Friendship and harmony have been further consolidated

The geographical features of our country, which include high mountain ranges and major rivers that flow from the north to the south, make transportation difficult and impeded interactions among the national peoples. Moreover, under colonialism, they were subject to many years of systematic divide-and-rule practices. The national peoples become suspicious of one another, prompting our leaders to make strenuous efforts during the struggle for independence so that the central Myanmar and the mountainous regions could gain independence together.

In the post-independence period, suspicions toward one another intensified, giving rise to multi-coloured insurgencies across the country.

So, during the time when the Tatmadaw has assumed the responsibilities of the State, east-west and north-south networks of motor roads, railroads and airports have been built. With improved transportation and communication, friendship and harmony among the national peoples have been further consolidated and progress has been achieved in the economic, health and education sectors of the states.

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
(from the address delivered at the Passing out of Parade of No. 12 Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy)

Second-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw takes place

Designated numbers of Union Government ministries, Union ministers submitted

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Feb—The second-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today. It was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

At the meeting, Hluttaw Office Director-General U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies.

After taking position, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint announced the validity and start of the session as 658 out of 659 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw who have the right to attend today’s session were present accounting for 99.85 percent attendance.

According to the agenda, the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw presented the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the submission made by the elected president in accord with the Section 202, Sub-section (a) of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 24 to designate the number of the ministries of the Union Government as 34.

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The 34 designated Union Government ministries submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are as follows:

1. Ministry of Defence
2. Ministry of Home Affairs
3. Ministry of Border Affairs
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
5. Ministry of Information
6. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
7. Ministry of Finance and Revenue
8. Ministry of Construction
9. Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
10. Ministry of Commerce
11. Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
12. Ministry of Social Welfare,
13. Ministry of Defence
14. Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
15. Ministry of Mines
16. Ministry of Cooperatives
17. Ministry of Labour
18. Ministry of Transport
19. Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
20. Ministry of Industry-1
22. Ministry of Rail Transportation
23. Ministry of Energy
24. Ministry of Electric Power No. 1
25. Ministry of Electric Power No. 2
26. Ministry of Education
27. Ministry of Health
28. Ministry of Culture
29. Ministry of Religious Affairs
30. Ministry of Science and Technology
31. Ministry of Immigration and Population
32. Ministry of Sports
33. Ministry of President’s Office
34. Ministry of Myanma Industrial Development
35. Ministry of Defence
36. Ministry of Health
37. Ministry of Education
38. Ministry of Religious Affairs
39. Ministry of Science and Technology
40. Ministry of Immigration and Population
41. Ministry of Sports
42. Ministry of President’s Office
43. Ministry of Myanma Industrial Development

Myanmar delegation back home after paying study visit to India

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Feb—A Myanmar delegation led by Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo arrived back here after paying a study tour of Public Service Organizations in New Delhi, Jaipur and Agra from 31st January to 5th February, 2011.

The Myanmar delegation paid a study tour of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and Foreign Service Institute (FSI) under the supervision of Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on 31st January to 5th February, 2011.

The Myanmar delegation visited the Union Public Service Commission on 1st February, the State Institute of Public Administration and Office of the Public Administrator in Jaipur on 2nd February, and Taj Mahal in Agra on 3rd February. On the last day, 4th February, the Myanmar delegation visited places of interest around New Delhi.

The Myanmar delegation consisted of 17 members from Office of the State Peace and Development Council, Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Cooperatives, Ministry of Culture, Civil Service Selection and Training Board and Mandalay City Development Committee.

KNU’s mine injures innocent civilians

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Feb—A mine blast occurred in the forest about two miles southwest of Myittalinmyaing village in Myawady, Kayin State on 6 February while Maung Ye Ko Oo, Maung Than Naing, Maung Than Tun, U Toe Ko and Ko Khin Naing Oo were cutting woods. The mine went off when the branch fell onto the ground where it was planted by KNU insurgent group. The mine blast left Maung Than Naing both eyes injured and Maung Ye Ko Oo, his face. The victims are now under treatment at Myawady People’s Hospital. Officials concerned are providing necessary assistance.