318.13 billion from other ministerial funds—was used for border

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives UNDP Resident Representative and party

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Mr Ashok Nigam of UNDP Resident Representative, UN Resident/Humanitarian at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this evening.

During the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on providing assistance for Myanma democracy practising system and Myanma Hluttaw and technical aids in construction of Hluttaw Library and Archive, arrangement for Hluttaw representatives to observe international Hluttaws, cooperation with Hluttaw representatives in UNDP Programme to alleviate poverty and to improve education and health standards.

Also present at the call were Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe, Chairman of Farmers and Local and Foreign Workers Affairs Committee Dr Myint Kyi, Chairman of International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo, Chairman of Public Complaints and Appeal Committee U Aung Nyein, Chairman of Local and International NGOs Committee U Win Naung and officials of Hluttaw Office.—*MNA*

***Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Mr Ashok Nigam of UNDP Resident Representative, UN Resident/ Humanitarian and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.*—MNA**

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area development tasks in yearly National Plans from 1989-1990 fiscal year to May 2012. The tasks include construction of 5718 miles and six furlongs long earth roads, 4388 miles and three furlongs long gravel roads and 2647 miles and seven furlongs long tarred roads; maintenance of 3967 miles and five furlongs long roads, construction of 202 huge bridges, 1655 small bridges, 86 suspension bridges, 107 BEHSs, 91 BEMSs, 928 BEPSs, 100 hospitals, 99 dispensaries, 123 public health centres, 291 rural health centres, 31 agricultural offices, 118 agricultural stations, 81 dams, five canals, 11 tractor stations, four breeding farms and 41 veterinary offices; electrification of 207 towns with 276 generators; electrification of 51 towns/villages with hydropower and 114 retransmission stations; 54 post offices, 47 telegraph offices and 86 telephone booths.

The ministry has planned to request K 121778.548 million yearly for border region development tasks from the third year 2013-2014 FY to fifth year 2015-2016 FY of five-year National Plan.

Since 1992, the Border Affairs Ministry cooperated with four UN agencies, five nations and 14 NGOs for ensuring more incomes, infrastructural development, health and sanitation in Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State, Taninthayi Region and Sagaing Region up to 30-6-2012 with US$ 377.928 million.

Regarding incomes generation plan, community development plan for remote townships (CDRT 1997-2012) and integrated community development plan (ICDP 2003-2012) have been implemented in seven townships in Kachin State, eight townships in Chin State, seven townships in Rakhine State, one township in Kayin State, seven townships in Shan State and one township in Kayah State.

Agricultural equipment, quality seeds, capitals, pesticides, model plantations, fishing materials, model plots and trainings were provided.

The Health Department of the Ministry of Health undertakes the health and disease prevention. The Rural Region Development Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs is also undertaking sanitation tasks in cooperation with UNICEF. The 10-year drinking water supply project started since 2001-2002 fiscal year and completed cent per cent in 2010-2011 fiscal year, leaving 1611 water sources in regions and states including 539 wells, 503 deep wells, 176 lakes, 82 manually sunken wells, 72 natural streams and 239 others. The cooperation with UNICEF in health and sanitation tasks since 1997 and built 95 village market toilets in 2011-2012 fiscal year. From 2003 to 2012, the ministry has built 55790 toilets in cooperation with UNDP.

For human resources development, the ministry has opened 29 border areas and national races youths development trainings schools, one Union national races youth development university and two Union national races youths development degree colleges, four border areas and national races youth technical training schools, 36 women's domestic vocational training schools.

Following guidance of border areas and national races development implementation committee and based on necessities of the regions, the tasks will be carried out with added momentum.

Hluttaw Representative Dr Myint Kyi demanded the vote for his proposal. The proposal was approved with the majority vote.

Today's session concluded at 3.50 pm and 22nd day session will be held on 8 August.

At today's session, six questions were answered, two bills approved, two bills submitted, one report submitted, and one proposal discussed and approved.—*MNA*

Trees planted at Myaungdaga Steel Mill and Foundry Plant

YANGON, 7 Aug—The monsoon tree growing ceremony was held at Myaungdaga Steel Mill and Foundry in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region on 29 July morning.

Yangon Region Minister for Forestry and Energy U Kyaw Soe and Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint attended the ceremony and distributed saplings to the attendees.

They grew saplings at the designated places. The region ministers and party viewed cultivation of saplings.

At the ceremony, they planted 2100 saplings in various species.

Kyemon

Summer paddy harvested in Muse

MUSE, 7 Aug—Summer paddy was harvested on 1.80-acre plot of farmer U Aik San in Namlaung Village of Naunglaung Village-tract in Muse Township of Muse District in Shan State (North) on 11 July afternoon.

The paddy strain was LU-838 hybrid paddy. It produced 273 baskets of paddy per acre in wet status and 251.38 baskets per acre in dry status.—*Kyemon*

STIPENDS GRANTED: ***Kawkareik District and Township General Administration Departments provided stipends to offspring of staff for 2012-2013 academic year. Deputy Commissioner U Tint Wai Thon presents cash assistance, exercise books and stationery to students.*—KYEMON**

District News

Bago River still at high level

BAGO, 7 Aug—Due to heavy rains, low-land areas of Bago such as Kalyani, Mazin, Setpaing and Kyunthaya wards are flooded for over 10 days beginning the early waxing of Second Waso.

The local people use boats in their travelling. Residences of some areas were in the dangerous status of flood and they were accommodated at Shwenatha Monastery. No 5 Basic Education Middle School on Mazin 1st Street and No 4 BEHS were closed temporarily.

The motor road to Shwethalyaung reclining Buddha image was inundated in Bago. Tuk-tuks are facing difficulties for their runs.

Kyemon

Yangon University allows entrance and exit of motor cars

YANGON, 7 Aug—Motor cars were allowed to drive into Yangon University as of 1 August.

Entrance and exist of motor cars on the campus of Yangon University were limited in the past. Taxis and private cars are allowed at present, said security personnel of the university.

"Adipadi Road was reopened. In the past, private cars were allowed to drive along the road on the campus but taxis were not allowed. The Faculty members and students showed off their identity cards to enter the campus then. Now, the road is opened for convenience of the students and faculty members. Now, they are convenient to visit hostels and student affairs department," said a post-graduate student.—*Kyemon*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BILLION VOY NO (135)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (135) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(3) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV HOANG ANH 05 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Engagement

It is hereby announced that

TIMOTHY AUNG WIN

Son of U Nyunt Tin and Daw Swe Wynn

and

DR. NILAR MIN

Daughter of U Min Din and Daw Than Than Yee were lawfully and successfully engaged on Wednesday, 1st August, 2012 by the approval of parents of both sides.

Parents of both sides
Timothy Aung Win - Dr. Nilar Min

Gunmen kill NATO driver in Pakistan

This file photo shows NATO supply trucks driving through Khyber Pass, in 2008. INTERNET

KABUL , 7 Aug — Gunmen on Monday killed a driver of a NATO supply truck in Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt on the Afghan border, according to officials.

It was the second fatal shooting in two weeks in the Jamrud area in Khyber district, where Taleban and local Islamist militia are active.

After the first shooting on 24 July, Pakistan closed the Torkham border crossing, the quickest route from Pakistan's port of Karachi to the Afghan capital, for nine days."Three gunmen in a jeep fired at a NATO truck, killing its driver," local government official Bakhtiar Khan told *AFP*.

NATO traffic was suspended for a few hours after the incident. Sameen Jan, a doctor at the local hospital, said the driver was shot twice, once in the head and once in the chest.

Pakistan reopened the Torkham crossing on Saturday, having signed a deal with the United States last Tuesday allowing NATO convoys to travel into Afghanistan until the end of 2015. Islamabad in July lifted a seven-month blockade on NATO goods passing overland through Pakistan, imposed after botched US air raids killed 24 Pakistani troops in November.

Internet

An Iraqi policeman stands guard at a checkpoint in central Baghdad on 4 Augus. Attacks mainly targeting Iraqi security forces killed five people, among them four policemen, and wounded 16 on Sunday, security and medical officials said.—INTERNET

Iraq attacks kill five

BAGHDAD , 7 Aug — Attacks mainly targeting Iraqi security forces killed five people, among them four policemen, and wounded 16 on Sunday, security and medical officials said. So far this month, attacks have killed 55 people, 42 of them members of the security forces, according to an *AFP* tally based on security and medical sources. In the deadliest attack, gunmen shot dead three police at a checkpoint in a market in Mosul in northern Iraq, police First Lieutenant Khalaf al-Juburi said, a toll confirmed by a doctor from Mosul General Hospital.

In Kirkuk, two roadside bombs killed one policeman and wounded seven others, a security official and a doctor from a hospital in the northern city said. In Baghdad, a car bomb in the Qahira area targeted the convoy of Brigadier General Mohammed Ghazi, the head of the personal protection directorate in the interior ministry, wounding him, two guards and three civilians, a ministry official said. A medical official at Al-Kindi hospital, meanwhile, said the facility had received one body and six wounded people, among them three police, including the brigadier general.

The interior ministry official and a medical source also said a sticky bomb wounded a tribal leader in north Baghdad. And gunmen attacked a checkpoint in the southwestern province of Salaheddin, wounding two police, police and a medic said. While violence has decreased compared with its peak in 2006 and 2007, attacks remain common across Iraq.

There were attacks on 27 of the 31 days in July.Official figures put the number of people killed in attacks in July at 325, the highest monthly death toll since August 2010.

Internet

Israeli drone kills Gazan

GAZA CITY, 7 Aug — A Palestinian man was killed and another wounded in an Israeli drone strike on Rafah in the Gaza Strip on Sunday, medics and witnesses said. Palestinian sources named the victim as Eid Hijazi, 23, a member of the radical Popular Resistance Committees. The men were riding a motorcycle at the time.

The Israeli army in a statement confirmed the strike, naming the wounded man as Ahmed Said Ismail, who "was among those responsible for the execution of the terror attack adjacent to the Israel-Egypt border, in which an Israeli civilian was killed, on 18 June, 2012."

That attack led to the latest major flare-up around Gaza, with Palestinians firing dozens of rockets into the Jewish state which responded with multiple air raids on the territory that killed 15 Palestinians.

The army statement said Said, Hijazi and "several other Global Jihad members were operating in order to execute a terror attack against Israeli civilians via the Israel-Egypt border."Following the attack, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised the army and Israel's Shin Bet internal security agency for the "precision action carried out in the Gaza Strip."

"Anyone intending to harm us ought to know that our long arm will reach him," he said in a statement.

Later on Sunday, two rockets fired from Gaza exploded in the Shaar Hanegev region of southern Israel.

A military spokesman told AFP the rockets wounded no one and caused no damage.

Internet

Members of the military and bystanders look at debris after a car bomb exploded near the offices of the military police in Tripoli on 4 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

Red Cross attacked with rockets, grenades in Libya

GENEVA, 7 Aug — Unknown assailants attacked a compound of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the Libyan port of Misrata on Sunday with grenades and rockets, forcing it to suspend its work there and in the eastern city of Benghazi, the agency said. The ICRC said seven of its aid workers were inside their residence when it came under attack.

No one was hurt, but damage to the building was extensive.It was the fifth time in less than three months that violence was directed against the independent aid agency in Libya, the ICRC said in a statement, which stressed its neutrality.

"Given the circumstances, we are forced to announce, with considerable regret, that we will be suspending all our activities in Misrata and Benghazi and that our delegates in those cities will be temporarily relocated," said Ishfaq Muhamed Khan, the head of the ICRC's delegation in Libya.Several violent incidents have rocked Libya in recent days and included the kidnapping on Tuesday in Benghazi of seven Iranians relief workers who were official guests of the Libyan Red Crescent Association.

Also on Sunday, security forces killed three armed men who were suspected of being behind seven failed bomb plots, said Saleh Darhoub, a spokesman for the National Transitional Council. It was the first deadly clash since the fall of Muammar Gaddafi in October.

Darhoub promised to bring the attackers to court and condemned their act against what he described as "hosts" of Libyans "who did great things for the revolution including in Misrata".

In Geneva, ICRC spokesman Jean-Yves Clemenzo said that the seven staff had withdrawn to its delegation in the capital Tripoli.

Reuters

8 injured in 4-vehicle collision in western Japan

OSAKA, 7 Aug — At least eight people were injured early Monday in an accident involving four vehicles in the western Japanese prefecture of Shiga, local Press reported.

The accident occurred at around 3:30 a.m. local time when a heavy lorry and a passenger car ran into other two lorries, both of which were already stopping due to their collision, on the Shin- Meishin Expressway in Otsu City of the prefecture, the press said.

The Press cited as local police as saying the eight people, aged between 12 and 48, were sent to nearby hospitals, adding that two of them are in serious conditions. After the crash, the motorway was partly closed in the morning hours.The cause of the accident is under investigation.—*Xinhua*

Toronto probes picture of sleeping worker

Toronto officials said they are investigating a photograph that appears to show a member of a survey crew sleeping in a city-owned van.

City spokeswoman Jackie DeSouza said on 3 Aug officials are looking into the picture, which shows a technical services survey crew member asleep in the back of an open van with the doors open while two other crew members sit in the front seats, the *Toronto Sun* reported. "The city will be meeting with the employees involved, and will take any disciplinary action it deems appropriate," DeSouza said.

The spokeswoman said city workers have previously been warned about sleeping in city vehicles.

"(Survey and mapping staff in technical services) have been previously advised that sleeping in a city vehicle is not acceptable at any time," she said.

Toronto officials are looking into this photo of an unidentified sleeping police officer.

Dump truck rolls into house

Police in Florida said a dump truck rolled into a home while the driver was inside a neighbouring restaurant.

Tampa police said Daniel Echols, 53, parked the 1998 Volvo dump truck at the La Teresita Plus Club restaurant around 8:50 pm 5 Aug and went inside to eat, the Tampa Bay (Fla) *Times* reported on 6 Aug.

Investigators said the truck rolled into a neighbouring home a short time later, knocking over a TV. No injuries were reported from the crash.

Police said they are investigating whether the vehicle was not shifted fully into "park."

News Album

British explorer sets out on treasure hunt

A British fortune hunter is heading to a Pacific island in search of more than $250 million worth of treasure supposedly buried there by 19th century pirates.

Shaun Whitehead is leading an expedition to Cocos Island in hopes of discovering treasure allegedly buried there by a British trader, Capt William Thompson, in 1820, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on 5 Aug.

The British newspaper said as the story goes, Thompson stole gold, silver and jewelry amassed by Spanish authorities in Lima, Peru, that he was entrusted to transport to Mexico. Thompson and his crew allegedly killed Spanish sailors on their ship and headed for Cocos Island, off the coast of Costa Rica, to bury their loot, which included 113 gold religious statues, 200 chests of jewels, 273 swords with jeweled hilts, 1,000 diamonds, solid gold crowns, 150 chalices, and hundreds of gold and silver bars.

Whitehead and a team of about 15 will scour the island over the 10-day expedition using non-invasive technology not used in previous expeditions to the island. "This is a scientific survey, including archaeological, geological and biodiversity aspects," Whitehead said. "Unlike previous trips, we are not going to dig vast holes or do anything destructive at all.

Woman spots her child for sale on Internet

A Canadian woman called police when she found an online ad offering her baby for sale based on photos she'd posted on Facebook.

The unidentified woman in the central British Columbia town of Fort St John called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police when she spotted the ad in an online buy-and-sell site, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

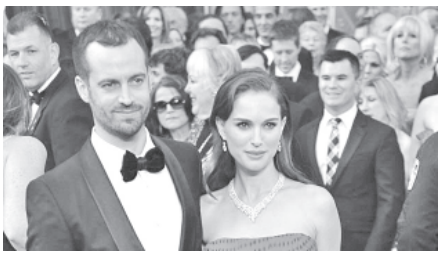
RCMP Sgt Steve Perret told the broadcaster the ad had been removed this week and electronic forensic investigators had a suspect.

"To me, this looks like a case of somebody's twisted or perverted sense of humor, by posting these types of ads trying to sell somebody else's child," he said. "Additionally there was an ad where he was trying to sell a dead dog."

The woman had posted pictures of her baby on Facebook, which were copied for use in the ad, the CBC said. Perret said the mother hadn't adjusted her Facebook privacy settings, meaning anyone could view her online wall.

"Unfortunately, all too often people put too much information on the Internet, which can result in things like identity theft," he said.

Portman and Millepied wed in Big Sur



Natalie Portman and her husband Benjamin Millepied.

LOS ANGELES, 7 Aug — Oscar-winning actress Natalie Portman married French dancer and choreographer Benjamin Millepied in Big Sur, Calif, during the weekend.

The couple met on the set of the 2010 ballet film "Black Swan," were engaged for two years and are the parents of a 14-month-old son.

People.com said Portman and Millepied exchanged vows after dark in a Jewish ceremony at a private home on Saturday night. UsMagazine.com said Macaulay Culkin and Ivanka Trump were among the 100 or so guests who attended.

Internet

'New' Aaliyah song released online

LOS ANGELES, 7 Aug — A recording of the late R&B singer Aaliyah's previously unheard song "Enough Said," featuring Canadian rapper Drake, has been posted online.

***Aaliyah in 2000, after winning an MTV Video Music Award.* —INTERNET**

Aaliyah was killed in a plane crash in the Bahamas on 25 Aug, 2001. She was 22.

Drake posted one of their last collaborations on the Internet during the weekend.

"I have some great Aaliyah news coming soon," *E! News* quoted Drake as saying in April. "Some special things. Great things man. Great things for music, period."—*Internet*

Michael Phelps of the United States holds his 18th Gold Medal after the Men's 4 X 100M Medley Relay Final at the London 2012 Summer Olympics on 4 Aug, 2012 in Stratford, London.
INTERNET

Singer Chavela Vargas dead at 93

CUERNAVACA, (Mexico), 7 Aug— Costa Rican-born singer and actress Chavela Vargas has died of respiratory failure in a hospital in Cuernavaca, Mexico, her biographer said. She was 93.

Her friend and biographer Maria Cortina confirmed her weekend death to the BBC.

Vargas recorded 80 albums and performed until late into her life, sometimes in a wheelchair.

Her first appearance at New York's Carnegie Hall was when she was 83 and the Latin Recording Academy presented her with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

A lesbian who said she had been in love with Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Vargas was famous for performing Mexican "ranchera" songs dressed in men's clothes while smoking cigars and drinking on stage, the BBC said.

Among her famous friends were muralist Diego Rivera, and writers Juan Rulfo and Federico Garcia Lorca. She sang in the 2002 film "Frida," a bio-picture about her longtime friend, Kahlo. Her own life was documented in the autobiography, "You Want to Know About My Past."—*Internet*

Singer and actress Chavela Vargas

I can't be the candy queen forever, says Katy Perry

Katy Perry

LONDON, 7Aug—Katy Perry has hinted that even though she is hailed as a candy queen, she will eventually move on and give that title to someone else.

"I love what I do, and when I don't love what I do, I'll make a change, I can't be the candy queen forever," *the Sun* quoted her as telling *Elle* magazine.

The 27-year-old actress also spoke of the pressures of living life in the spotlight, when so many others look at her as a role model for her fans and expect her to set a good example.

"I have no regrets. I'm not going to be everything to everyone," she said.

"I can't tell a person when it's time for them to have sex. Or if they should have a cigarette.

"But I try to live my life with a lot of integrity, and, hopefully, that sends a message," she added.

Internet

Lady Gaga announces new CD title

NEW YORK, 7 Aug—US pop star Lady Gaga has announced her next album will be called "ARTPOP."

EW.com said it is set for release some time next year, although no specific date was given. "Make sure when writing about my new album/ project ARTPOP that you CAPITALIZE the title, *its all in the details,*" the singer said via Twitter during the weekend, though she missed a detail by not putting in an apostrophe in the contraction "it's."

Her previous offerings "The Fame," "The Fame Monster" and "Born This Way" were huge blockbusters.

Internet

US pop star Lady Gaga

Phelps dating model Rossee

LOS ANGELES, 7 Aug — US Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps has been dating model Megan Rossee for five months, *E! News* reported.

Although the couple took their romance public by walking the red carpet on Monday night at a Speedo promotional event in London, UsMagazine.com said Phelps declined to answer questions about their relationship.

Phelps, 27, has earned 22 medals, 18 of them gold, during the past three Olympics.

Rossee, 25, has appeared in runway shows for fashion designers Michael Kors and Betsey Johnson.

Internet

Soccer: US grab extra-time winner to reach final

Canada's goalkeeper Erin McLeod (C) can't quite reach a goal by USA's Alex Morgan (not seen) to win the women's semi final soccer match at the London 2012 Olympic Games at Old Trafford in Manchester, on 6 Aug, 2012.— Reuters

MANCHESTER, 7 Aug — Reigning Olympic champions the United States beat Canada 4-3 thanks to an Alex Morgan goal late in extra time to reach the women's soccer final after an extraordinary match on Monday. With the players on both sides exhausted, penalties looming and the referee looking at her watch, Morgan powered home a header to put the US in front for the first time after Canada had led three times in a pulsating game at Old Trafford. The winner came with 122 minutes and 25 seconds on the clock. Sixty seconds later, the match was over.

"I'm still in shock thinking of what just happened," Morgan told reporters. "I don't care who scores as long as we score and that's all that matters."I didn't even see it go in. I just try and be in the right position."It was a crazy battle. Coming back and back and back. After we scored they scored, it was amazing." The US, who have now reached all five women's Olympic finals, taking gold in 1996, 2004 and 2008, will meet Japan in Thursday's gold medal decider at Wembley Stadium seeking their third successive gold and their fourth in total.Japan, who overcame France 2-1 earlier on Monday, beat the US.on penalties in last year's World Cup final.

Canada's stunned players were in tears at the end and Christine Sinclair, whose hat-trick looked as though it would prove enough for victory, was especially distraught. But every time she scored, the US showed the mark of champions and responded for a fifth successive win in the tournament to claim a place in the gold medal match." I'm very proud of this team for making the final," said American Abby Wambach. "I never had a doubt."It's exactly what we hoped for (playing Japan in the final) after that World Cup loss."

Sinclair had opened the scoring with a delightful goal after 22 minutes when she slalomed past two defenders after being set up by Melissa Tancredi. The US equalized with a rare goal scored direct from an inswinging corner by Megan Rapinoe that beat goalkeeper Erin McLeod and two defenders at the near post. Sinclair put Canada back in front after 67 minutes with a firm header to start a wild scoring spree of four goals in 12 minutes - two from each side.

Rapinhoe equalized again three minutes later with a fierce angled drive from the edge of the box that went in off the far post before Sinclair got her hat-trick to put Canada 3-2 up with another header after 73 minutes, her 143rd goal for her country.

Alex Morgan (L) of the US celebrates with her coach Pia Sundhage after defeating Canada in their women's semi-final soccer match during the London 2012 Olympic Games at Old Trafford in Manchester on 6 Aug, 2012. .— Reuters

But in the 80th minute the US equalized for the third time when Wambach scored her 143rd international goal with a penalty after Marie-Eve Nault was harshly judged to have handled in the area by Norwegian referee Christiana Pedersen when a freekick struck her elbow as she was turning away from the ball. Extra time looked set to end without a goal after Wambach's header hit the bar in the 119th minute but that was not the last of the drama and deep into added time Morgan headed in a right-wing cross for the dramatic winner." The heart we showed today was absolutely huge," said Rapinoe. "It's a little bit of a trademark of our team. We came back three times today and scored four goals. We showed great heart."— *Reuters*

Athletics: Bolt returns, Pearson eyes hurdles gold

Jamaica's Usain Bolt holds his gold medal during the men's 100m victory ceremony during the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 6 Aug, 2012. **Reuters**

LONDON, 7 Aug — Fresh from 100 meters glory Jamaica's Usain Bolt begins a highly anticipated 200m title defense at the London Olympics on Tuesday, while women's 100m hurdles world champion Sally Pearson is favorite to go one better than her silver in Beijing. Australia's Pearson, who holds the event's fastest performance since 1992 (12.28 seconds), is likely to face competition from American duo Lolo Jones, best remembered for stumbling in the final as favorite in Beijing, and defending Olympic champion Dawn Harper.

The semi-finals start at 1915 local time with the final at 2100. Bolt, who wowed the crowd on Sunday night by becoming the only man to cross the line first in two 100m finals, returns to the Olympic stadium bidding to become the first man to win two 200m golds and cement himself as unquestionably the greatest sprinter in history.

Kenya's Asbel Kiprop, the world's fastest man this year, will have one thing on his mind in London - to win the 1500m properly. The world champion has often expressed his dissatisfaction at taking Olympic gold in Beijing after Rashid Ramzi was stripped of his title for a doping offence. A Kenyan clean sweep could be on the cards, with Commonwealth champion Silas Kiplagat and youngster Nixon Chebseba both in with a chance of a podium finish. Gold medals will also be up for grabs in the men's high jump and discus finals, as well as final berths in the men's 800 meters and women's 200 meters.— *Reuters*

Basketball: Tempers flare as US sweep past Argentina

LONDON, 7 Aug — A nasty, bad-tempered joust with Argentina's basketball team woke up the sleeping giants from the US on Monday, spurring them to a 126-97 victory that earned a top-seeded berth in the quarter-finals. Players from both sides were knocked down in a closely-fought first half and they often glowered at each other as the contest turned into a rout for the Americans who had narrowly beaten Lithuania in their previous game.

"Tonight's game was so much fun," US point guard Chris Paul told reporters. "I give Argentina a lot of credit. "Those guys pushed us, they made us compete. I loved it. When it gets a little chippy here and there, it gets you excited," he said after the players frequently collided going for rebounds. The muscular LeBron James threw an arm out at one point to sweep experienced Argentine Manu Ginobili off his feet. After going to intermission locked in a 60-59 struggle, Argentina were buried under a flurry of three-pointers from Kevin Durant.

Durant, who made 8-of-10 three-pointers in the game, nailed four from beyond the arc in a third-quarter stretch that took the US lead from 12 points to 24. The quarter ended with more physical combat as Carmelo Anthony hit the floor doubled up in pain after making a three-pointer to send the Americans into the fourth session with a 102-76 advantage. "He got hit in the groin. That's why he buckled. He wasn't celebrating his shot," said coach Mike Krzyzewski. It seemed a fight might break out at that point as several players from both teams approached each other near mid-court before being separated.— *Reuters*

Kevin Durant (C) of the US reacts after a dunk against Argentina during their men's preliminary round Group A basketball match at the Basketball Arena during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 6 August.— **Reuters**

Equestrian: Saudi show jumpers buy horse power for Games

LONDON, 7 Aug — Saudi Arabia's surprise bronze in Olympic team show jumping means a slightly mysterious organization called Saudi Equestrian has achieved a goal set in 2009 — to buy great horses and succeed in London. Saudi Equestrian has bought top jumpers from the United States, Great Britain and continental Europe in the past two years — the horse power that helped propel Prince Abdullah al Saud, the king's grandson, and his team mates to Games success.

The Saudi team were in front after Sunday's first round when even reigning world champions Germany failed to make the cut. Then they defeated reigning Olympic champions the United States and stalwarts such as Sweden and Switzerland in the second to win their first-ever team equestrian medal. Their best prior Olympic result in horse sports came when rider Khaled Al Eid won individual jumping bronze at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, something the team described as inspirational.

Saudi Arabia's Ramzy Al Duhami rides Bauard Van De Villa There during the equestrian individual jumping third qualifier in Greenwich Park at the London 2012 Olympic Games on 6 Aug, 2012. **Reuters**

Chef d'equipe Rogier van Iersel, a former international judge from the Netherlands who has been working with the Saudis since 2006, said his goal was just to get to the second round. What happened was well beyond expectations."I had seen for a long time that we had top-level riders but we lacked the horse power," he said. "And horse power comes with finding the right resources to buy these horses." It was to bring these resources to bear that Saudi Equestrian was formed with King Abdullah as its patron. *Reuters*

Bernard Tomic of Australia returns a forehand against Michael Berrer of Germany during their first round match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto on 6 Aug, 2012.— **Reuters**

Tomic snaps skid, sets up Toronto tilt with Djokovic

TORONTO, 7 Aug — Bernard Tomic may be the youngest player at the Toronto Masters but after ending a six-match losing streak on Monday the 19-year-old Australian is oozing confidence for his second-round tilt with top-seed Novak Djokovic. Tomic, who opened his hard court season with a 6-3 3-6 6-3 victory over Germany's Michael Berber, has never beaten Djokovic but looks forward to playing the tournament's defending champion on Wednesday after recording his first win since May.

"It's a really good feeling. ... Seven weeks in a row I've been losing, and I think the opportunity here to play and play well is good, and confidence that I need," Tomic told reporters. "I am just happy that I won my match finally, and I've got confidence leading into the next important match." With world number one Roger Federer skipping the tournament to rest, Rafa Nadal opting out because of injury and several top players still arriving from the London Olympics, the Toronto Masters offers a chance for an unseeded player to make a move.

But while Tomic is aware of the opportunity that presents itself with top players either absent or fatigued, he refuses to look any further than his match against Djokovic. In their two previous meetings, Tomic lost to Djokovic at last year's Wimbledon and at the Rome Masters in May. "It's a good chance for me playing him for the first time on hard court where I think I move the best out of all surfaces," Tomic told reporters. "My game suits more grass, but I think I move and play better in a way on hard court."— *Reuters*

International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(8-8-12 09:30 am ~ 9-8-12 09:30 am) MST

* News
* Full Moon Day of Waso
* News
* Ngapali, Unique Spot To Relax
* News
* Strenuous Steps (Men)
* News
* Hiker's Journey (Yangon City) (Episode-6) (Part-II)
* News
* Thailand Myanmar Business Matching
* News
* High Level Policy Seminar On Central Banking
* News
* Yangon Business Expo 2012
* News
* 3rd Grand Art Stream Family Art Exhibition (U Lun Gywe)
* Myanmar Movie "Never Lie to Your Heart"

MYANMAR TV

(8-8-2012) (Wednesday)

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

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:15 am
5. Cultural Dances

8:25 am
6. Teleplay (Health)

4:00 pm
7. Martial Song

4:10 pm
8. Musical Programme

4:40 pm
9. Dance Of National Races

5:10 pm
10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:15 pm
11. Classical Song

5:45 pm
12. ASEAN "Programmes"

6:35 pm
13. Shwe Yin Chone Than

7:45 pm
14. "Road to 27th SEA GAMES"

8:00 pm
15. News
16. Korea NG Award
17. TV Drama Series
18. Dramatic Arts Competition (Narration of religious Stories)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 8th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
4	Chin	24/75	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	29/84	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	24/75	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	33/91	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	22/72	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	24/75	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	22/72	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	28/82	22/72	Some rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Bago Regions, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Kachin and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaikmaraw (5.31) inches, Paung (3.94) inches, Theinzayat (3.90) inches, Nyaunglebin (3.74) inches, Mawlamyine (3.66) inches, Kawkareik (3.54) inches, Homalin (3.35) inches, Bhamo and Ye (3.15) inches each, Thandwe and Bilin (2.91) inches each.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Continuation of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Stipends granted to basic education students in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 7 Aug—A ceremony to present cash assistance provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Committee to basic education students for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of the Township War Veterans Organization in Meiktila on 31 July.

Likewise, Meiktila Township WVO presented cash assistance to outstanding students in the 2012 matriculation examination.

Chairman of Township WVO Captain Tin Maung Htay (Rtd) made a speech.

The chairman and party gave K 2,425,000 as stipends to the students and K 1.5 million to five outstanding students in the matriculation examination.—*Myanma Alin*

HEALTH KNOWLEDGE SHARD: ***Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held the talks on health knowledge at the hall of Thingangyun Township General Administration Department on 27 July. Chairperson of the District MCWSC Daw Moe Thu Tint gives talks on health knowledge.***

MYANMA ALIN

Dominican Republic's Felix Sanchez (R), who won gold, and second placed Michael Tinsley of the US pose with their national flags after the men's 400m hurdles final at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

REUTERS

Sanchez recaptures crown but Isinbayeva fades

LONDON, 7 Aug — Felix Sanchez of the Dominican Republic recaptured the Olympic 400 metres hurdles title at the age of 34, eight years after he first won it, on a second successive golden night for Caribbean runners at the London Games. Sanchez was convulsed with sobs and tears streamed down his face as he stood on the victor's podium after holding off Michael Tinsley of the United States. "No one expected this. A lot of people said I should retire but I stuck with it. They'll all be celebrating now," said Sanchez. After finishing, he took out and kissed a picture of his grandmother Lillian, who died during the Beijing Olympics.

On a tough night for defending Olympic champions, 33-year-old American Angelo Taylor came fifth, failing in his attempt to become the first man to win three titles in the event after gold in 2000 and 2008. Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia, bidding for a third successive gold medal in the women's pole vault, could only manage bronze behind Jennifer Suhr of the United States who went one better than her silver medal in Beijing, and Yarisley Silva of Cuba. Isinbayeva never looked comfortable on a chilly, rainy evening. After missing at 4.55 metres, she cleared the next two notches at 4.65 and 4.70 but could not improve on that mark, ending 5 cm short of her rivals.

Valerie Adams of New Zealand, also a victor in 2008, was pushed into second place in the women's shot put by Nadzeya Ostapchuk of Belarus, the 2005 world champion. Russian world champion Yuliya Zaripova won the women's 3,000 metres steeplechase, leading from the start and storming across the line well clear of Tunisia's Habiba Ghribi and Ethiopia's Sofia Assefa. "It was easy to win this gold, I was very confident about winning. I'm very good at steeplechase," she told reporters, grinning from ear to ear. "Towards the end I saw the scoreboard, I could hear the roar in the stadium but I kept my concentration to the very end." Two 19-year-olds took gold and silver in the men's 400 metres, with Kirani James of Grenada powering through ahead of Luguelin Santos of the Dominican Republic. Javier Culson took bronze in the hurdles to become the first Puerto Rican to win an Olympic athletics medal.— *Reuters*

Weightlifting: Injury denied me chance at gold — Akkaev

LONDON, 7 Aug — A last minute back injury that required emergency surgery cost weightlifter Khadzhimurat Akkaev an Olympic gold medal and a clean sweep of world records, the Russian said on Monday. World champion Akkaev was due to compete in the 105-kilogram category but said he was unable to take to the platform after suffering a herniated disc in his back last week — an injury that mean he was unable to walk until Sunday. Oleksiy Torokhtiy of Ukraine capitalized on the absence of Akkaev and other top competitors to take gold.

But Akkaev, who took the unusual step of calling an impromptu news conference following the medal ceremony to discuss his injury, said he could have beaten Torokhtiy's 412 kg winning total and had been targeting world records. "You have to understand this is not the biggest total in weight," Akkaev said of Torokhtiy's performance while offering his congratulations to the Ukrainian. "It was in our plans to set at least three world records. If we talk about my personal results (in training), the total weight is 455 kilogrammes." The Russian weightlifting federation had said on Saturday Akkaev would not compete. "(The decision) was taken after the surgery, and the surgery was a very difficult and complicated surgery. More than three hours," Akkaev said.

Akkaev stood, baring his back to reporters and displaying a bandaged surgery wound. But Akkaev's name, alongside that of compatriot Dmitriy Klokov who also withdrew late through injury, remained on the start list until 90 minutes before the event started. Klokov had failed to recover from a knee injury that also required surgery and had not flown to London, said Davyd Rigert, head coach of the Russian weightlifting team. He added that the decision to withdraw both athletes had been delayed to give them every chance to recover, but that eventually he had to inform the organizers that he would not be fit to compete. "Believe me, it was not an easy decision to make," he said. "It was really a very dramatic decision for me."

Reuters

Khadzhimurat Akkaev of Russia celebrates during the men's 105kg weightlifting competition during the World Weightlifting Championships at Disney Village in Marne-la-Vallee outside Paris, on 12 Nov 2011.— REUTERS

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Myanmar still conserves both physical and spiritual culture which means promoting own culture, safeguarding Myanmar civilization

Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham makes an address at the coordination meeting of 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug— The 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be opened on 16 October this year and a prize presentation ceremony held on October 26.

Leading Committee for organizing the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions-2012 held its meeting at the Ministry of Culture this afternoon and Patron of the leading committee Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an opening address.

It was attended by union ministers, state/region chief ministers, deputy ministers and departmental officials.

In his keynote address at the meeting, the vice-president said that the 19th competitions was the second event during the time of the current government and the traditional performing arts of the national races in states and regions would be included in the state/region level competitions and it would encourage the work for uplifting the national prestige and unity of the national races being carried out by the government.

Besides, it would help national races understand their traditional culture and customs each other, strengthening the sincere friendship between them.

The competitions in regions and states will be organized by region/state governments concerned joining hands with national races cultural associations in states and regions. Winners of the state/region level competitions will also be awarded in the presentation ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw.

The traditional cultural performing arts of national races are included in the curriculum of the universities and high schools of fine arts of Ministry Culture with the aim of conserving them. The traditional performing arts of national races at this year's competitions would help the universities and schools of fine arts a lot.

The alien culture, customs and concepts which are not in conformity with the Myanmar culture and the danger posed by such kind of culture, customs and concepts are spreading rapidly in the country due to the information technology. It is the patriotic spirit of having a great love of the prestige and cultural heritage of a country that can prevent such kind of danger and the reason why the traditional performing arts competitions is held annually is encourage the patriotic spirit.

Cultures of all national races living together in the country since yore have own national characteristics and the centuries-old traditional cultures reflect the dignity, prestige and the national spirit of Myanmar, the vice-president said.

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London 2012 Olympics medal tally Day 11, 24:00 hrs MST

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	People's Republic of China	34	20	17	71
2	United States of America	30	16	20	66
3	Great Britain	22	13	12	47
4	Republic of Korea	11	5	6	22
5	Russian Federation	8	17	19	44
6	France	8	9	10	27
7	Italy	7	6	4	17
8	Kazakhstan	6	0	1	7
9	Germany	5	14	7	26
10	Netherlands	5	3	6	14
11	Hungary	4	1	3	8
12	DPRK	4	0	1	5
13	Australia	3	12	9	24
14	Cuba	3	3	1	7
15	Belarus	3	2	3	8
16	New Zealand	3	1	5	9
17	South Africa	3	1	0	4
18	Ukraine	3	0	6	9
19	Japan	2	13	14	29
20	Romania	2	5	2	9
21	Denmark	2	4	2	8
22	Brazil	2	1	5	8
22	Poland	2	1	5	8
24	Islamic Republic of Iran	2	1	1	4
24	Jamaica	2	1	1	4
26	Croatia	2	1	0	3
27	Ethiopia	2	0	2	4
28	Spain	1	4	1	6
29	Canada	1	3	6	10
30	Sweden	1	3	2	6
31	Czech Republic	1	3	1	5
32	Kenya	1	2	2	5
33	Slovenia	1	1	2	4
34	Dominican Republic	1	1	0	2
34	Georgia	1	1	0	2
34	Switzerland	1	1	0	2
37	Lithuania	1	0	1	2

Mexico's Marco Fabian, right, vies for the ball with Japan's Hiroki Sakai during the men's soccer semifinal match between Japan and Mexico at Wembley Stadium, at the 2012 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012, in London.

Mexico beat Japan 3-1 at Wembley to reach final of men's Olympic football tournament

WEMBLEY, 7 Aug— Oribe Peralta and Javier Cortez scored in the second half to give Mexico a 3-1 victory over Japan on Tuesday and secure a spot in the final of the men's Olympic football competition.

Peralta gave Mexico a 2-1 lead in the 65th minute by stealing the ball from a Japanese defender and then sent a swerving shot into the top left hand corner.

Cortez scored deep into added time to seal the win.

Mexico will now play either Brazil or South Korea in Saturday's final.

Yuki Otsu opened the scoring for Japan in the 12th. Marco Fabian then headed in an equalizer for Mexico in the 31st.

Mexico's previous best showing at the Olympics was in the 1968 home games, when the team was beaten 2-0 by Japan in the bronze medal match.—*Internet*

MoI stun soccer giant Construction in their debut

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug— Captain Wai Pyar Soe of the Ministry of Information soccer team deserved Man of the Match award as he shot decisive goal which kissed the net of the Ministry of Construction team 10 minutes before the final whistle was blown at the Inter-Ministry soccer tourney held at Nay Pyi Taw football ground this evening. It was the second goal for him which was shot from 25 yards from the net, and his first goal came through the penalty. In the first 10 minutes of the first half, Ministry of Construction team led the tourney with 1-0 through the mistakes made by defenders of MoI. But later MoI team overwhelmed the game and at the 28th minute, Striker Aye Min Pyo (Shardaw) equalized the game through his brilliant goal through the ball passed by his colleague forwarder Nyein Soe. At 39th minute, a defender of MoC team fouled a striker of MoI and the referee decided to give penalty which was shot by the Captain. The first half ended with 2-1 with MoI at the lead. In the second half, both team vied for domination of the game but the first runner up of the previous year's tourney had to allow their rivals to take the glory.

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