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Senior General Than Shwe sends congratulatory message on occasion of 42nd Anniversary of ASEAN Day

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Aug.—It gives me great pleasures to extend my warmest congratulations to the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of the 42nd Anniversary of the founding of the Association.

I am delighted to note that ASEAN, formed on 8 August 1967 with the founding members of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, now embraces 10 Southeast Asian Nations and its peoples are living together in peace, stability, friendship, sharing mutual understanding and trust, and engaging in comprehensive and closer cooperation.

The entry into force of the ASEAN Charter in December 2008 and the signing of the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on Roadmap for the ASEAN Community in March, 2009 were significant milestones in the history of ASEAN. Through the Charter, ASEAN will be able to enshrine the values and principles that had been shaped by its history and experiences in the last four decades. And the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community which replaces the Vientiane Action Programme shall ensure the promotion of ASEAN peoples to benefit fully from the process of ASEAN integration and community building.

ASEAN has experienced many challenges such as terrorism, financial crisis, food and energy price instability, climate change, pandemic diseases and territorial disputes and has demonstrated its collective resilience and vigilance to these crises.

The recent ASEAN+3 agreement to increase the size of Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) would contribute to regional financial stability and safeguard the region from the global financial crisis. Since agriculture plays an important role to provide food security, alleviate poverty and ensure sustainable development, we look forward to strengthening joint collaboration and transfer of technology in this field. For energy security, it is required collaborative efforts by regional and global community to ensure greater security and sustainability.

As the theme for the ASEAN Day celebration this year is “Green ASEAN”, the ASEAN member states should maintain the green environment and give prior to its development. The Green ASEAN encompasses elements of an ASEAN Community that is environmentally friendly and economically resilient in the face of the global financial crisis.

While congratulating the 42nd anniversary of the ASEAN Day, I would like to express my best wishes for achieving the noble goals of the ASEAN Community with peace, stability and social and economic developments for the peoples of ASEAN.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Indonesian President

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Aug.—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on his re-election as President of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein congratulates Indonesian President

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses meeting (1/2009) of CCDAC

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Aug.—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addressed the meeting (1/2009) of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) held at the headquarters of Myanmar Police Force here this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of CCDAC Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Vice-chairmen Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, (See page 7)

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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Saturday, 8 August, 2009**

Eliminate narcotic drugs with people’s power

The problem of narcotic drugs is a concern of every country and every region in the world. Narcotic drugs bring harm not only to the users themselves but also to their families and the social environment. Therefore, it is the duty of every individual and every nation to work together to eliminate the danger of narcotic drugs. Production of and traffic in narcotic drugs such as raw opium, opium oil, liquid opium and marijuana is widespread all over the world. Various kinds of stimulant tablets produced with chemicals are also being widely used. Therefore, Myanmar is trying to curb narcotic drugs production and trafficking with the power of people.

In Myanmar, the government is implementing the 15-year plan for eliminating narcotic drugs and, due to the active and enthusiastic participation of the entire people, its anti-drug campaigns are meeting with success. The government is still raising the momentum of its fight against narcotic drugs. On 1 August, the special anti-drug squad of Shan State (South) seized about 200,000 stimulant tablets.

Not only that, more than eighty acres of poppy plantations in Loilem, Pinlaung and Pakhon townships in Shan State (South) were also destroyed with the cooperation of local people. Poppy plantations destroyed in various states and divisions this year have exceeded nine thousand acres.

As opium, heroin and other narcotic drugs, including stimulant tablets produced with chemicals, is threatening the entire mankind and the social environment, the government and the entire national people will have to continue their fight against narcotic drugs till the danger is totally wiped out.

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1031 kg of caffeine powder seized in Shan State (South)

**NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—** Members of security force from Kenglat of Shan State (South) during their patrols seized 26 bags of white powder weighing about 1031 kg assumed to be narcotic drugs put in a canvas bag on 4 August while searching for Elton car heading to Kenglat from Tarlay.

According to the investigation of authorities concerned, it is known that the owner of the car is U Aik Mon, 33, son of U Aik In, who lives at No 3/290, Wankyain ward of Kenglat; the seized drugs were brought from the site near Mekong river about last three days and then put on the car; the car was seized by authority concerned while delivering the drugs to Tarlay; the seized white powder is caffeine powder used in production of narcotic drugs; authority concerned is making investigation into the case in order to expose car owner U Aik Mon and accomplices.—MNA

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**Supervisory Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport meets**

**YANGON, 7 Aug—** A coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport took place at the meeting hall of Yangon Command this evening. Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint gave an opening speech on to traffic rules enforcement, secure and smooth transport.

Next, responsible persons from Universities and Colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of the private bus lines reported on ferry service for students, traffic rules enforcement, secure and smooth transport.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander.—MNA

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**A&I Minister receives guests**

**NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—** Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Hay Oo received Vice-Chairman Mr. Sumit Mazumder of Myanmar Tractors Ltd and party and Vice-Chairman Mr. Liu Yanhua and party of China Gezhouba Group Co. Ltd of the People’s Republic of China at his office here at 3.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on 4 August separately.

Also present at the call were departmental heads.—MNA

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**F&R Ministry holds 6th monsoon tree-growing ceremony**

**NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—** Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended 6th monsoon tree-planting ceremony held at head office of Internal Revenue Department here today.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun grew a tree and so did Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Directors-General, Managing Directors and staff of Internal Revenue Department.

Similarly, staff grew plants at the plantations of Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Economic Bank and Budget Department.

Altogether 2,260 plants were grown at 6th monsoon tree-planting ceremony. Altogether 17,375 plants have been grown so far.

In the afternoon, the minister delivered an address at coordination meeting on of the Ministry held at the meeting hall of the ministry. Directors-General and Managing Directors reported to the minister on tasks being undertaken by each department and so did the deputy minister. Afterwards, the minister made a concluding remark.—MNA

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**Seminar on sciences held**

**YANGON, 7 Aug —** Seminar on sciences (4/2009) was held in commemoration of 10th anniversary of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences at the Arts Hall of Yangon University this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences U Than Oo gave an opening speech and Professor Dr Tin Tun of Yangon University extended greetings. Patron of the seminar Rector Dr Soe Yin of Yangon University explained the objectives of the seminar and introduced participants to those present. Next, Rector (Retd) Dr Maung Dr, Professors (Retd) Dr Kyaw Htin, Dr Maung Thein, Dr Sein Tun, U Kyaw Myint Oo and Dr Kyaw Thein discussed Learning and Research for a Better Tomorrow and answered the queries raised by those present. —MNA
Uruguayan President rejects US military bases in Colombia

MONTEVIDEO, 7 Aug—Uruguayan President Tabare Vazquez voiced his opposition on Thursday to a pending US-Colombia deal on boosting US military presence in Colombia.

Vazquez expressed his stand while meeting with his Colombian counterpart Alvaro Uribe, said a press release issued by Vazquez’s office.

The Uruguayan president “reaffirmed” the long-term stand his country has held “against the existence of the establishment of foreign military bases not only in Paraguay but also in any part of Latin America,” it said.

Vazquez also said that there must be the “full observance of the non-intervention principle on internal issues of countries.”

Vazquez met Thursday morning with Uribe during the latter’s whirlwind seven-nation tour which was designed to head off regional concerns over the pending deal. Under the pact, Washington could gain access to at least seven Colombian military bases by the year 2019, and in return, Washington would offer Bogota some 5 billion US dollars in aid.

Though Washington and Bogota have said the plan was designed to strengthen Colombia’s anti-drug and anti-rebel efforts, many South American countries have voiced their concerns.

Iraq’s Kirkuk explosion kills five, wounds 36

BAGHDAD, 7 Aug—At least 5 people were killed and 36 injured on Thursday during an explosion in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, police source said.

A car bomb was detonated near a restaurant in Rehim Awo, northern district of Kirkuk, some 250 kilometres north of Baghdad. The blast killed 5 and wounded at least 36 people.

Sporadic attacks continue in Iraqi cities despite the US and Iraqi officials announced a relative lull in violence during the past months.

Indonesian police nab hotel cook linked to bomb attacks

JAKARTA, 7 Aug—Indonesian police have arrested a hotel cook in Jakarta for his alleged role in the recent Kuningan hotel bombings and possible connection with the country’s most wanted terrorist Noordin M Top.

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However, Jakarta police spokesman Comr. Chrysananda Dwilakssono did not comment on the arrest by saying “If we shared every detail of the investigation then, it could be counterproductive to our efforts.” —Xinhua

US cost in Afghanistan may soar

KABUL, 7 Aug—US costs in Afghanistan could soar if it is decided to boost substantially the size of the Afghan military and police force, experts warn.

Such a situation could arise if a policy review by US Commander Gen Stanley McChrystal concludes with a recommendation to increase the combined strength of the army and police to 400,000, the Financial Times reported. The cost could be about $2 billion over five years.

The report said current Afghan national army strength is about 86,000 and there are about 80,000 police.

“Afghan security forces need to grow to somewhere in the neighbourhood of 400,000, which is being looked at by the McChrystal review,” retired Gen Jack Keane, one of the architects of the surge in Iraq, told the Financial Times.

“The Afghan army has to increase significantly,” Sen John McCain, R-Ariz, has said. “And that’s going to be a huge cost.”

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California company recalls beef linked with salmonella outbreak

LOS ANGELES, 7 Aug—A beef company in Fresno, central California is recalling hundreds of thousands of ground beef products suspected of being linked with an outbreak of salmonella, sources at the company confirmed on Thursday.

Earlier, the US Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service USDA announced that Beef Packers Inc is recalling 825,769 pounds of ground beef produced between 5 June, 2009 through 23 June.

This was the biggest beef recall so far this year.

The beef has been distributed to retail distribution centers in Arizona, California, Colorado and Utah, according to the department.

The recall involved beef products which bear the establishment number “EST. 31913” printed on case code labels.

Because the beef was repackaged under different retail names, consumers should check with the store they bought beef from to determine if they’ve purchased any recalled beef, the USDA said.

The investigation began after a Salmonella outbreak in Colorado. USDA officials traced it back to the Fresno plant.

Roadside bomb kills four US troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Aug—Four US soldiers were killed on Thursday in a roadside bomb attack in western Afghanistan, NATO forces said.

The four troops “died after their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED),” NATO said in a statement.

NATO didn’t release more details of the attack.

The incident came as new NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen made his first visit to Afghanistan on Wednesday.
S Korea, India sign bilateral trade pact

SEOUL, 7 Aug—South Korea and India signed a bilateral trade pact here on Friday to cut duties and boost cooperation between the two countries, according to Xinhua’s report. The two sides agreed to cut duties on such goods as auto parts and electronics, said the report.

Having launched negotiations in March 2006, the two countries have been pushing for the so-called comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) to lower import tariffs on cars and other manufactured items.

The CEPA, a similar form of free trade agreements, includes trade in goods and services and investments, along with chapters on competition and intellectual property rights. The two countries expect the accord to go into effect early next year after South Korea’s parliament ratifies the pact, according to the report.

Overall, the CEPA is expected to boost bilateral trade by as much as 3.3 billion US dollars annually, according to estimates of Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP).—Xinhua

Brazilian economist calls for new international economic order

BRASILIA, 7 Aug—A new international economic order, with more technology transfer and regional power centers, is necessary to achieve equality among countries, a Brazilian economist said on Thursday.

Marcio Pochmann, president of the Institute of Applied Economic Research (Ipea), told Xinhua that the Brazilian government’s social policies have boosted the domestic market, reduced poverty in the middle of the ongoing economic crisis and promoted the country’s economic growth in 2009.

“The policies implemented in Brazil during the economic crisis have regulated its domestic market and will help the country go through the crisis without depending on other countries,” said Pochmann.

He also noted that the new economic order is related to better integration between trade and production, as well as technology transfer which can reduce the dependence on technology-owner countries.—Xinhua

EgytAir orders 737s, drops order for 777s

SEATTLE, 7 Aug—Boeing Co and EgyptAir announced on Thursday that the airline has ordered eight more 737-800 planes, dropping a previous order for two 777s.

EgyptAir has seven 737-800s in operation and is taking delivery of an additional five 737-800s this year. And it has five 777s in its fleet and is scheduled to receive six 777-300ERs beginning next year.

EgyptAir Chairman Capt Tawfik Assy said the airline is pursuing a fleet plan that will allow it to expand its regional markets and offer passengers “extensive international routing options.”—INTERNET

Japan Airlines books $1 billion loss in 1Q

TOKYO, 7 Aug—Japan Airlines Corp said on Friday it posted a $1 billion loss in the April-May quarter, larger than its loss for all of last year, as ticket sales suffered due to the weak economy and swine flu fears.

Asia’s biggest airline said its net loss was 99 billion yen ($1 billion), versus a 3.4 billion yen loss a year earlier. Sales fell 32 percent to 334.9 billion yen from billion yen.

JAL, which is in the midst of a massive restructuring, said income fell across both domestic and international routes, as well as its shipping business. The company said the losses came despite lower outlays for fuel and wages, in part because of lower income from fuel surcharges during the period.—INTERNET

Emerging economies to grow stronger

SINGAPORE, 7 Aug—Emerging economies are likely to grow as the world’s largest economies over the next 10 to 15 years, said Government of Singapore Investment Corp (GIC) deputy chairman and executive director Tony Tan on Thursday.

He said that the emerging economies will displace the G-7, even if per capita incomes will still lag behind the developed economies, adding that this relative outperformance will be driven by larger savings and domestic demand potential, relatively healthy public and private sector balance sheets, policy flexibility, and room for significant productivity catch-up.

“The current great crisis has markedly accelerated such trends,” he said.

Speaking at the annual Economic Society of Singapore dinner, he said that medium-term prospects for China and India are positive, even as they face difficult structural challenges going forward.

Beyond China and India, prospects vary across Asia. Countries that are more dependent on exports and capital inflows, have less healthy balance sheets, and have significant structural impediments such as political uncertainty will fare less well. By contrast, economies with large potential internal markets and which are also more complementary to China and India will benefit.—Xinhua
**Islanders’ concern over climate change is worrisome**

**Cairns, 7 Aug**—Almost half of the islanders are living about 1.5 km to seashore and their concern over climate change is worrisome, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said here on Friday. Delivering opening remarks at the 21st Post Forum Dialogue Partners’ Plenary Session held after the conclusion of the 40th Pacific Islands Forum, Rudd briefed the session about the Forum Community issued at the end of the Forum on Thursday.

He renewed Australia’s stance to tackle climate change and new challenges posed on small islands of limited access to water, security of pacific communities, greater jeopardy placed in the health of islanders, and obliteration that threatens some habitats and island states.

Wang Yongjiu, special envoy for the China-Pacific Islands Forum Dialogue, Chief of Chinese delegation was present in the plenary session. He will deliver a speech on Future-oriented Relationship between China and the Pacific Island Countries later in the day.

The 40th Pacific Islands Forum concluded here on Thursday with 15 heads of the island nations calling for strengthening development cooperation in the Pacific region and action on climate change.

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**Two Canadians, one Filipino killed in flood in N Philippines**

**Manila, 7 Aug**—Two Canadian tourists and a Filipino were killed when they were swept away in a flashflood along a river in the northern Philippine province of Tarlac Thursday afternoon amid strong rains, local media reported on Friday.

The bodies of the Canadians — a man and a woman — and the Filipino were found along the O’Donnel River on Friday morning but have yet to be identified, Governor Victor Yap was quoted by the Philippine Daily Inquirer in an online report.

The victims were part of three groups of nine Canadians and three Koreans who went there for a trek to Mt Pinatubo’s crater, Yap said. Mt Pinatubo is a volcano about 90 kilometers north of Manila on the Philippine island of Luzon. The volcano erupted in June 1991 after more than five centuries of slumber.

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**20,000 evacuated in SE China for typhoon Morakot**

**Fuzhou, 7 Aug**—More than 20,000 people have been evacuated from their homes in southeast China’s coast of Fujian Province where strong typhoon Morakot is predicted to land on Saturday.

The provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters said on Friday morning that about 34,000 vessels had been recalled to harbors and 21,190 people in the cities of Ningde, Putian and Fuzhou had been relocated to safe areas.

Waves as high as 6 meters were already hitting the coastal area on Friday, and the provincial meteorological observatory said they could reach up to 9 meters as the typhoon came closer.

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**Three injured in NZ shooting**

**Wellington, 7 Aug**—Three people were shot and injured after a fight at a house in New Zealand’s North Island city of Palmerston North early on Friday morning.

The two women and one man, all in their 20s, were taken to Palmerston North Hospital. None had life threatening injuries, a police spokesman said. A police statement said the shooting was likely to be “gang related.”

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**29 foreign warships to participate in Indonesia’s marine activities**

**Jakarta, 7 Aug**—As many as 29 foreign warships will participate in Indonesia’s Sail Bunaken 2009, an international event for sharing new experience and exploring the marine beauty, in Indonesia’s North Sulawesi Province, the Kompas daily quoted an official as saying on Friday.

The warships will take part in the main programme of Sail Bunaken 2009 on 14 to 19 Aug. One of them would be USS George Washington, a famous mothership from the United States.

All warships are scheduled to arrive in waters of North Sulawesi’s Bitung on 14 Aug and will take turn to berth at Bitung port for public visit.

On 19 Aug evening, the warships, including 10 Indonesian ones, will pass the podium where President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will give salute.

The Sail Bunaken will also perform attraction of fighter jets that will take off on the USS George Washington’s runway.

Other activity will be an effort to break the world’s record of diving where 2,200 divers will be in the water for Indonesia’s independence commemoration ceremony in Manado’s Malalayang waters. The previous world’s record was booked by 958 divers in the Maldives waters in 2007.

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**All items from Xinhua News Agency**

**Two suspected bombers arrested in Nepali capital**

**Kathmandu, 7 Aug**—Nepali police arrested two armed group members with explosives — including an Indian national — in capital Kathmandu, local newspaper The Kathmandu Post reported on Friday.

The two people belong to Janata Janakari Tarai Mukti Morcha-Rajan Mukti Samuha (JTMM-R, Rajan Mukti Samuha faction of “Terai Democratic Liberation Front”), an underground armed outfit active in south Nepal’s Terai plains.

They were arrested with three grenades, two socket bombs, and two hand grenades from Nagdhunga on Tuesday.

According to a senior police officer, the arrests have “prevented potentially heavy casualty inside the Valley.”

The arrested were identified as Prakash Kumar Karna and Mithilesh Kumar Yadav. Karna is in charge of JTMM-R Saptari district in south Nepal, while Yadav is from India.

Based on the duo’s confessions, Nepali police said they had planned to plant the bombs in different public places inside Kathmandu.

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As far as I know, development is directly related to peace and stability. Without peace and stability, there can be no development at all. Accordingly, the government of Myanmar has given priority to peace and stability in its drive for development. Needless to say, peace and stability is vitally important to our nation and its entire people.

The entire Myanmar people really value peace and stability their nation has already achieved. Everyone who is no stranger to unrest and instability will realize the value of peace and stability.

In fact, no one desires unrest and violence. Throughout the history of their nation, Myanmar people have experienced the perils of political splits, internal insurgencies, wars, strikes, violence and anarchy. The period between 1948 and 1988 was fraught with fighting and killings. I wouldn't like to experience the events and situations in that 40-year period again even in a dream.

It is known to all that the Tatmadaw government, since its assumption of State responsibilities, has done everything possible for peace and stability in the interest of the nation and the people. As a result, peace and stability the entire people have longed for is prevailing all-over the nation. They are now in a position to be able to enjoy the fruits of development that accompanies peace and stability.

There isn't anyone who is not happy with health, education, social and economic improvements. This being the case, it is natural that we are against any kind of instigation, attempts and acts that could jeopardize peace and stability already achieved.

Have every reason for saying these things. Recently, it is heard, there have been some people who are trying to instigate violence and riots by capitalizing on the news report that the court postponed passing the final sentence in the case of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the grounds that there were some legal points to be reviewed. Some said that the government postponed the verdict just because it wanted to avoid 8 August when disturbances broke out in 1988. Some speculated that there were some weaknesses in the law regarding this case. Some even tried to make political profit out of the situation. Anyhow, it is obvious that there are people within and without who are plotting to do something unscrupulous.

Anti-government groups in the nation gathered to pray for the release of Daw Suu Kyi, lighting candles and reciting mantras. I could not but hear some people saying that they would do this and that if Daw Suu Kyi was given a prison sentence. It was said that the so-called Pyithu Htuttaw-representing committee was about to write to US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to demand the release of Daw Suu Kyi. There were even some people who were trying to instigate violence and riots by saying, "August 8 may be avoided but people's anger and anti-government sentiments can't."

These are the campaigns carefully orchestrated by local and foreign media. Expatriates are trying to get themselves ready to grasp the chance and profit from the situation with "a very noble political belief". Moreover, the so-called Sasana Regency based in a foreign country declared that they would stage an international campaign for the release of Daw Suu Kyi by organizing the international community, by meeting international governments and by holding discussions with Myanmar monks with the use of telephone, television and internet. They even say that they would wage a protest stronger and more violent than that of September 2007 if Daw Suu Kyi was given a prison sentence. It is like challenging someone by showing a fist from far away.

Not only that, the so-called All-Myanmar United Force of Sangha, in one of its announcements, called on Myanmar people to get ready as it would stage a violent protest. I hear that it is trying to make use of the student mass as a major force in the possible protest. Foreign media are competing with each other in broadcasting the voices of anti-government groups.

In fact, the legal proceedings against Daw Suu Kyi will have to go on in accord with the law. However, it is obvious that anti-government groups are trying to make a political attack. They are trying to create a situation to make political profit out of it. In my opinion, it is something that should not be done.

Now, let's consider the possible consequences of their acts. Supposing a crisis occurred the way they want, what would happen? At the thought of a crisis, the first scenes that appear in my mind's eye are those of the 1988 crisis 20 years ago. People took to the streets. They chanted anti-government slogans. They made discordant demands. They killed one another. They destroyed factories and broke into godowns. The entire government machinery went defunct. Toughs became powerful. No one could trust or rely on anyone. No one could say definitely whether he would see the morning dawn or not. People had to live in fear. Just the thought of all these chills me to the bone.

Who can say the instigation and acts of anti-government groups would not push the country to those situations again? Who would take the responsibility for the consequences if people took to the streets and violence and riots broke out? Anti-government groups? Media? Expatriates? International gentlemen who say they are interested in and concerned about Myanmar affairs? If the situation came to this pass, no one would take responsibility and could. It is only our people who will have to take care of our domestic affairs. It is our people who will have to take the consequences, good or bad. You’ve made your bed and you must lie on it and a burnt child dreads the fire, as the sayings go.

It is easy to do something violent and destructive. It takes years to nurture a plant till it becomes a big tree but it takes just a little while to fell and destroy it. In the same way, it has taken about 20 years of strenuous effort to achieve peace, stability and development of our country. However, if we let anti-government groups have their own way and destroy peace, stability and development of our nation, all would collapse in a minute. The government and the people have had to work hard together for a long time to make our nation what it is today. Therefore, we can't let anyone to destroy it. We have nurtured a tree and now it is bearing flowers and fruits. At such a time, we can't turn a blind eye to those who are sharpening their knives to chop and fell the tree.
with greater momentum, Myanmar is undertaking works for surveying poppy cultivation in cooperation with UNODC and have been working in collaboration with NNCC since 2006.

Works such as cultivation, breeding and creation of other job opportunities to earn a living, better transport for competitiveness of the products in market, promotion of health and education knowledge and extended construction of infrastructures of such sectors, and promotion of convictions of “As the threat of Drug is concerned with everybody, We will have to drive it out from the land” are to be implemented from all aspects for poppy growers so as to dissuade them from cultivating poppy and help improve socioeconomic life and raise the earnings of family. Cooperation with regional and international organizations is a must while effective utilization of our resources is instrumental in doing so.

Ministry of Public Security of People’s Republic of China has proposed to Myanmar for further cooperation in poppy-substitute farming for elimination of poppy cultivation.

In accordance with the objective of the State, drugs elimination plan designed as 15 year plan from 1999 to 2014 have been undertaken with two strategies and three tactics. A total number of 51 townships in Shan State, Shan State (East), Shan State (North), Kachin, Kayah, and Chin States were set as top prioritized regions of the plan and drug elimination tasks are well under way.

Myanmar signed MoUs on Drug Abuse Control with China, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam in 1995 and is participating in regional drug abuse control activities. Myanmar became a member of ASEAN in 1997 and attended the 20th ASEAN High-ranking officials’ Meeting on Drug Abuse Control as the member country. Myanmar is also actively taking part in drug elimination activities in ASEAN region.

Establishment of Drug Free ASEAN 2015 was agreed at 33rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting held in July, 1998 and work plan for supply and demand reduction in ASEAN nations in 2015 is under way. Thus, Myanmar as a member of ASEAN country will also strive for successful realization of Drug Free ASEAN 2015 goal.

We will keep rowing the boat...

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In reality, those who are instigating violence and riots are those who seek only their self-interest. They would not think twice about sacrificing the life and property of people if they were to be in power. Should riots break out, they would not take the front line but just give orders, staying in a safe place. We should know better than to believe the instigation.

Now is the time when most of the nations in the world are working harder for their development. It is because of peace and stability and diligence of their people that these countries are developing. Some of our neighbouring countries have become Asian tigers that can attract the global attention. Therefore, it is time for us to work in concert for the future of our country and people. It is time for us to work harder for the development of our nation. The government, on its part, have created favourable environments such as peace and stability for development. We can’t let anyone to destroy the peace and stability of our nation. It is the duty of us all to nurture the tree of development in the environment of peace and stability.

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In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that CCDAC was founded in 1976 under the chairmanship of Home Affairs Minister. Since then, it was reformed in sequence and was last reformed on 2 January 2009 with 24 members.

Today’s meeting is to focus on review on attempts for accomplishment of 15-year drugs elimination plan which is now in first year of third phase 5-year-plan, encouragement of poppy-substitute farming for elimination of poppy cultivation.

In accordance with the objective of the State, drugs elimination plan designed as 15 year plan from 1999 to 2014 have been undertaken with two strategies and three tactics. A total number of 51 townships in Shan State, Shan State (East), Shan State (North), Kachin, Kayah, and Chin States were set as top prioritized regions of the plan and drug elimination tasks are well under way.

Myanmar signed MoUs on Drug Abuse Control with China, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam in 1995 and is participating in regional drug abuse control activities. Myanmar became a member of ASEAN in 1997 and attended the 20th ASEAN High-ranking officials’ Meeting on Drug Abuse Control as the member country. Myanmar is also actively taking part in drug elimination activities in ASEAN region.

Establishment of Drug Free ASEAN 2015 was agreed at 33rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting held in July, 1998 and work plan for supply and demand reduction in ASEAN nations in 2015 is under way. Thus, Myanmar as a member of ASEAN country will also strive for successful realization of Drug Free ASEAN 2015 goal.

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Ministry of Public Security of People’s Republic of China has proposed to Myanmar for further cooperation in poppy-substitute farming. It was agreed that PRC would establish 5 model farms in Kachin and Shan States for reduction of poppy cultivation and ensuring long-term benefit. Meanwhile, works committees are to give necessary assistance in realizing plans for improvement of socioeconomic status of the locals in the region.

As part of its programme for successful implementation of 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drugs, Supervisory Committee for alternative development work chaired by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and Work Committee for substitute development work chaired by Director-General of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department will be reformed in order to swiftly and successfully implement substitute development work.

Duties of Supervisory Committee are making supervision and taking responsibilities for policy matters of substitute development work that will be made in cooperation with international bodies. And coordination with international organizations and respective departments and accessing work are duties of the Work Committee.

It is required to maintain prevailing conditions such as acquiring the information and expose the case based on acquired information, making more cooperation with international community and expose money and properties relating to the narcotic drug cases according to Money Laundering Law.

In conclusion,

- Successful implementation of CCDAC’s plan being a national goal, members of CCDAC all Ministers are to do their bits for meeting the target of 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drugs. - Works are to be coordinated in order to be in harmony with present conditions.

 Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that; today being the first year of the third five-year plan out of 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drug, tasks to be carried out during the third five-year plan are to be discussed. Reporting on the substitute cultivation, the minister said that it was found that distribution of annual crop strains, perennial crop saplings and the use of fertilizer, pesticides, insecticidal powder in the second phase 5-year plan rose much more than that of first phase 5-year plan. He reported on breeding tasks, saying that it was able to perform more than target with cash funded by the CCDAC and the ministry in first phase 5-year plan. In second phase 5-year plan, cows, pigs, hens and goats were distributed to SSA U Lwe Moun group, SSNA, PaO YaLaLaPha group , U Phado Aung San, U Saw Thamu He Kayin region, Wanpan region, SSA U Mainsin Shan group, Homain region, and SSNA Warrain (breakaway). KNU/KNLA, Shan State, Shan State (North), Shan State (East), and Kachin States. Model chicken breeding farms were established by Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Product Enterprise in Kutkai, Kaungkha, and Kachin Special Region-5.

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The minister then reported on health care services, saying that there were 26 main health care centers, 40 sub health care centers, and 2 rehabilitation centres, totalling 68. Health care services are being provided in Shan State (North) with the help of 25 health care centers. Rehabilitation and training courses were conducted with the assistance of WHO in the second phase 5-year plan. With the aid of WHO, alternative therapy with methadone have been rendered at Yangon Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital and rehabilitation centres in Myitkyina, Mandalay and Lashio since January 2006, with a view to decreasing of evil consequences due to abuse and injection of drugs.

As regards disseminating education to the public, the chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was added to the Education Dissemination Committee as member on 31 December 1997.

To disseminate education on the menace of narcotic drugs to students, a training on anti-narcotic drugs was given to teachers in Nay Pyi Taw District as an education dissemination task.

As to the rehabilitation tasks, although no courses were conducted at Shwe Pyi Aye and Shwe Pyi Tha Youth Rehabilitation Centres directly commanded by the CCDAC, training were conducted for three times at Shwe Pyi Thit Youth Rehabilitation Centre from 3-12 2007 to 3-4 2009. Now, arrangements are being made to recruit new trainees to conduct Course No. 41 2009.

With respect to law enforcement, work momentum will be accelerated in cooperation with neighbouring countries and international organizations.

Concerning the international cooperation, the Declaration for Drug Free ASEAN 2020 was signed at the 31st ASEAN ministerial meeting in 1998, and the year 2015 was designated as the year to realize the Goal No. 2 instead of 2020 at the 33rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in 2000.

At the 28th ASOD meeting held in Hanoi in Vietnam in 2007, an agreement was reached to draw a work plan for ASEAN Drug Free 2015, and a draft work plan with 55 work programmes has been made. ASEAN work plan will emerge by adding the current projects implemented by the respective countries into the regional cooperation.

The ASEAN Work Plan was clarified to the respective work sub-committees under CCDAC and based on this work plan, a National Work Plan has to be made.

As regards international cooperation, meetings on trans-border crimes were held and the 11th meeting on trans-border crimes between Myanmar and Thailand was held on 5 and 6 July in 2006 in Samos Island of Thailand and Myanmar hosted the 12th meeting on trans-border crime on 17 and 18 December 2007 in Nay Pyi Taw. Similarly, the 6th Myanmar-China Trans-border meeting was held on 7 January 2008 in Nay Pyi Taw and the seventh meeting was hosted by China on 17 and 18 December 2008 in Teng Chong, the People’s Republic of China.

During the visit of Deputy Minister Mr Zhang Xinfeng of the Ministry of Public Security of PRC from 9 to 13 November 2008 to discuss matters on drug control, agreements were reached to establish five model farms in five special regions, to implement extensive cultivation of elephant foot yam in Kengtung region and to set up orchid farm in Muse, Tima. Now, a work committee comprising experts from both countries is undertaking the tasks for cultivation of substitute-crops.

To reduce infection of HIV/AIDS through drug abuse in countries in the region and to share information, Myanmar sent its delegation abroad three times for study tour, held workshop two times, hosted a meeting and sent trainees to attend courses one time. Jointly organized by UNODC and CCDAC, two projects to reduce HIV/AIDS infection and projects of MANA have been implemented in Tachileik, Taunggyi, Lashio, Muse and Hsenwi regions with added momentum according to the international standard.

As regards conducting survey on poppy cultivation and opium yield, a ground survey has been made in cooperation with UNODC for illegal poppy cultivation. Moreover, in cooperation with NNCC of PRC, ground surveys on illegal poppy cultivation were made yearly starting from 2006. In accordance with the strategic goal of total elimination of narcotic drugs in 2014, efforts will be made to hit the target of the third five-year plan to eliminate supply and demand, to ensure law enforcement, to organize locals to cooperate in drug elimination campaigns and to enhance international cooperation.

Next, Vice-Chairman of CCDAC Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on measures being taken for border areas development along with measure for drug elimination, cooperation with UN Agencies and INGOs, cultivation of poppy-substitute crops and regional development tasks, health education and human resource development, income generating and public-based rural development drives.

Vice-Chairman of CCDAC Minister U Nyan Win clarified matters on cooperation with international organizations in the drives for anti-narcotic drugs.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of CCDAC Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe reported on destruction of seized drugs and poppy fields, youth rehabilitation tasks and education dissemination tasks.

On behalf of the Secretary of CCDAC, Deputy Chief of MFP Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win touched upon matters related to progress in implementation of the decisions made at meeting No. 1/2006 of CCDAC held on 5 August 2006.

The chairman and officials of the Work Committee for Cultivation of Substitute Crops, the Work Committee for Livestock Breeding, the Work Committee for Disseminating Knowledge to Student Youths, the Information Work Committee, the Work Committee for Rehabilitation, the Work Committee for Law Enforcement, the Work Committee for Control of Chemicals, the Work Committee for International Relations and the Work Committee for Giving Treatment reported their respective works.

The Secretary-1 made comments on their reports and the meeting came to a close.—MNA

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Taking advantage of that case, internal and external anti-government groups and subversive groups were plotting in collusion through groundless accusations to incite riots and terrorist acts. Since 14 May 2009, there have been 20 court hearings, and throughout the period, security forces have been taking security measures day and night to ensure stability and peace. We also took all necessary measures in order to avert a gross distortion of the respective conditions due to the attacks of anti-government media. Some media, persons and organizations are reporting that security is being tightened in Yangon with the intention of deceiving the people into misunderstanding the conditions. We managed to expose some information that terrorist groups based in foreign countries would commit terrorist acts in the nation. I would like to present some of them.

Naing Aung, Kyaw Htet and Zaw Tun of FDP in Maesot, Thailand, Wai Lin of DPNS, and Kyaw Ko and Aung Thu of ABSDF held a clandestine meeting in the early 2009. They held talks on plans for cooperation to revive their movements, which they have carried out since September 2007, such as political, terrorist and mass protest campaigns in 2009, and to blast strategic sites in Yangon. And they made a decision to accomplish the operations without fail.

At about 3.55 am on 24 May 2009, an electrical staff member exposed a time bomb planted in the ceiling of upper class coach No (5) of down-train No (132) that was due to leave Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at 5 am. So, we could avert a tragic event that might harm the lives of innocent people.

Tenant U Win Hlaing of No 295 (A), Ya Pya Pya Street, Ward (18), Shwepyitha, Yangon, found 65 detonators kept in a white plastic container while he was digging the earth in the compound on 25 May 2009. The detonators belonged to student warrior No 54 Gadon (a) Thet Oo Win of BWSW.

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who died in the accident that happened while he was planting a time bomb in Yangon on 19 October 2008. Gadon (a) Thet Oo Win hid the explosives to be used in terrorist attacks in the earth while he was staying in the house. If Gadon (a) Thet Oo Win had not died of the accidental bomb explosion and the explosives had not been found, many innocent people would have fallen victim to terrorist attacks. That event shows that we must take security measures thoroughly and constantly.

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Documentary photos on terrorist acts, explosion in ward 18, Shwepyitha Township, US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, announcements on terrorist acts of VBSW, attacks of foreign media over security measures, exposing of subversive and destructive acts in order to protect the people.

We were informed that on 9 June 2009, KNU designated a famous pagoda near Mawlamyine-Yangon-Pyinmana Road as a gathering point to meet members of Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors (VBSW), who would enter the nation along Phaya Thonzu-Mawlamyine Road via Thailand to launch bomb attacks. They also had a plan to organize some hardcore people along the route, who would commit terrorist acts on their behalf.

In addition, anti-government groups outside the nation plotted to commit terrorist acts during United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s visit to Myanmar, and VBSW announced that it would step up terrorist attacks if Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was convicted.

We also exposed that Mr John of Maesot gave instructions on phone to the hardcore members in the nation to launch bomb attacks in Yangon by 20 July 2009 and in Nay Pyi Taw by 20 June.

We exposed that Ko Nyan (a) Bo Nyan and Ko Kein (a) major Kein of ABSDF were active in Bangkok, Maesot, Chiangmai, Mae Hong Son and Maesulin in Thailand, and they held discussions with KNPP leaders in Maesulin in May 2009 and agreed to work together for bomb attacks in the run-up and during the 2010 election. ABSDF is planning to enter the nation through various routes for terrorist attacks in

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Yangon and Mandalay. Therefore, it is apparent that terrorists always conspire to commit destructive acts with the intention of undermining stability and peace. Surely, there will be casualties and tragedies once the nation lacks security. Therefore, we must carry out community-based security in order to protect the public, and that is a plan we must implement effectively.

Destructive elements turn completely to terrorist and subversive actors because they are allergic to the rule of law, community peace and stability in Myanmar. Security forces of the Myanmar Police Force managed to save the nation from a grave danger due to the cooperation of the people who favour stability and peace. In the case, the terrorist group plotted to launch bomb blasts and incite a demonstration during the visits of Secretary-General in Yangon on 3 and 4 July, to undermine Secretary-General in Yangon on 3 and 4 July, to undermine the instruction of leader Thura (a) Ye Thiha (a) San Naing. He was given Identity Number 999961 and terrorist Nyi Nyi, 999972. On 30-6-2009, Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing gave Htay Aung K 150000 and eight sets of old dresses and instructed him to re-enter the country.

According to the instructions of Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing, Htay Aung left Maesot on 1 July and arrived back in Yangon at about 3 a.m. on 2 July 2009. He went to Mingalar Market and made contact with Khine Mar (a) Zaw Zaw who was in Yangon in advance through public telephone and he told Khine Mar (a) Zaw Zaw to meet him near Konzaydan bus stop. They were arrested at about 10.30 a.m. by members of security force while they were in conversation. As terrorist Htay Aung was arrested together with explosive devices and his accomplices, a number of lives of innocent people were saved. This has shown that systematic security measures in connection with tip-offs were taken.

Terrorist Htay Aung took an explosives course from 3 May to 30 June 2009, about two months, in Maesot. While he was in Maesot, he met and held discussions on destructive acts with Thura (a) Ye Thiha (a) San Naing, leader of VBSW and CPPA and member of VBSW. He moved to Maesot on 2002 and he got in touch with VOA reporter Aye Aye Ma, wife of Lwann of ABSDF. He sent Aye Aye Aung, central committee member of ABSDF, to Paya in order to commit destructive acts as a hardcore and then he sent explosive devices through various means. Moreover, terrorists trained by Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing contacted Aye Aung several times from 2005 to 2008 and did terrorist acts in Yangon for 14 times. The declaration of VBSW in which they claimed responsibility for bombings was shown on the board to study. In fact, ABSDF did subversive acts under the name of VBSW using Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing as a tool. The masterminds behind such subversive acts were FDB, NCUB, DPNS, PDF, NDD in addition to ABSDF. Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing, leader of VBSW and CPPA and member of ABSDF, used terrorist Htay Aung and his accomplices as well as he was used by Secretary-General Dr San Naing of FDB.

Since there have been news about terrorist acts and destructive elements as mentioned above, our security forces are working round the clock with a sense of duty to protect the innocent people. Indeed, speeding up security operations is for the sake of the State and the people. The successful security operation cannot be carried out by the security force alone.

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It also calls for public cooperation and there have been clear in this regard. This is why we would like to request the people to continue their cooperation in security operations of our security force members although there have been some people jealous of peace and stability of the State criticizing our country for tightening the security too much.

There have been accusations that the incident in which Mr John William Yettaw under court trial today illegally entered into and did not the restricted compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi happened in sync with the State and that such incident intentionally took place to contain her again at a time when her restrictions are nearly to be lifted. There has also been a piece of fabricated news broadcast and printed by some media, persons and organizations that a cruel story has been invented to assassinate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and whether the incident was a trick.

Simply thinking about such an accusation, the first point is that Mr John William Yettaw is a real American citizen who was born of Jerome William Yettaw and Elizabeth Bouchop Fogo Yettaw in Detroit, Michigan, the USA. Besides, he was a Vietnam War veteran retiring from the US Army. He is an educated person studying to obtain a PhD degree in Psychology. You, journalists, will know that it was not possible at all for the State to use a person whose nation is many miles distant from our country and whose culture, custom and faith are different from ours.

Another point is that in this incident, when Mr Yettaw was questioned after being arrested from Inya Lake on 6-5-2009, 21 items including a camera and six memory cards were seized from him. Moreover, 61 items were seized from Diamond Room on the fifth floor of Beauty Land he stayed at. All the seized materials were displayed with photos at the press conference held on 25-6-2009. It has been disclosed at the press conference that Mr Yettaw swam across the lake to secretly enter the house by using a five-litre drinking water bottle, flippers, a forehead torch and swimming glasses. If we collaborated with Mr Yettaw as accused from outside, he could enter the house easily and did not have to use such aids. So the accusation is groundless.

Mr Yettaw stayed at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house for three days from 4-5-2009 till 6-5-2009 when he was arrested. In the event, Mr Yettaw, when he secretly came out of the house, was all of a sudden, he was arrested. In the event, Mr Yettaw, when he accused from outside, he could enter the house by the sea, making the case a transnational organized crime; that his act greatly affected the nation; that the attempts of the internal and external anti-government groups to get our nation into trouble and undermine peace and stability of the State were causing negative impacts on our nation; and that the rule of law and peace and tranquility of our nation were adversely affected due to Mr Yettaw’s acts. Therefore, the incident that affected the nation in all aspects was not organized in league with the State.

The seized video camera documents have shown that Mr Yettaw was videoing the situations in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi putting himself in the background while he was there on 5-5-2009. In his video recordings, he said: “I am here in Daw Suu Kyi’s house. I asked her to have herself videoed to be put on You Tube but she looked frightened and refused to be videoed. I already ran into difficulties while I was here on 30 November 2008. I hope I will be able to give her authority and force. I left my family. I believe the God is here with me and will protect me. I am here in Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house. I have offered to video her to be put on You Tube but she has refused. I have never seen her. She will not allow me to have her videoed or take photos. I don’t blame her. I spent the night here last night. It is on the sixth of May. If I can make it today, I hope I will be able to come to Thailand. I will not forget about my family.” In this context, it is likely that Mr Yettaw would show the organization behind the curtain and aid-giving organizations the evidence of his activities through communication. As we invented this story as said from outside, it was not necessary to try to report on Mr Yettaw’s presence in her house with evidence.

In conclusion, I would like to say that now the time when we are building infrastructures for the emergence of a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation. For this drive, the most important and fundamental requirement is stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and the rule of law. Only through community peace and tranquility, we can develop the state of the State be achieved. Every person who wants the rule of law, peace and stability, democracy and national development is to cooperate with our security force members in fighting against and crush destructive elements. Thanks for my being here.” In this context, it is likely that Mr Yettaw would show the organization behind the organization who is controlling the situation behind the curtain and aid-giving organizations the evidence of his activities through communication. As we invented this story as said from outside, it was not necessary to try to report on Mr Yettaw’s presence in her house with evidence.

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Now, my clarifications have just shown that the accusations of some media, persons and organizations against our activities are not true and groundless. In the case under trial, Myanmar Police Force, the prosecution of the State has carried out its duties in accord with law showing the respect for the law. If you put your friends in our police force, you will know how our moves very well. I would like to conclude that in the current trial, the court only will decide who is guilty or who is not guilty.—MNA

Questions and answers in press conference

YANGON, 7 Aug—The following are the questions raised by the attendees and answers given by Chief of the Myanmar Police Force in the press conference on clarification of measures for State security and the rule of law.

U Aung Hla Tun (Reuters News Agency)

Q: I learn that Mr John William Yettaw is in bed in Yangon General Hospital. Do you think the trial will be put off if he does not get better?

A: Now, Mr John William Yettaw is under health care by specialists. His health condition is according to their remarks. The trial is the concern of the court, so I don’t need to answer the question.

U Ko Ko (Yangon Times)

Q: I have learnt that the four including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi are on trial according to this press conference and previous one. I would like to know if action is taken against the security members, and if it is, I would like to know how they are punished.

A: We have taken action against the security members in accordance with the police law. It is on 30 November 2008 when Mr Yettaw entered the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house. For that day, Mr Tin Myo Win informed that. Two days after his informing us, on 6 December, a tribunal team led by a police colonel was formed and it questioned 24 security members. The assumption of the tribunal was that the event took place on the 3rd Waxing of Natatt, so it was dim and it was impossible to see things clearly. Another point is that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s house is a little distant from the edge of the compound, so there were no sound of his footsteps on the creepers, grass and water hyacinth. And the case was reported four days after his entry, so the line of footsteps disappeared. Another point is that if he had shouted, as they said, without doubt the security members would have heard of his voice. In 1990, security members misunderstood regarding a case associated with a serviceman, so it was assumed that the case might be a misunderstanding case. As I said at the press conference on 25 June, if we had known that Mr Yettaw gave Daw Aung San Suu Kyi the book “Mormon”, the tribunal would have exposed some points. So, the tribunal team came to the conclusion that the event might not have taken place in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and it might be merely a misunderstanding matter, so there was no action taken against the security members.

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But, police battalion No (6) that was on duty in the period was replaced with a new one immediately. In the second time, Mr John William Yettaw was arrested in Inya Lake on 6 May. Soon after his arrest, legal affairs was being carried out, and an investigation tribunal led by a police colonel was formed on 2 June. It interrogated 62 policemen, and we took brief written evidence on inefficient discharge of duties over eight security members held responsible. Then, we formed on police court and delivered a sentence to them. Regarding the November 30 case, an investigation tribunal was formed and it investigated the case. Another investigation tribunal was then formed with a police colonel as the leader, and it interrogated 31 policemen. We took brief written record of the complaints of 12 members belonging to police battalion No (6) who were held responsible for the case, and action was taken against them. We investigated the cases thoroughly and punished 12 members including the battalion commanding officer in the first case, and eight members including the battalion commanding officer in accordance with the police law enforcement law. We interrogated 24 members in the first time, and 62 members in the second time. Then, the first case resurfaced and we interrogated 32 members. They each faced a three-month term with hard labour in the police custody. Then, they were posted to other places. We came to the conclusion that the battalion commanding officers commanded then subordinates improperly, and denoted one step and posted them to other places. They are now police lieutenant-colonels.

U San Nyin Thaw (Modern Journal)

Q: Which organization was bomber Htay Aung from? I would like to know why he wanted to detonate bombs during Mr Ban Ki-moon’s visit.
A: Locally, bomber Htay Aung is a Thakaya NLD member. According to his admission, he joined Hshton Ward in Mawlamyine. He is single. His educational qualification is 4th standard. He joined Thakaya NLD in July 2006. In September 2008, he had contact with Mone Naing in Maesot who were underground from NLD. Mone Naing is a member of NLD-LA that has been declared an unlawful association. Then, he proceeded to Maesot. Then, he had contact with terrorist groups there. Then, he entered the nation illegally. After that, he left and re-entered the nation illegally, and he organized the same day. So, we could avert casualties of the people. He admitted that then he would stay in a sparsely-populated ward in Yangon. He would make his house a gathering point of terrorists. He would collect arms and ammunition. If opportune, he would launch armed attacks especially on the vehicles of policemen or security duty. That is his admission. So, at home, Htay Aung is a Thakaya NLD member, but outside the nation, he is a bomber. VBWS ranked him bomber No 999961. According to his admission, the reason why he chose Mr Ban Ki-moon’s visit was to tarnish the image of the government. To know the case in connection with the nature of terrorists, he would cause many casualties of policemen of us, and innocent people, and then he would tarnish the image of the country.

Thailand in October 1999 and so did the hospital. VBWS was formed with the young man who fled to the other country and those from KNU and ABSDF. VBWS together with God’s Army made a raid on the hospital in October 1999. Likewise, VBWS carried out raid on Rushbury Hospital in January 2000. VBWS was on the verge of collapse when Government of Thailand cracked down them.

So, VBWS cooperated with ABSDF then. VBWS committed bomb attacks for 14 times in Yangon from 2005 to 2008. And they committed bomb attacks in the compound of bus terminal and Panorama Hotel in 2005. During the year 2009, bomb attacks in USDA offices were the acts of VBWS. I would like to inform you of all that these organizations announced by Myanmar Police Force and Interpol as terrorist ones.

U Kyaw Thu (Myanmar Times)

Q: I know that Mr John William Yettaw’s case is related with transnational crime. So, which evidences are there for the case? With which sections will he be taken action? And will he be taken action against transnational crime?
A: There are a lot of definitions about transnational crime. The first point is that if a plan to commit a crime in a certain country is made in any other country, it can be called a transnational crime.

Mr Yettaw made preparations in Thailand to illegally enter the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. In his statements, he has already admitted to that. Preparing for the crime to be committed in our country in the other country can be defined as a transnational crime. So we can say that Mr Yettaw’s case is a transnational crime. As I had explained previously, if the crime was not committed by Mr Yettaw alone but committed by a group more than three, it can be called a transnational organized crime. He is now under trial in accord with the existing law of Myanmar. The reason we did not charge him in accord with the transnational crime was because our nation is still drawing anti-terrorism law.

Ma Nyin Nyin Naing (Seven Days Journal)

Q: I heard that the blast that occurred in the back lane of the Traders Hotel was recorded with a video camera. I would like to know whether the incident could be exposed or not.
A: According to the investigation, we know who is responsible for this. But we cannot disclose that as it was the case in which no suspect was arrested. Please understand us.

U Myat Khaing (Snap Shot Journal)

Q: I would like to know the name of the woman who became friendly with Mr Yettaw in Myawady and came to Yangon together with him.
A: We did not arrest her. We are only questioning her. We have still questions to ask her. This is why we will disclose it at an appropriate time to protect her security and dignity.

U Aung Kyaw Min (Thitsar Journal)

Q: I would like to know about the health of Mr John William Yettaw.
A: He was arrested and detained on 6 May. Two days later, he started to eat nothing but water. Those caring for him and doctors and authorities concerned requested him not to do so as it could affect his health. But he insisted refusing. According to the report of the Correctional Department, he did not eat any food for 42 days. Later, he did not eat any food either for 62 days by showing various reasons. However, responsible departments took care of his health. It was learnt that the chief medical officer of the jail was always ready for his attention. A practitioner of the Ministry of Health was always ready to nurse him. He had been under care by making an hourly record of his health.

In addition, D-protein worth over K 1000 was beside him to give him energy. According to the report of the Correctional Department, it was found that special medicine worth more than K 1000 was used for Mr Yettaw. At about midnight of 3 August, he was sent to Yangon General Hospital...
Nine die in fire at Belgian convalescent home

BRUSSELS, 7 Aug—Nine elderly people died and three more were seriously injured in a fire at a convalescent home in Belgium, local mayor Dirk De Maeseneer and police said.

The victims, seven women and two men, were all residents of the Kanunnik Triest home in the Flemish town of Melle and died of smoke inhalation when the fire broke out Thursday, according to an investigator.

The lives of the three injured people were in danger, a police source said. Thirty more had been admitted to hospital although there were no details of their injuries.

Firefighters brought the fire under control, said Melle’s deputy mayor Dany Cottenie, quoted by the online edition of the newspaper De Standaard, the fire was caused by a fan on the second floor of the modern building that housed around 90 elderly residents.

An investigator blamed the fire on a television explosion and setting a mattress alight.

Nine die in Colombian mine explosion

BOGOTA, 7 Aug—At least nine miners died in an explosion that occurred in a private coal mine in Colombia’s northwestern province of Antioquia, authorities said on Thursday.

The explosion was caused by an accumulation of methane in the mine, 3 km away from the city center of Amaga, according to Amaga’s Health Secretary, Carlos Aguilar.

“There were about 15 to 20 miners working in the hollow when the accident happened,” he said. “Several injured miners have been sent to hospital.”

Amaga is rich in coal. The most serious accident in this city occurred in 1977, when as many as 86 miners working in another coal mine died of the same cause.

Temptation more powerful than people think

Evanston, Ill, 6 Aug—People say they have more restraint than they actually possess — leading to poor decisions when tempted with greed, lust or drugs, US researchers said.

Study leader Loran Nordgren of the Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, Ill, examined how an individual’s belief in his or her ability to control impulses — such as greed, drug craving and sexual arousal — influences responses to temptation.

“People are not good at anticipating the power of their urges, and those who are the most confident about their self-control are the most likely to give into temptation,” Nordgren said in a statement. “The key is simply to avoid any situations where vices and other weaknesses thrive and, most importantly, for individuals to keep a humble view of their willpower.”

Wolves menacing sheep in Switzerland

BIENZ, 7 Aug—Wolves are moving into Switzerland from Italy and posing a danger to sheep herds, experts from the Federal Environment Office in Bern said.

Wolves were driven out of Switzerland in the 19th century, but are returning. Although there are many more wolves in the French and Italian Alps, Swiss authorities believe the number there will rise in the coming years. Since mid-May 100 sheep were slaughtered by wolves.

In one case, 15 sheep were killed in an attack in canton Valais. The flock was in an enclosure and watched over by two mountain dogs and a donkey. Experts say wolves rarely attack sheep under the watch of dogs.

Indonesian prominent poet dies at 74

JAKARTA, 7 Aug—Indonesian top poet figure Willibrordus Suresendra Broto Rendra, or popularly known as WS Rendra, died here on Thursday night at age of 74 after being admitted in a hospital for his cardiac disease. The poet was popular for his poems that siding up the poor and were critical to the policies implemented by the previous Indonesian government led by the then president Soeharto.

He was imprisoned by the Soeharto regime for his critical poetry during the students uprising in 1978.

Some pieces of his poetry were regarded as masterpieces in world’s literary and were translated into various languages, among others English, Dutch, German and Japanese.
**Fulham qualify, Roma, Galatasaray swap rivals in Europa League**

**PAES, 7 Aug.** — English Premier League Fulham reached the Europa League play-off round on Thursday when they were joined by free-scoring Roma and Galatasaray. Andrew Johnson scored twice to add to Dickson Etuhu’s opener as Fulham saw off VfL Wolfsburg of Germany 5-0 to reach the play-off round with four goals in their third qualifying round, second leg clash at Craven Cottage.

“We were good value for our three goals as we were in the first leg,” said Fulham coach Roy Hodgson.

“I am pleased with our attitude, pleased with the quality of our play and pleased with our passing,” Galatasaray of Turkey, coached by former Barcelona boss Frank Rijkaard, crushed Israeli’s Maccabi Netanya 6-1 for a 10-1 aggregate with Congo striker Shabani Nonda grabbing a hat-trick. Veteran striker Francesco Totti, who scored twice in the first leg, also claimed a hat-trick as AS Roma beat AA Gent 7-1 in Belgium for a 10-2 aggregate.

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**Real Madrid forward Huntelaar joins AC Milan**

**MADRID, 7 Aug.** — Real Madrid sold striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar to Italian side AC Milan this Thursday. Real Madrid has confirmed the news with an official communiqué on the club website.

Huntelaar, who joined Real Madrid for 20 million euros in December 2008, scored eight goals in just 20 Primera Liga appearances for the club. He didn’t play for them in the Champions League after an error by Real Madrid meant he was unable to be included in the squad for the second phase of the competition as he had already played for his former club Ajax in Europe.

The price is reported to be between 15 million and 18 million euros, a substantial loss for Real Madrid, as the Spanish club has an agreement to pay 7 million euros from any transfer to Ajax, Milan Director General Adriano Galliani told Italian TV station “Sky.”

Huntelaar would sign a contract keeping him at the club until 2013.

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**Crouch admits World Cup gamble at Spurs**

**LONDON, 7 Aug.** — Peter Crouch insisted on Friday that his move to Tottenham will not torpedo his hopes of playing in the World Cup finals. The 28-year-old bearpole striker will compete with Jermain Defoe, Robbie Keane and Roman Pavlyuchenko for a starting place in Harry Redknapp’s Spurs line-up. At previous club Portsmouth, he was a guaranteed starter.

“I have confidence in my own ability and that, when given the opportunities, I will take them,” said Crouch who has scored 16 goals in 34 England appearances. “I’ve been in and out of the England side but when I’ve played I’ve always felt I’ve done well and scored goals. I’m confident that I’ll be playing every week and doing all I can to make sure I’m on that plane to South Africa for the World Cup.”

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**Roddick wins 500th career match at ATP Washington**

**WASHINGTON, 7 Aug.** — US top seed Andy Roddick captured the 500th match victory of his career, defeating countryman Sam Querrey 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the ATP Washington Classic.

Roddick became the 36th Open-era player to reach 500 match triumphs and the fourth active player at the mark, the ninth-year professional joining Federer with 657, Spain’s Carlos Moya on 573 and Australian Lleyton Hewitt with 511.

“It’s a pretty small number who have gotten there, an elite group,” Roddick said.

“Moreso, I got there with enough time to add to it significantly. It’s just a nice validation of the consistency I’ve been able to have in my career.”

Fifth-ranked Roddick, who turns 27 later this month, won his only Grand Slam title at the 2003 US Open. He seeks a 29th career crown this week and fourth Washington title to go with the cake he received for his 500th match victory.

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**Hardy sets 50m breaststroke world record at US Open**

**WASHINGTON, 7 Aug.** — American Jessica Hardy set a world record of 29.95 seconds in the 50-metre breaststroke on Thursday at the US Open Championship, setting the mark as a split time in the 100m breaststroke.

Hardy broke the prior mark of 30.09 seconds by Russia’s Yuliia Efimova last Sunday at the World Championships in Rome.

Canada’s Amanda Reason had just in July trimmed the world mark of 30.31 by Australian Jade Edmistone from 2006.

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**Antonio Valencia has plenty to prove at ManUtd**

**LONDON, 7 Aug.** — As if joining Manchester United as Cristiano Ronaldo’s replacement wasn’t enough of a challenge for Antonio Valencia, the Ecuador winger must also live up to his billing as the figurehead of the Premier League’s Latin invasion.

When Ronaldo moved to Real Madrid for a world record 80 million pounds in June, United boss Sir Alex Ferguson was quick to spend 17 million pounds of that fee on luring Valencia from Wigan.

Valencia, 23, first caught Ferguson’s eye during a 20-minute cameo for Wigan against United in 2006. That substitute appearance made Ferguson aware of how Valencia’s dynamic runs and incisive crosses could hurt opponents and he regularly dispatched scouts to check on his progress over the next two years.

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**Wenger no closer to Vieira deal**

**LONDON, 7 Aug.** — Arsene Wenger admits Arsenal have yet to step up their bid to bring former captain Patrick Vieira back to north London. Gunners boss Wenger had hinted he may make a move for France midfielder Vieira after the Inter Milan star expressed an interest in returning to the Premier League.

But Wenger, who ended Vieira’s nine-year stay in England when he sold the Arsenal legend to Juventus in 2005, has made little progress towards completing a deal. “Not at the moment,” said Wenger on Thursday when asked if they were close to signing Vieira. “We can still make do with one or two players more. One could be in the defensive areas, and one in the attacking areas.”

Wenger, speaking at Arsenal’s charity launch at the Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital, added: “We make a few enquires for players, but we are nowhere near to signing anybody at the moment.

“Usually the transfer market speeds up from 26 August up to midnight on 31st, especially in the last two hours.”
Newcastle’s Bassong signs for spurs

LONDON, 7 Aug—Tottenham have completed the signing of Newcastle’s centre-back Sebastien Bassong after the 23-year-old defender passed a medical and agreed personal terms.

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Security forces of Myanmar Police Force managed to save nation from grave danger due to cooperation of people who favour stability and peace

YANGON, 7 Aug—The following is a translation of the clarification of measures for State security and the rule of law made at the press conference by Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi.

The Myanmar Police Force is responsible for State security, community peace and the rule of law.

So, we are taking security measures day and night in the regions where we are assigned duties to accomplish our mission. At about 5.40 am on 6 May 2009, we arrested Mr John William Yettaw, who had stayed illegally and left the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in restricted area, in Inya Lake, about 50 yards from old Kanthaya hospital and 30 yards from the house of the charge d’affaires of the US embassy. In the case, a lawsuit was filed against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, her companions Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma, and Mr John William Yettaw on 14 May 2009.

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