

“The New Light of Myanmar” 12 February 2011

**Democracy system introduced to the Union of Myanmar still in its infancy
It is required of entire national people to safeguard, build together newly-introduced democracy
system adopted with combined efforts of government, people and Tatmadaw**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb-The following is the translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of Union Day.

Esteemed national brethren,

On the occasion of the 64th Anniversary of Union Day, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the entire national brethren of you residing in amity and harmony throughout the Union of Myanmar, wishing you every blessing.

The Union of Myanmar has a very long history. Sovereignty resided over the territory in the times of Myanmar monarchs who managed to unify the whole country into a consolidated one. Yet, in times of disintegration of national unity, Myanmar was under foreign invasion. In late Konbaung Period, our country lost independence and sovereignty and fell under alien subjugation.

It was not very difficult for the colonialists to annex Myanmar due to great gap of armed power. But it took a long time for them to complete their crackdown over armed revolts launched in many regions by national races.

Therefore, the colonialists exercised a long-term plan to rule the mainland and highlands separately. They drove a wedge among national races who had been living through thick and thin. In consequence of the divide-and-rule policy practised for over 100 years, some self-centered leaders with servile attitude fell under complete sway of the colonialists.

It was the colonialists who intended to keep putting highlands under their political control even when they had no choice, but to grant mainland independence. Therefore, colonial officers in charge of highlands sowed enmity on purpose among highlanders. However, young patriots were farsighted enough to avoid falling into the political snare set by the colonialists, and they worked together to enable the whole nation to regain independence.

Again in the post-independence period, there emerged many national race armed groups due to various reasons. Some of the groups racially indoctrinated the people. Nevertheless, the entire people remained consolidated with Union Spirit. Not only did armed insurgents gradually meet their end, but also the nation lagged behind other countries in development stemming from armed insurrection.

Indeed, the Union of Myanmar is a sovereign nation, home to all national races. The people of all national races have equal rights to settle and reside in any place within the country, enjoy freedom of business and practise religious faiths they profess, and the right to elect and the right to stand for election.

Unlike in some other countries, Myanmar does not see any social and racial discrimination, and the people of all national races are the same, national brethren. Therefore, in times of clandestine schemes to drive a wedge among national races with power-craving attitude or foreign aid and abet, all national races have to uphold at risk to life the national duty of Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Nondisintegration of national sovereignty, and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

Esteemed national brethren,

All national races have to participate in exercising legislative, executive and judicial powers democratically according to the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that resides over the Union.

In addition,

it grants representatives of national races the right to take part in enacting Region or State, and Self-Administered Areas Law for the national races, each of which has a moderate population. Now, hluttaw sessions are being held with hluttaw representatives according to the sixth step and a modern, developed democratic nation is being built with administrative bodies formed by hluttaws according to the seventh step of the State's seven-step Road Map.

The democracy system introduced to the Union of Myanmar is still in its infancy. Therefore, it is required of the entire national people to safeguard and build together the newly-introduced democracy system, which has been adopted with the combined efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. In the process, it is mandatory for all national brethren to tackle any forms of disruptions to the new system.

Moreover, I would like to cordially and respectfully urge all national brethren to work in concert, exerting consolidated national unity for perpetuation of the Union of Myanmar that has stood for thousands of years.

**Second-day regular sessions of first Region and State Hluttaws take place
Approval sought to designate chief ministers, numbers of ministries, ministers and high court
judges in Regions and States**



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb-The second-day regular sessions of the first Region and State Hluttaws took place simultaneously in respective Regions and States at 10 am today.

At the sessions, numbers of ministries, ministers and high court judges and the chief ministers of respective Regions and States, nominated by the elected President, were approved by respective Hluttaw representatives.

Kachin State At the session, Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Rawan Jon submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 51 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Development Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Education and Health and Ministry of Social and Religious Affairs and Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U La John Ngan Hsaing of Tanai Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Kachin State.

Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second -day session came to an end at 10.18 am.

Kayah State

At the session, Speaker of Kayah State Hluttaw U Kyaw Swe submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3.

It was unanimously approved by all 20 representatives.

The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Administration/Economics, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Electric Power, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Information and Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Khin Maung Oo (a) U Bu Reh of Bawlakhe Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Kayah State.

Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second -day session came to an end at 10.35 am.

Kayin State

At the session, Speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw U Saw Aung Kyaw Min submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 23 representatives.

The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Transport/ Road, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Social Affairs, Education and Health, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Industry/ Communications, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and Ministry of Forestry.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect Defence Services Personnel Representative Brig-Gen Zaw Min as Chief Minister of Kayin State. Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second -day session came to an end at 10.12 am.

Chin State

Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Hauk Khin Kham submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 2. It was unanimously approved by all 24 representatives.

The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, Ministry of Energy, Electric Power, Mines and Forestry, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Construction, Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Management.

The Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Hong Ngai of Mindat Township Constituency (2) as Chief Minister of Chin State.

Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

The second-day session came to an end at 10.40am.

Sagaing Region

At the session, Speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw U Thin Hlaing submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 101 representatives.

The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives, Ministry of Energy/ Mines/ Industry, Ministry of Communications/ Construction, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Affairs.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Tha Aye of Butalin Township Constituency (2) as Chief Minister of Sagaing Region.

Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.15 am.

Taninthayi Region

At the session, Speaker of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw U Htin Aung Kyaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 28 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Agriculture/ Forestry, Ministry of Meat and Fish/ Energy, Ministry Industry/ Mines, Ministry of Construction and Communications, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Social Affairs/ Information and Ministry of Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Khin Zaw of Myeik Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.35 am.

Bago Region

At the session, Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw U Win Tin submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 76 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Management, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Transport/ Communications and Construction, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, Ministry of Energy/ Electric Power/ Mines/Forestry and Ministry of Industry.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Nyan Win of Zigon Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of the Bago Region.

Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 12.30 pm.

Magway Region

At the session, Speaker of Magway Region Hluttaw U Ye Myint submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the

number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 68 representatives.

The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Agriculture/Forestry, Ministry of Planning/Finance, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Industry/Mines and Ministry of Electric Power.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Phone Maw Shwe of Minbu Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of the Magway Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.15 am.

Mandalay Region

At the session, Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw U Win Maung submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 6. It was unanimously approved by all 76 representatives.

The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Economics/Trade/Planning/ Finance/Cooperatives, Ministry of Agriculture/ Irrigation/Meat and Fish/ Forestry, Ministry of Education, Health, Science and Sports, Mayor and Development Affairs Ministry, Ministry of Transport/ Communications and Construction, Ministry of Social Affairs and Information/Culture and Religious Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines and Ministry of Labour, Hotels/Tourism and Social Affairs.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Ye Myint of PyinOoLwin Township Constituency (2) as Chief Minister of Mandalay Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.25 am.

Mon State

At the session, Speaker of Mon State Hluttaw U Kyin Pe submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 31 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Labour, Ministry of Energy and Electric Power and Ministry of Social Affairs and Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Ohn Myint of Mudon Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Mon State. Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.20 am.

Rakhine State

Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw U Htein Lin submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of judges for High Court as 3. All 47 State Hluttaw representatives unanimously approved the nominations. Nine ministries approved are the Security and Border Affairs Ministry, the Agriculture, Forestry/ Irrigation Ministry, the Health/Education Ministry, the Economics Ministry, the Transport Ministry, the Industry/Labour/ Sports Ministry, the Meat, Fish, Mines and Energy Ministry, the Culture/Social Welfare and Relief Ministry and the Religious Affairs and Immigration Ministry.

The Speaker of the State Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Hla Maung Tin of An Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Rakhine State. Then, the State Hluttaw announced its proposal of the proposal as there was no objection.

The second-day regular session of the First Rakhine State Hluttaw came to an end at 10.25 am.

Yangon Region

Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of judges for High Court 6. All 123 Region Hluttaw representatives unanimously approved the nominations. Nine ministries approved are the Security and Border Affairs Ministry, the Development Affairs Ministry, the Education/Health/Foreign Affairs and Immigration Ministry, the Agriculture/Commerce and Labour Ministry, the Electric/Energy/Industry/Construction Ministry, the Finance and Revenue/Forestry/Meat and Fish Ministry, the Transport and Communication, Posts and Telegraphs Ministry, the Culture/Religious Affairs Ministry and the Social Welfare and Hotels and Tourism Ministry.

The Speaker of the Region Hluttaw submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Myint Swe of Seikkyi-khanaungto Township Constituency (2) as Chief Minister of Yangon Region.

Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

The second-day regular session of the First Yangon Region Hluttaw came to an end at 10.10 am.

Shan State

At the session, Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw U Sai Lon Hsaing submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 3. It was unanimously approved by all 142 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Planning/Finance, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Education and Health, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Industry and Mines, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Electric Power.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Aung Myat (a) Sao Aung Myat of Pindaya Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Shan State. Then, the State Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10. 20 am.

Ayeyawady Region

At the session, Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint submitted the proposal made by the elected President to designate the number of ministries as 9, the number of ministers as 9 and the number of high court judges as 5. It was unanimously approved by all 72 representatives. The approved ministries are Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, Ministry of Planning/Economics, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Electric Power, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Construction and Ministry Information and Culture.

Next, the speaker submitted the proposal made by the elected President to elect U Thein Aung of Ingapu Township Constituency (1) as Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region. Then, the Region Hluttaw announced its approval of the proposal as there was no objection.

Later, the second-day session came to an end at 10.30 am.

The third-day regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws will continue at 10 am on 14 February.

Mandalay Mayor visits Yadanabon Bank

MANDALAY, 11 Feb- Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor U Phone Zaw Han visited Yadanabon Bank Ltd of MCDC on 6 February.

The mayor inspected newly-built battery-powered fiber boat with seating capacity of 30 persons near Pyigyimon Royal Raft in Mandalay Kandawgyi Area and oversaw conservation works for Kandawgyi Lake in the boat. He then inspected beautifying tasks on the ring-road of Kandawgyi Lake.

Ngayokekaung TV retransmission station in Ayeyawady Region launched

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb - As part of the extensive TV retransmission programme, construction of Ngayokekaung TV retransmission station in Ayeyawady Region was completed on 5 February.

The station was put into service the following day. With 100 watt capacity, the facility airs MRTV programme with high resolution through UHF Channel J-16.

MLF officials visit libraries in Kawa, Thanatpin Townships

YANGON, 11 Feb -Responsible persons of Myanmar Libraries Foundation visited self-reliant libraries in Kawa Township and Thanatpin Township in Bago Region on 4 February and donated publications.

On their arrival at villages in two townships, Chairman of MLF U Maung Maung and executives, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and doyen literati met with townselders and library committee members and gave talks on development of libraries and postliterary movement.

Those who want to donate cash and publications to Myanmar Libraries Foundation which is carrying out sustainable development of libraries and post-literary movements may contact No.228, Theinbyu Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 371342 and 398756).

World ultra slim monitor on the market

YANGON, 11 Feb-Star Universe Company, as a sole agent of AOC monitor brand in Myanmar which is the world No.1 monitor manufacturing factory, has been distributing the monitors since the end of 2010.

AOC is famous as world ultra slim monitor for its screen thickness of 12.9 mm, modern design, high performance and producing of vivid picture.

AOC monitors are available at computer sales centres on Seikkantha Street in Yangon (Ph: 430013, 73056015).

Fourth-day regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held
Approval sought for Union Ministers
Nine members, Chairperson for Constitutional Tribunal of the Union submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb- The fourth-day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Director-General U Myint Thein of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint took the position. He announced the validity and start of the session as 657 out of 659 representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw who have the right to attend the today's session were present accounting for 99.7 per cent.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw declared that although an announcement was issued for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives to raise objections, if any, with clear evidence regarding one of 30 Union Ministers nominated by the elected President does not meet qualifications of the Union Minister as prescribed in the Sub-section (a) of Article 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, there was no objection so that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed to the appointment of the said 30 persons as Union Ministers. Next, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted the candidature list of total nine persons-three members each nominated by the elected President, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw- for formation of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and one of them to be assigned as the Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union nominated by the elected President.

The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union will be formed with nine members including the chairperson as prescribed in the Article 320 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The three members nominated by the elected President were U Thein Soe, Dr Tin Aung Aye and Daw Khin Hla Myint. The three members chosen by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw were U Tun Kyi, U Soe Thein and U Khin Tun. The three members nominated by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw were U Hsan Myint, U Myint Kyaing and Daw Mi Mi Yi.

Next, it was announced that the elected President had submitted U Thein Soe among them to be assigned as Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the contact persons of respective parties may take out biographies of the members to be assigned as member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union nominated by the elected President to judge their qualifications at the Director-General of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office this evening and that in accord with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 27, Sub-section (b) the Hluttaw representatives who want to raise objection with clear evidence against the said persons that they do not possess the qualifications prescribed in Article 333 of the constitution of the Republic

of the Union of Myanmar may submit their names to the Director- General of the Hluttaw Office not later than 12 noon on 13 February (Sunday).

The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the fourth day regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended and the fifth-day regular session will continue at 10 am on 14 February (Monday).

The meeting came to an end at 10.20 am.

Special Refresher Course No. 74 for basic education teachers concludes

YANGON, 11 Feb- Special Refresher Course No. 74 for basic education teachers concluded at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaungyi) in Hlegu Township, here this morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min gave a speech.

It was also attended by Members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Win Aung and U Soe Oo, Supreme Court Judge U Khin Myint and departmental heads, Rector U Win Maung of the institute, the pro-rector, faculty members and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister U Aung Myo Min said that the country was being transformed into democratic one by the government, people and Tatmadaw cooperatively in accord with the seven-step Road Map and the sixth step, ongoing Hluttaw sessions, reflected the essence of democracy; that the seventh step which was building of modern, developed democratic nation would be realized soon after executive, legislative and judicial pillars had been set up.

The deputy minister added that teachers were responsible for nurturing their students as well as educating the parents to imbue them with patriotic spirit and Union Spirit and help them possess noble mind.

The deputy minister urged the teachers to play a leading role in mobilizing the people to uphold the belief that it was the national duty of every citizen to safeguard the nation while striving for long-term development and perpetual existence of the nation.

The deputy minister, on behalf of the SPDC Secretary-1, awarded the outstanding trainees and presented certificates of completion.

Wunpan TV retransmission station in Shan State (South) put into service

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb - As part of the extensive TV retransmission programme, construction of Wunpan TV retransmission station in Shan State (South) was completed on 7 February.

The station was put into service the following day. With 10 watt capacity, the facility airs MRTV programme with high resolution through UHF Channel J-13.

Night temperatures likely to keep on falling

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Feb-According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, night temperatures are expected to fall (3° C) to (5° C) below February average temperatures in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway

and Bago Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Northern Rakhine States, within next three days commencing noon today, announced Department of Hydrology and Meteorology.

KNU mine kills one innocent people, wounds three

YANGON, 11 Feb -A bus driven by Ko Gyt Tu (a) Nyi Nyi Tun, who lived in Natgyi Village in Bilin Township, Mon State, rolled on a mine planted by KNU insurgents at a place between Padataw and Winmaung villages of Bilin Township at about 9 am yesterday.

The mine blast left the driver death and one bus conductor and two passengers injured. Maung Kyaw Min Oo of Natgyi Village, one of three injured, are undergoing medical treatment at Thaton People's Hospital, and the remaining two persons relieved from the injured and they went back their homes.

Officials are providing necessary assistance to them.

Coord meeting on Myanmar tennis development held

YANGON, 11 Feb-With the aim of preparing to host Southeast Asian Games-2013 in Myanmar and promoting Myanmar tennis, a coordination meeting was held in Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here today.

It was attended by managers and coaches of tennis teams arriving in Yangon to compete in 48th Inter-state/region Tennis Tournament, and officials of Myanmar Tennis Federation.

The attendees gave suggestions on Myanmar tennis development.