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Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San visit palace museums in St. Petersburg

***Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party visit Ekaterinsky Palace in Pushkinn City, St Petersburg.*—MNA**

YANGON, 9 April — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, the ministers and senior military officers, Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Soe and wife Daw Myint Myint Thein, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tun Tun, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and departmental officials, visited the Palace Museums in St. Petersburg on 5 April afternoon.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party arrived at Ekaterinsky Palace in Pushkinn City of St. Petersburg at 3.30 pm local time. They were welcomed by Director of the museum Mr Ivan Petrovich Sautov and officials.

Officials of the museum conducted Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party round the section of the Ekaterinsky Palace Museum of Empress Catherine, Tzar dynasty of Russia.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party proceeded to Palovsky Palace in Palovsky City where they were welcomed by Deputy Director of the museum Mr Rozov I Victor and officials.

They visited the Palovsky Summer Palace of Pavel I, Tzar dynasty of Russia.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye signed the visitors' book.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party went back to Hotel Astoria in St. Petersburg.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Further strengthen friendly ties between Myanmar and the Russian Federation

Myanmar has been adhering to the five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence in dealing with neighbouring countries, countries in the region and the global community. And it is trying its utmost for further cementing friendly ties with congenial nations, while constantly striving for boosting economy and enhancing cooperation in all spheres among those nations.

The Russian Federation is a friendly nation of Myanmar. Since Myanmar has regained independence, its relationship with the nation has improved all the more.

As part of opening a new chapter of bilateral relations for further cementing the existing friendly ties between the governments, the peoples and the Tatmadaws of the two nations, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San paid a goodwill visit to the Russian Federation from 2 to 7 April.

During his visit, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye held a discussion with Chief of Staff of the Russian Federation First Vice-Minister for Defence General YN Baluevsky at the Russian Ministry of Defence in Moscow on 4 April.

At the discussion, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General YN Baluevsky cordially dealt with matters related to friendly relationship between the armed forces of the two countries.

Similarly, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Deputy Governor of St. Petersburg Mr Lobko held discussions at the Office of the Governor of St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation on 5 April. At the meeting, they frankly discussed matters on economy and investment between the two nations.

The Russian Federation takes interest in economic cooperation with countries of East Asian and South East Asian regions.

The Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation share a common view in assessing situations in the region as well as in the world.

During the goodwill visit of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, cooperation between the governments and private entrepreneurs was discussed for boosting trade of the two nations. As a result, Myanmar has been able to invite Russian entrepreneurs to make investment in agricultural, oil and gas sectors as well as in tapping of natural resources in Myanmar.

Such being the case, we firmly believe that the goodwill visit of Myanmar delegation to the Russian Federation will be able to enhance cooperation in such spheres as economy, trade and education and to further strengthen friendly ties between Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

***U Sein Win, Daw Han Kyi and family of Kyauktada Township recently donated K 100,000 to mark 34th birthday of daughter Ma Win Win Kyi to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi.*—H**

People's Desire

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Sanitation tasks carried out, cash donated at CWH

YANGON, 9 April — Organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, staff of Health Department and Yangon City Development Committee and members of social organizations gathered at Central Women's Hospital on Baho Street in Lanmadaw Township this morning and collectively carried out sanitation tasks.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin arrived there and cheered them.

Next, the commander presented K 200,000, MWAF K 200,000, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai K 200,000 and wellwishers and various organizations K 8 million to the medical superintendent and officials.

After the ceremony, the commander and the mayor and party encouraged 75 blood donors from the Union Solidarity and Development Association and 15 from WAO at the hospital.

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Gold foils offered, 50-KVA transformer donated, consecration held in Maubin

Minister Col Thein Nyunt meets departmental officials and local people in Bogale. — PBANRDA

YANGON, 9 April — Ceremonies to offer a gold foils, donate a 50-KVA transformer and consecrate Muniyamayonnay MyoU Pawdawmu Pagoda took place in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division, on 8 April.

Present on the occasion were Dhammayon Shwekyin Kyaungtaik Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja U Anadhivara and members of the Sangha and CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw. The minister and wife offered alms to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Next, the minister met with executives and members of division and district USDAs in Kyaiklatt and attended to their needs.

The following day, the minister attended a ceremony to donate cash for Bogale Education College by USDA. At the ceremony, the minister presented K 4 million to the college through Principal Daw Khin Khin Htay. Next, the minister viewed lecture halls, hostels and the mess hall. — *MNA*

Myanmar delegation back from China

YANGON, 9 April — A Myanmar delegation led by CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Nyan Tun Aung arrived back from the People's Republic of China by air this afternoon at the invitation of Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU).

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by CEC Member U Maung Pa, Mr Yu Boren of the Chinese Embassy and officials concerned from USDA Headquarters.

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***USDA CEC member U Nyan Tun Aung and party being welcomed back at the airport*—MNA**

UMFCCI Office at new address

YANGON, 9 April — The Office of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be relocated to No 61, Maha Bandoola Park Street, at the corner of Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, beginning 10 April. Anyone may contact UMFCCI at the new address. —*MNA*

Chinese Premier begins official visit to Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 8 Apri— At the invitation of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived here Friday by a special plane for an official visit to the southeastern Asian country.

Prime Minister Hun Sen and other senior government officials greeted Premier Wen at the airport and held a red-carpet welcome ceremony for the Chinese leader.

In a written statement released upon his arrival, Premier Wen said he is delighted to pay an official visit to the beautiful country of Cambodia and would like to take this opportunity to convey the cordial greetings and best wishes of the Chinese people to the hospitable people of Cambodia

"China and Cambodia are friendly neighbours and the traditional friendship between the two peoples has a long history," he said, "In recent years, China-Cambodia friendship, forged and cultivated by several generations of Chinese leaders and His Majesty Norodom Sihanouk, the King Father, has been flourished."

"Our two countries have engaged in productive exchanges and cooperation in the political, economic, trade, cultural and other areas and maintained good coordination and cooperation in regional and international affairs," the Premier said.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen (L) holds a red-carpet ceremony to welcome visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R, Front) at an airport in Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, on 7 April, 2006. **—INTERNET**

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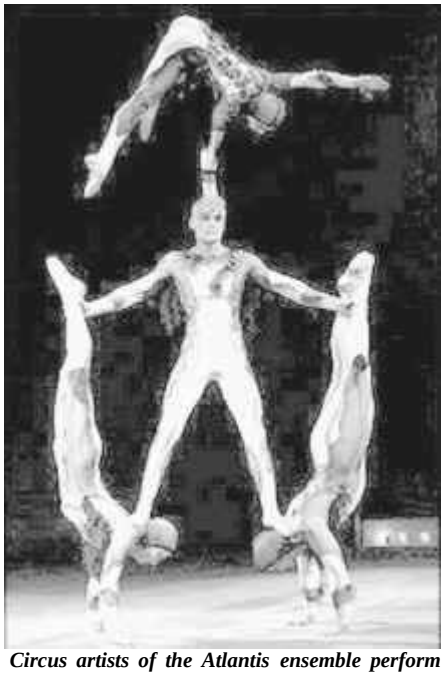

Circus artists of the Atlantis ensemble perform during this season's premiere of Circus Krone, in Munich recently. **—INTERNET**

A helicopter of the Cuban Army casts a shadow while flying over a key on the northern coast of Cuba in the eastern Camaguey Province, on 5 April, 2006. Cuban authorities are cracking down on drug traffickers who use the island-dotted coast line to smuggle cocaine and marijuana from Colombia and Jamaica to the United States in the ongoing drug enforcement operation ACHE III. **—INTERNET**

Cuba claims drug war victory without US help

BOCA DEL TORO (Cuba), 9 April — Flying over chains of sandy keys in a clattering old Soviet *Mi-17* helicopter, Colonel Jorge Samper declares a Cuban victory over South American drug traffickers — with no thanks to the United States.

Communist Cuba wants to cooperate with its bitter political enemy in the war on narcotics, but is getting no response from Washington, says Samper, deputy commander of the Cuban Coast Guard.

Colombian smugglers have used the hundreds of tiny secluded islands off Cuba's long north coast as drop sites for bales of cocaine and marijuana to be picked up from the sea by speedboats for delivery to the United States.

Despite scarce resources to patrol its waters other than slow-moving Soviet-era torpedo boats, Cuba says it has the problem under control.

Seizures have declined over the past five years. The 2.2 tons (2,200 kilos) of marijuana and 0.3 ton (300 kilos) of cocaine seized last year were the lowest quantities in the past decade, indicating traffickers have turned to other routes, Samper said.

"It is the United States that benefits from all Cuba's efforts," said Colonel Jose Ruiz, deputy head of the Cuban National Antinarcotics Agency.

That is because the drug shipments are destined for the streets of US cities and not Cuba, where domestic consumption of illegal drugs is minimal, Cuban officials say.

MNA/Reuters

Tornadoes strike Tennessee

NASHVILLE, 8 April — Tornadoes battered the southeastern United States on Friday, killing 12 people in Tennessee in the second deadly tornado strike in the state this week, officials said on Saturday.

Nine people died in Sumner County where the tornado hit a heavily populated area outside the town of Gallatin and another three people were killed in Warren County, said Randy Harris of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

What had been stately brick homes near Gallatin were heavily damaged, and rubble was strewn across upscale neighbourhoods. Several people were rescued after being trapped in their cars by storm debris. In Warren County, authorities said some mobile homes were destroyed and a truck overturned.

The winds knocked over walls at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin where some 200 students huddled inside a building as the storm approached. Despite the heavy damage to the campus, the injuries were mostly minor cuts and bruises.

In Georgia, to the south, severe thunderstorms rolled through the northern part of the state early Saturday, damaging homes and businesses in several metropolitan Atlanta counties.

Local television reports showed businesses that had been leveled and trees that crashed into homes.—*Internet*

Three Americans injured in suicide explosion in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 April — Three Americans were injured Friday in a suicide car bomb in Afghan southern province of Helmand, US military said and denied the former report about the involvement of British soldiers. "Two US service members and one US civilian contractor received minor injuries today when a suicide car bomb exploded outside the main gates of the Lashkar Gah Provincial Reconstruction Team compound in Helmand Province at 11:30 am (0700 GMT) today," US military said in a Press release.

"The suicide bomber was killed in the blast. A nearby pickup truck and the bomber's vehicle were destroyed," it added. Afghan National Police officers are at the scene of the explosion investigating this attack, according to the release."This attack on Coalition Forces, like so many others that have occurred in southern Afghanistan in the last month, failed," said Brigadier-General David Fraser, commander of the Coalition's Combined Task Force Aegis. "This latest attack won't affect our on-going efforts to work with Afghan authorities to improve security in Helmand." — *MNA/Xinhua*

A woman looks at debris caused by a tornado in the back yard of her family's home in Gallatin, Tennessee on 8 April, 2006.
INTERNET

Questions and replies at press conference 3/2006

YANGON, 9 April — Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held press conference 3/2006 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Street this morning.

It was attended by information officials, U Sein Win of Kyodo news agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa, correspondents, personnel from local periodicals.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan greets local and foreign journalists. MNA

Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein. — MNA

Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung. MNA

Local and foreign newsmen, officials of local media raised queries regarding the clarifications by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, other issues and clarifications of five persons who involved in connection with FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai and Thein Win of NDD. Questions and replies are as follows.

U Hla Htway (Nihon Keizai Shimbun)

May I ask the minister a question? It is the question that I asked at the press conference in Lashio. The minister said in his reply that the government is still in contact with KNU and it still opening its doors for peace talks with KNU. The government did not mention the acts of KNU or attack on KNU. Their destructive acts are reported at the present press conference for the first time. I would like to know whether the fact that the government is still in contact with KNU is foiled or not and if there were engagements between the Tatmadaw and the KNU.

Another question is that at the press conference the terms 'other country' and 'Maesot' were used. Can the groups, known as, insurgents or terrorists, start their operations in the other country? Does that country know about it?

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan

Destructive acts of KNU were exposed before the previous press conference. But the government handled the issue magnanimously and their acts were not clarified. The government informed the KNU of their destructions and explosion and these acts should not have done during the peace talks. However, the KNU continued to commit their destructive acts. That was why clarifications were made at the press conference. But the government's attitude on peaceful ways does not change and it still opens its peace door. The government is carrying out the tasks for restoration of peace.

Nowadays the government does not launch any particular operation and it is responsible for safeguarding lives and property of the people. Unless the security forces cleared the plan to blow up the railways, there would be many casualties. The government took security measures to protect the lives and property of the people. Places where destructive elements can hide were cleared. The Tatmadaw does not launch particular operation. In connection with the third question, there is no change in both previous and present conditions.

U Tin Maung Aye (Asahi Shimbun)

I heard that Saya Ye (a) Ko Than Oo made arrangements for demonstration of the nuns in front of the city hall and the embassy according to the instructions of Thein Win. Please explain how you were involved in it. I think money was spent on demonstrations and UG operations. How did you get and spend the money?

Saya Ye (a) U Than Oo

On 5 January 2003, Thein Win told me that nun Daw Malar Ye was in the country. She preauaded some nuns to stage protests. He made me help them in their protests. In a few days, I came to Bago and met nuns Daw Malar Ye and Daw Thilawady. They said that the attempted demonstration on 4 January failed and they wanted a photo of Bogyoke Aung San and needed to talk with Thein Win. They made contact with Thein Win for 15 minutes through satellite phone I took. Then we made an appointment. After taking the photo of Bogyoke Aung San, they left Bago at 6 am. By the time we arrived at the Sule Pagoda it was about 8 am. The two nuns and I went to Pansodan. The plan was to go to the bus stop on the side of the park first and to give away pamphlets to passengers at the bus stop and at the flower shops at the Sule. Afterwards, they went to the City Hall. They left 10 minutes earlier than I and I followed them.

I saw two young nuns together with four or five security members under the porch of the City Hall. Hence, I thought the protest of two young nuns had finished. And, I went back to Anawrahta Street and gave a phone message to Ko Win Myint from Bago. I told him that the protest of the young nuns finished; that they were taken by security guards; and that I would return to Bago.

After that, a boy who related to Thein Win connected me with monk Nandavamsa. I discussed with monk Nandavamsa to hold a demonstration in front of Sakhantha Hotel at Yangon Railway Station on 12 February (Union Day). However, their attempts to protest failed. I returned to Bago, and I told Ko Win Myint the cancellation of the demonstration. On my arrival at Maesot, I met monk Nandavamsa again. I think it might be during March. Thein Win told me that Naing Lin, the monk, and Tin Moe had been sent to the country.

Later, they staged a protest in front of the British Embassy. I heard Naing Lin ran into the embassy.

Regarding the solo demonstration of Sgt U Kyaw Kyaw in Shwegondaing, he was a friend of mine, and we had met in the market of Maesot. During his holidays, he met me at May Thazin Bookstall. One day, we met with Thein Win. In our talks, Sgt U Kyaw Kyaw told Thein Win that he would like to make a protest.

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Hardcores of FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD's Thein Win, Saya Ye (a) U Than Oo, Daw Khaing Mar Soe, U Khin Maung Win, U Aung Thein and Yu Noot (a) Aung Cho Oo. — MNA

Saya Ye (a) U Than Oo. MNA

Daw Khaing Mar Soe. MNA

U Khin Maung Win. MNA

U Aung Thein. MNA

Yu Noot (a) Aung Cho Oo. MNA

U Hla Htway of Nihon Keizai Shimbun.—MNA

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I learned from Thein Win that U Kyaw Kyaw had already left. So, it was assumed that U Kyaw Kyaw's protest had come to an end. Each time I went to Thein Win for preparing a protest, he would give me about K 100,000. But, when I contacted him if the inclusive cost for a protest did not cover, he would send me more K 50,000 or 100,000 by money order. As far as I'm concerned, he was mainly funded by Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Ko Maung Maung. But I had no knowledge of Thein Win's actual expenditures.

Dr Zaw Than (Sankei Shimbun): An incident once happened that a launcher was fired at a vessel in Kyimyindine. So, I would like to know whether or not Pyithit Nyunt Wai and Thein Win are involved in that attack. And how can you know exactly that they are also involved in the three bomb explosions on 7 May? To what extent is NDD's Thein Win skilled in planting bombs as he is a member of PP-21?

Saya Ye (a) U Than Oo: The incident that occurred in Kyimyindine may be in 2003. When I had a talk with him (Thein Win) at his book shop named May Zin, he said the one who fired a launcher at a vessel in Kyimyindine was a subordinate of Ko Maung Maung. According to Thein Win, Ko Maung Maung himself is skilled at arranging bomb attacks. But I came to know how much Thein Win's skilled in making explosives when I paid a visit in late 2002 to his place in 200-baht market. There he was making something with a

U Tin Maung Aye of Asahi Shimbun.
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China-made watch, some wires, two dry cells and a bulb together with a man by the name of Ko Thet Khaing. When asked, he said he was just teaching him making a bomb as he (Ko Thet Khaing) was interested in it. That's why I think he must be a bomb expert.

U Myint Thura of Pyi Myanmar Journal: He said he learned that there was a woman in the hardcore of terrorists and he asked how she related them and what she carried out.

Daw Khine Mar Soe replied that at the end of December, 2005 after the release from the prison for the first time, she went to the other country which she worked before regarding money order to make relations between those who went abroad for their works and their parents. when she was there, her brother said that in Mae-sot, there was AAPP organization which supported the political prisoners and she could get whatever she wanted for help through Thei Win. When she arrived at Mae-sot, she went to Thein Win, he said to her not to worry about anything. And so, she asked him for the help that was necessary for her family. He promised to assist her in January or February. Lateron, she kept in touch with him once a month as she was in Mae-sot at that time. Whenever they met each other, he gave her K 200,000, K 100,000 or 50,000 to spend if necessary for her and he made her send K 50,000 or K 100,000 by chance for three persons that she had to make contact with at that moment, including the appliances for sale at the store. At such time, she did

Dr Zaw Than of Sankei Shimbun.—MNA

not know if people that they were talking to were UGs. Moreover, he said that they were together in prison and he wanted to help them as much as he could. Later, due to their saying, she came to realize that they were former NLD representatives.

U Aung Shwe Oo of NTV News Agency asked Ko Yu Noot who his parents were and from which region they came.

Yu Noot (a) Aung Cho Oo replied that his parents were from Myanmar and he lived at No 225 on 103rd Street in Mingalar Taung Nyunt. Regarding the bomb blast, he committed after meeting him while he went there to work. But, he did not know before that he made explosions like that and in fact, it was sure that he never took part in bomb blast if he knew it beforehand. Though it was against the law, he did nothing to crush the lives of people like Thein Win. Anyhow, he was ready to accept the punishment of the law. If I was released after being punished, he would keep on serving under the frame of the law in the interests of the people and the nation.

U Thet Khine of Myanmar Times Journal asked U Khin Maung Win what Thein Win asked him to do and what he responded when Daw Khine Mar Soe came to him to give the money of Thein Win.

U Khin Maung Win replied that Daw Khine Mar Soe arrived and he got K 50,000 given by Thein Win to assist him through Daw Khine Mar Soe. Thein Win left message to her for him that the price of paddy for the farmers in Okktwin

U Myint Thura of Pyi Myanmar Journal. — MNA

Township was going down and he suggested to file a complaint to the government, the experienced politicians and NLD together with a letter each. At the time of receiving the letter, the paddy and rice were at good price and there was no reason to be discontent among the farmers. He did nothing as there was no one to file a complaint.

U Ohn Maung of Naing Ngan Gonyi Sarpaytaik said he would like to know about the facts from the interview with some foreign media conducted by Thein Win.

Daw Khine Mar Soe said Thein Win was on the phone to a man when she arrived at his home. While using the telephone, he asked her to speak to a man who had sent some books and others to her. She had never seen the man and known his name. The man asked how she was and so was her imprisonment.

She said she was fine and had been sorrow concerning her family. She felt astonished when the man had asked how the farmers in Myanmar were and if the government had forced them to grow summer paddy. There was nothing but growing of paddy in some irrigated areas by creeks. The farmers were allowed to cultivate beans where the beans can be grown.

When she had met with Ko Thein Win, he asked how much the price of paddy in Myanmar was. She said it was about K 160,000. The men on the line had not believed what Ko Thein Win said. After she spoke to the men about the price of paddy in Myanmar, she stopped phone conversation. Once, she spoke to the men in May Thazin book shop. The men asked how sorrowful she had felt about death of Tin Oo. She

U Aung Shwe Oo of NTV News Agency.
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got angry when a leader was called "Tin Oo" and said she felt sorry for the death. It was true that she had not known that was an interview, she said.

U Ko Ko (Yomiuri Shimbun): It is learnt that a suspicious item thought to be an explosive was found recently at Yangon International School. I would like to know in detail how action has been taken regarding this if the incident was true?. And the second question is that salary of State service personnel has been increased since 1 April. I would like to know if the increase of the salary could lead to inflation?. How can such a large amount of money be obtained?. And how many State service personnel are there in Myanmar? And how much they constitute in the nation's population?

Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi : As far as I know, the incident at Yangon International School took place on 6 April. The incident was that teacher of the school U Win Htut Kyaw on 6 April found smoke coming out of a Cookies box in the toilet of students. And he put out the smoke on the assumption that it came from secretly smoking done by a student. It was at about 1.15 pm. And he continued his teaching and thought the incident over. Reflecting the two round objects thought to be explosives and strings thought to be explosive wires along with a London cigarette end, he informed the security personnel. It was at about 4 pm. The security personnel together with those from US Embassy inspected and exposed the incident. It is learnt that there are about

U Thet Khaing of the Myanmar Times.—*MNA*

400 students learning at the school, most of them are the offspring of diplomats in Yangon. Two of the students did it as a matter of kidding. To do so, the two students bought potassium nitrate and sugar at a shop in downtown Yangon. To play a trick on the students to mark April Fool, the two students also bought firecrackers to copy Jolly Walker they found on the Internet Website. They mixed one to six ratio of sugar and potassium nitrate and heat the mixture.

And then, they cool it down to such an extent that it became solid. At that time, they planted a stick onto the solid mixture and played such a joke on the students copying the findings on the Internet Website. In this regard, it is learnt that the US Embassy will issue a press release.

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U Ohn Maung of Naing Ngan Gonyi Sarpaytaik.—*MNA*

U Ko Ko of Yomiuri Shimbun.
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U Min Zin of Living Color Magazine.
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U Nyein Thu of Hmukhin Shuhtaunk Journal.—MNA

U Hein Latt of Popular Journal.
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Daw Ei Ei Myat of Myo Myanmar Journal.—MNA

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U Kaw Kyaw Maung of the Central Bank of Myanmar: The number of State service personnel is only about one million. It is not safe to say that there will be inflation and a rise in commodity prices just as the salary of service personnel has been increased since the nation's population is about 50 million. The money was obtained from proper collection of taxes. That is why it cannot be assessed that there will be inflation or deflation in this regard.

U Aung Thu Myaing (Ji Ji News Agency): I would like to ask Ma Khine Mar Soe. What case were you sentenced and was the case to do with political parties? I would like to ask the government. Is it true to the price of petrol and diesel increase up to K 2500 and one unit price of electricity up to K 75?

Daw Khine Mar Soe: I together with one of my friends went to Myawady to make a living according to my family's economy in 1998. One year after, I returned to Myanmar. After taking 10 days leave, I got back. But the factory did not accept me because of being one day late. For this reason, I started to put up U May Tha Zin bookstall. While staying there, I asked the shopkeepers from the bookstall what I could help them. They replied that they had difficulties to buy books. I answered them to see to it and I bought books for them through my own expense. I saw the person so called Thein Win entering into the bookstall in March and he took out money and gave the girl sitting at the counter. When he left the bookshop, the woman I intimated told me that the bookshop was opened by students and Thein Win was a student. I considered it was a business and I continued buying books for them from Yangon 31st Street once a month. In July Thingan Nyinaung No 25 Investigation Unit questioned me and I was given four years by the section 17/2 and by section of 13/1.

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan: I would like to reply the question asked by U Aung Thu Myaing. Price rise of petrol and diesel up to K 2500 and one unit rate of electricity up to K 75 were rumours. As the service personnel were high paid by the government, the rumours came out.

Daw Ei Ei Myat (Myomyanmar Journal): I would like to raise one question. I knew that the Yangon Mayor held meeting on stability of commodity price with officials concerned. The meeting focused on price control for commodities. If the shops did not follow the current rules, the authorities would take action against them. How many actions were taken up to now?

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan: Concerning the above question, there were not actions taken yet.

Daw Nwe Nwe Aye (Myanmar Times Journal): The minister said in his speech about ILO case. ILO said there were no satisfactory measures on forced labour in Myanmar. How does Myanmar respond it? Would Myanmar keep on joining hands with ILO next or resign from it? After prescribing the law for amending trade and income taxes last month, Myanmar merchants sent a letter to leaders of the State. In the letter it was suggested that instead of collecting tax from them, the price of petrol and diesel would be enhanced from K 1500 to K 3000 and so would one unit rate of electricity from K 25 to K 100. How do the heads of state consider these?

Deputy Labour Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein: Myanmar keeps joining with ILO now. Arrangements have been made for constant joining with ILO in future. .

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan: Measures will be taken for collecting tax in accord with the laws recently released. In this junction, the petrol price would be up K 2500 or K 3000 from K 1500 due to cropping up of rumors.

U Min Zin (Living Color Magazine): I would like to ask U Aung Thein two questions. The first point was that Daw San San from NLD (LA) sent a satellite phone. Which local news was sent through phone? Which media did it consist of? The next point was concerning with sending money.Was money spent on sending messages or where was it spent?

U Aung Thein: NLD (LA) and IMPU are illegal organizations but they have to live up to the resolutions and demands of NLD and other political parties as if dancing to the tune. I had to release the declaration after NLD's political ceremony. I had to send the decisions made by veteran politicians and CRPP and NLD to Daw San San. In

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connection with the returning of Global Fund, I had to send the declaration made by new generation students. I don't know how much money they get there. The money they sent us amounted to K 450,000. Members of NLD released from the jails were hospitalized and they had no money to buy medicines. We had to help them with the money. Moreover, we had to give cash assistance to funeral of some NLD members as much as we could. I spent about K 450,000 on such conditions.

U Yin Kyaw (Hmukhin News Journal): At present, Myanmar Police Force has launched crime free week. I would like to know if there is success and what will be the next programme. It seemed the number of major crimes has risen. So, I would like to know future plan of combating crimes such as murder, rape, burglar and so on.

MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi: MPF launched the Crime Free Week as a pilot project to fully realize public life security, prevalence of law and order, and peace and stability. In doing so, MPF made an assessment of the crime rates in a specific area during a three-year period, and chose the highest crime rate area. And, the Crime Free Week was fixed for the area for one week of a month. In launching the campaign, MPF concentrated on crime control and prevention. If the crime free week meets with success, the people will accept and participate in the drive. Furthermore, if the crime free week does well in other areas, the people will be able to enjoy fruitful results of security measures in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. These activities commenced in November 2005. Regarding the murder case, Daw Nan Kham Mu of Thingangyun was killed on 6 November. As the case happened during the crime free week, the murderer was exposed within three days with the help of the people through the 199 report system. Though three persons were killed in a case on 22 November, those who committed murder were exposed within about two days. Likewise, murder

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cases that occurred in November, December and January were exposed in a short time or almost a week. Similarly, hundreds of burglar case happened in Yangon. In six other divisions, hundreds of theft and narcotic drugs cases were exposed due to launching the crime free week.

These days, criminal cases did not increase. After shifting of Government departments to Naypyitaw from Yangon, some thought there would be an increase in the number of criminal cases. Before we moved to Naypyitaw, the number of major crimes was 37, afterwards it was 38. Hence, the number of major criminal cases did not rise.

U Myo Aung (Kyibwayay Lannyun Journal): I would like to ask Ko Aung Cho Oo (a) Yu Noot a question. How much do you know about the destructive acts committed in the country under the tutelage of Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD's Thein Win?

Aung Cho Oo (a) Yu Noot: Once I saw Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung come round to Thein Win's house and they were talking about something upstairs. Maung Maung was accompanied by KNU's Mehm Nyein Maung. They gave Thein Win a parcel. I learned later that inside the parcel were some weapons. Maung Maung, who is mainly responsible for bomb attacks, is providing explosives for Thein Win via whom they are distributed to Tin Moe and Aung Min inside the country in order to commit subversive acts. I am sure that Thein Win and Maung Maung masterminded the bomb attacks on the centres in the city because I had to give them the phone numbers of those centres. First I didn't know Ko Thein Win would commit such acts. I thought he would only hold protests against the government as usual. That was why I gave him the phone numbers. He committed the acts under the command of Pyithit Nyunt Wai.

U Hein Latt (Popular Journal): Yesterday I attended the meeting of

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YCDC's committee for ensuing the decrease in commodity prices. At the meeting, rice and edible oil traders were requested so as not to further increase the commodity prices. So, I would like to know if the State's plans to stabilize the prices of commodities on a national scale.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan: The State has approved a pay rise for government employees in order to fill the gap between their former salaries and the increasing prices of goods. In doing so, to ensure no budget deficit, the State, after making thorough reviews and assessments, approved the pay rise within the framework of law by having systematically collected taxes and revenues for one or two years earlier. With the collected taxes and benefits gained from State's projects, the government was able to approve the pay rise for the departmental staff. The ill attempts to increase the prices of commodities with profiteering from service personnel's increased salaries are not a natural phenomenon. It is also unacceptable. It is because they will have to enjoy their increased salaries only after the end of April. Moreover, the commodities being sold at the moment have already manufactured before the approval of pay rises. With the overall production costs plus reasonable profits, such goods have been and being sold to the public. So, it is not natural if the prices of goods are further increased at the expense of service personnel's pay rises. If so, it will be responsible for unscrupulous persons. In response to the question concerning the State's plans to stabilize the prices of commodities, I would say that there are four strategies: (1) boosting production, (2) practising thrifty in order not to cause State budget deficit, (3) employing systematic management and supervision concerning the prices of goods, and (4) organizing ways to stabilize the prices of goods.

They are measures being taken to stabilize the commodity prices. Regarding this, there are important points in which the entire people includ-

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ing State service personnel are to take part. The points ought to be carried out by the entire people in order to stabilize the commodity prices are: one—each household or each one is to practise thrifty.

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If they do so, it amounts to stabilizing the commodity prices. Two—every family is to engage in growing vegetables for the household use. By doing so, they can maintain the prices of vegetables and fish & meat and can save money. Three—there have been rumours such as the rise in the prices of this item or that item as regards the increase of salary of State service personnel. And it is required for the people not to believe those rumours. Otherwise, the rumours will bear fruits for unscrupulous persons. At present, the nation produces over 1,000 million baskets of paddy yearly. It is required only 600 million baskets of paddy yearly for 54 million of the nation's population. It is found that the supply is greater than the demand. Therefore, the people are advised not to believe the rumours manufactured by unscrupulous persons. If the entire people participate in this regard, there is no reason for the commodity prices to rise. The government, on its part, is taking measures to maintain the commodity prices in line with the market-oriented economic system. Hence, the people need to participate in it to stabilize the commodity prices.

U Nyein Thu (Mukhin Shudaungt Journal) : Due to the accusations of foreign media, there were suspicions among the public that some members of MPF tortured and bullied the people. Are there any such incidents or not? If such incidents are found, is there any response?. If there is any, to what extent action is taken against those who committed the incidents?.

Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi: To answer these questions, I would like to explain the functions of MPF. The MPF is an organization that is implementing the four objectives—taking measures for prevalence of law, ensuring community peace and tranquillity, engaging in elimination of narcotic drugs and serving the interest of the public. They are the long term plan. For successful realization of the plan, MPF has laid down short-term plans and is implementing them. For example, 2004 was designated as changing of the appearance of MPF. And 2005 was designated as changing of the essence of MPF. In the process, the policies of MPF were laid down and work is under way. The 2006 was designated as law enforcement year to be able to change MPF both in appearance and essence. To do so, the participation of the people is indispensable.

As far as I know, the police force and the people have become closer and the people give more assistance to the police. I honestly believed that more tasks can be carried out. During the Crime Suppression period major crimes were exposed. The nations of the world acknowledged us that we can undertake the tasks in connection with drug control. The police force prevented the danger against the nation such as penetration of NDD Thein Win group and connections with NLD (LA). Therefore I honestly believed that success has been gained due to information and support of the people. In the website news we find that the people do not support us as we ill-treat them. I think it is because of the broadcast of false news by some media. We read the news on the websites. Among the news the case of Ko Thet Naing Oo is obvious. The case is very simple. He was born and graduated in Kyimyindine. He and his friend Win Myint drank alcohol at his home on 17 March. They drank a bottle and half of Myanmar Whisky which is equivalent to 12 pegs. Each person had six pegs. That amount of alcohol makes a person drunk. They went out to have eggs. At 9 pm they urinated in front of Development Committee Office on Sin-o-dan Street. The township officer stopped them and quarrelled with them. Thet Naing Oo threw stones at the office. After that he returned home and drank. He took out an 18-inch long sword. Win Myint and another person asked him not to go. As he was drunk, he threatened. There was a quarrel when he met two fire brigade members on patrol. The two got hurt on their right arms as he cut them. So he fled by a trishaw on the way. The crowd chased him. When a trishawman named Bayluwa threw with a stick, the trishaw stopped and overturned. He went on running. The crowd followed him shouting thief, thief and he shouted at the people not to follow him. One of the men in the mob named Thangyoung, a trishawman, hit him with a stick and he fractured his skull. After that the police arrived. He was taken to the hospital. The following day, he succumbed to death. That was the real case. But I was surprised to read the news about him on the Internet. It said that a political prisoner was killed after being beaten by the police and the members of the Fire Brigade. This is not a report but a confession and it is true. There was no involvement of the police in the case. His funeral service was held in Htainbin cemetery. Some youth organization paid tribute to him with one-minute silence. His photo was conveyed to the place where his body was burned. At that time. Leaders of 88 student youths were on the phone with BBC, VOA and RFA. In the conversation included Ko Thet Naing was killed due to the ill-treatment of the police and the members of the Fire Brigade. There may be some expenditures after his funeral. Leaders of 88 student youths informed Ko Bo Kyi through telephone of AAPP, a political prisoner care association in Maesot to send K 1 million. They created disturbance with the help of local and foreign links.

Our members of Police Forces have a lot of rules and regulations to abide by like members of the Tatmadaw. In addition, Not only are there civil laws but there are codes of conduct of the members of Police Force as well. There are 70 codes of conduct of the Police Force including those prescribed indealing with the public. If a row takes place involving a police member, he faces action under the police code of conduct, civil laws, and administrative action.

In accordance with the guidance of Head of the State, plans have been made for transforming the Police Force into an efficient one. The destructionists are making plans to drive a wedge among the people in order to destroy the dignity of the Police Force.

So, I would like to express thanks for having a chance to explain the facts. The journalists are requested to disseminate the facts to the public.

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said in connection with Ko Thet Naing Oo, a young man punched a former student leader in a funeral procession. All must have already known about the case. However, what appeared on the Internet and broadcast by the BBC and VOA was that the person fisted and his group said they (the students group) was confronted with a group ready to attack them. The group added they had to be patient, not to react but to carry on work with political awareness.

Actually, the young man who punched the former student was a psychotic patient and also a member of NLD party. He got divorced. We asked the young man why he had done like this. The young man said the former student looked like a man who sexually abused him. That is an actual case and not a fabrication.

However, BBC, VOA and Internet invented the false story concerning the above case to trick the people.

Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi said that when the minister was clarifying points, he remembered the accusations about the news on the Internet that a political prisoner was punched and fought by members of Police Force and Fire Brigade. He said he did not mean to react personally and it was only to refute. At the time of 1988 unrest, the man fled to the other country and reached KNU after making contact with them through the Minthami Camp and Phaya Thonzu Road. Then he became a member of Da-Nya-Ta led by Thanmini Bo Khin Maung. He also attended the No 1 training for explosives and destruction opened by Da-Nya-Ta. After that, he closely gave advice in the cases of bomb blast and destruction of Bangkok Embassy and in 1991, he exchanged arms for peace. When he came back Myanmar, he committed the destructive acts after taking the assistance of anti-government organizations situated in the other country and so, the action was taken against him to prevent him in time. After his 10 years of imprisonment, he was released from prison. Thus, the director-general of MPF answered for the truth, to be clear if he was a respectable politician or a destructionist. There were also so many accusations. As nothing concerned with the truth including the matters occurred in DaikU and Mandalay, he had to clarify it in detail.

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With an inflatable doll of dugong, protesters stage a rally opposing to the US military base relocation in Okinawa, outside Japan's defence agency in Tokyo, on 8 April, 2006.

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Vietnam wants deepened ties with China

HANOI, 8 April — General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee Nong Duc Manh said on Friday both Vietnam and China currently have common tasks of opening-up, renovation, economic development, and stability and security maintenance.

The Vietnamese side would like to, along with China, broaden and deepen the bilateral cooperation, he said when meeting with visiting Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan.

Manh said the visit of the Chinese high-ranking Army delegation is a vivid manifestation of increasingly closer ties between the two governments, parties, peoples and armies. The visit has come to a common consensus: strongly beefing up cooperation between the two countries in defence and Army, making great contribution to the comprehensive development of the two nations' relations.

For his part, the Chinese Defence Minister said in recent years, under the principles of long-term stability, future orientation, good-neighbourly friendship and all-round cooperation, the two sides have done many effective and substantial works to accelerate the development of the two countries' relations.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party visit Palovsky Palace in Palovsky City. **(News on page 1)**—MNA

Foreign masters pretended as if they did not know terrorist acts of renegade Sein Win of NCGUB and Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB and followers

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and how NCGUB Sein Win and FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai masterminded and provided funds to ABSDF, NLD (LA), NDD and VBSW for blasting bombs on 7-5-2005 in Yangon. I have clarified with both man and material evidences.

Beginning early 2006, information was received that the terrorists attempted to blast bombs at crowded business areas and schools. And their schemes were exposed and prevented in time. Yet, some bomb blasts occurred at some places.

According to tip-offs in December 2005, we learnt that expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB and expatriate axe-handle Aung Lin Htut who were taking refuge in USA and ABSDF military advisor Aye Myint who was in Australia directed their sabotage groups to blast bombs at Nyaunghnapin Camp, the venue of the National Convention, airports and aircraft as well as in Yangon and Pyinmana; the saboteurs infiltrated into the country in various guises; the saboteurs would be rewarded lavishly and their families would be well looked after if they had accomplished the mission; otherwise the saboteurs would be killed and their families would be under control; and if it was impossible to blast bombs at targeted places the saboteurs were to explode bombs at schools and busy places. According to further information received, it was revealed that the terrorist groups led by expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB were conspiring to launch media attack against the Government. It was also learnt that they had planned to blast bombs in Yangon, Mandalay and Pyinmana cities by joining hands with ABSDF and KNU whose members have expertise in exploding mines. Their motive was to frighten the people and cause the Government lose people's confidence.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan answers the queries raised by those present at the press conference. — MNA

A meeting was held by The Pho of KNU brigade-3, Michael of KNU brigade-4, ABSDF joint secretary Sonny and ABSDF central committee members Soe Htut and Maung Maung Tate and they discussed measures for accelerating the terrorist acts of blasting bombs in the country. ABSDF saboteur Aung Ko Naing infiltrated into the country on 30-5-2005. He returned to Wawlaykhee camp at the border on 6-1-2006. Aung Ko Naing was chosen to blast bombs in the country and he was sent into the country during the first week of February, it was learnt.

Information was also received that according to the decision of KNU central committee, KNU brigades 3,4 and 7 would launch military and sabotage attacks in the country in 2006. To blast bombs in Yangon, Bago and other cities, cooperation would be made by ABSDF, NLD (LA) and DPNS.

A bomb blast took place in Penwegon market on 2-11-2005. It was committed by three KNU members under orders of KNU brigade-3 and ABSDF. It was confessed by arrested KNU private Wah Lay (alias) Saw Tin Win, of Kywechan Village of Kyaukkyi Township. According to the confessions of Saw Tin Win and others who were involved in the plot, it was learnt that the bomb blast of a pylon in the west Tawkywe-inn on 29-3-2003 and the bomb blast at a cinema house in Pyu on 15-5-2003 were committed by KNU terrorists. Moreover, it was learnt that KNU Wah Lay (alias) Saw Tin Win is a womanizer and he raped some village girls. It was disclosed by the victims. That disclosure shows that terrorists raped the girls. There are also other evidences.

At the previous press conference No 2/2006, I had clarified that SSA-S Ywet Sit group set Meethwaygon village of Namhsan Township on fire,

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Afterwards, Chairman of the Information Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung replied to the queries raised by journalists.

Likewise, Saya Ye (a) U Than Oo, Daw Khaing Mar Soe, U Khin Maung Win, U Aung Thein and Yunoot (a) Aung Cho Oo who were hard-cores of FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win answered the queries raised by journalists. The press conference ended in the afternoon.

The journalists and personnel of media viewed documentary photos on the person who committed bomb blasts at two places in Taungoo, and his partners, the photos on explosions of two bombs in Taungoo, the photos on planting mines on Yangon-Mandalay Railroad to kill innocent passengers, the photos on bomb blasts at Leiktho Tower and Taungoo Railway Station, the photos on bomb explosions in Penwegon, Bago and Pyu, sabotage acts of SSA and KNU against the nation and the people, conspiracy of NCUB, FTUB, NDD, and NLD-LA against the internal unrest, the photos on organizational set-up of NCUB, DAB, NDF, NLD-LA, MPU, and ABSDF. — *MNA*

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killed 13 persons and raped village girls on 18-1-1997 evening. Clarifications have been made that the group demanded extortion money from 30 passenger buses, raped women and killed 25 persons on Kunhein-Kentung road.

In replying to the questions at that press conference, sergeant Sai Tun Kyaw of SSA-S brigade-241 who had returned to legal fold said that Ywet Sit has two wives and many mistresses; Ywet Sit is a womanizer and he abused other girls by using money. Sai Tun Kyaw also revealed that SSA-S brigade-758 commander Mein Sit has 40 wives and SSA-S brigade-756 commander Khut Lawng has 20.

Foreign masterminds and their minions, expatriates and terrorist insurgents made media attack against the Tatmadaw by dubbing it with the term "Licensed to Rape". Actually, those who are committing rapes are KNU, SSA-S and their cohorts. Similarly, a bomb exploded near Shwemawdaw Pagoda road and about 50 feet away from a gate of high school No 1 in Bago at 7 pm on 3-1-2006. At about 8 pm the same day, another bomb blast occurred near the drainage in front of the house of the Bago BEHS-1 headmistress on Shwemawdaw Pagoda road. An explosive with a detonator fuse packed with the cover of Paris soap was found in a drainage 20 feet away from the second blast. No one was injured in those two bomb blasts.

At about 4 am on 12-1-2006, electric power grid pylon nummber 254 was exploded by KNU insurgents and it pylon collapsed. On 14-1-2006, the pylon was repaired and the TE motor vehicle with the workers on board on their return from the repair of the pylon was torched by KNU insurgents on Leiktho-Yado road.

At 4.30 am on 15-1-2006, a mine blasted the rail track, 200 yards north of Toungoo railway station. The track was torn about 11 inches and a crater measuring about 18 square inches was left. Mine clearing was made along the railroad and another mine was discovered at about 300 yards south of the station.

According to the information received in the second week of January 2006, it was revealed that on 11-1-2006 morning a closing ceremony of training course on politics and UG tactics was held at Daungkhwin camp at the border. The course was conducted from 2 to 11 January and attended by Pyithit Nyunt Wai and group of FTUB, chairman Than Khe and group of ABSDF, Than Aye and group of NLD (LA), Khin Maung Tint and group of DPNS, Thein Win and group of NDD, Meesu Pwint and group of BWO (Burma Woman Organization), foreign affairs incharge Phado David Htaw and group of KNU, nine persons from NGOs in USA and Australia and seven persons from VBSW totalling 151. Among the trainees, 38 were platoon commanders of ABSDF, DPNS, NDD, KNU and NLD (LA). The course instructors were ABSDF chairman Than Khe, Myo Win, Lwan Ni, Zaw Min of ABSDF, Htay Aung, Maung Maung Gyi and Thein Win of NDD and Than Aye of NLD (LA).

The terrorist groups such as KNU, ABSDF, NLD (LA) and DPNS which have been launching terrorist acts in the country met with SSA-S in northern part of Chiangmai district during the second week of January 2006. They plotted to blast bombs in Mawlamyine, Hpa-an and Mudon around the Armed Forces Day. They plotted to feign bomb blasts in some areas in the country hitting one out of two under so-called Operation Reflection.

The Operation Reflection was being carried out by DPNS, FTUB, ABSDF and VBSW by making use of UGs of PP-21.

Information was received in January that a group comprising 9 men and 3 women from KNU and ABSDF could not get a chance to blast bombs at targets, thus they exploded bomb at Toungoo railway station and they are said to be trying to explode bombs at every opportunity.

Consequently, due to a tip-off of a duty conscious citizen, a time bomb was uncovered in time from a dried fish box at a shop in Sipinthaya market of Pyu on 30-1-2006. The bomb was removed immediately to a safe place covered with sand-bags and rice-bags. Hence, the explosion caused no injury. The person who planted the bomb was Min Oo, 13, and he was exposed immediately due to the cooperation of the people. Min Oo's confession led to interrogation of Zaw Myo, 31, of Lay-ein-su village and Hsan Nyunt Soe, 36, of Paukkon village of Pyu. They confessed that while Zaw Myo was making charcoal in a jungle near Kyaungpyar village of Kanyuntkwin, KNU regional in-charge Er Htaw threatened and coerced him to blast a bomb at Pyu Sipinthaya market. Zaw Myo organized charcoal carrier Hsan Nyunt Oo by paying 25,000 kyats. Hsan Nyunt Oo asked his son Min Oo to leave the time bomb in the market, it was exposed. On 1-2-2006 evening, KNU insurgents blasted a bomb at a gas pipeline to Myainggalay cement factory near Kwanlya village of Mudon Township. The gas pipeline was exploded.

In late January, Thein Win of NDD sent mercenary saboteurs Kuppali , Myint Win and Yunod of ABSDF to blast bombs in the country. Similarly, under the arrangement of FTUB secretary Pyithit Nyunt Wai, DPNS chairman Aung Moe Zaw, NDD Thein Win and Maung Maung Gyi, saboteurs Myat Kyaw of DPNS, Aung Ye Thway and San Wai of VBSW were also sent to explode bombs at departmental buildings, offices, houses and bus terminals. Moreover, 15 persons led by saboteur Aung Naing of ABSDF held a meeting at Wawlay village at Myanmar-Thai border and sent two sabotage teams into the country on 7-2-2006. One team comprised Thet Tun , Aung Thiha, Ma Aye Moe , Ma Thuzar and Nan Thida Oo and another team comprised Aung Ko Naing, Aung Zaw Moe, Sai Tun Tun, Nyi Nyi Naing and Zin Myo Ko.

According to the information received in early February, it was learnt that under the joint arrangement of NCGUB, ABSDF, NDD, FTUB and DPNS, vice-chairman Yin Htwe, Nay Lin and

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Documentary photos on exposing bomb attacks in Penwegon, Bago and Pyu.

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Aung Myint Thein conspired a plot at DPNS office in Maepa village at the border and sent saboteurs Ye Thway, Ko Soe, Than Myint and May Thazin into the country.

Thanks to security measures, two mines planted on Yangon Mandalay railroad between mile post 120/12 and milepost 120/13, between Tawkywe-inn and Kanyutkwin stations in Pyu Township were uncovered and removed at about 2 am on 7-2-2006. Those two mines were TNT and gun powder weighing about 7.5 pounds, it was discovered later. If they exploded, it would be so dangerous that the blast could easily tear the rail and derail the train. The surrounding areas were then combed and another 3.5-inch rocket targeting the railroad near a farmland about 400 yards east of the railroad was uncovered. It was the cruel and inhuman plot of terrorists to endangers the train passengers. That plot was exposed and prevented in time.

These incidents show that those who are time and again attemtping to commit terrorist acts against the nation and the people are none other than expatriates and terrorist insurgents. It is quite obvious.

Information was received that Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB met with saboteur Kyaukkhe (alias) Maung Win and Naing Myo Swe (alias) Kyaw Kyaw in Maesot on 9-2-2006 and blamed them for failing to blast bombs near Nyaunghnapin Camp of the National Convention as they had been provided with 80,000 bahts each. Further information was also received that saboteur Khine Shwe Myint was still in the country and Pyithit Nyunt Wai was planning to send more saboteurs into the country by providing them with money; he would send saboteur teams from KNU, ABSDF and DPNS to blast bombs for five times in Mon and Kayin States; and explosives had been sent into the country under the arrangement of Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win.

Further information revealed that Pyithit Nyunt Wai sent Myat Kyaw (alias) Tauk Htein of DPNS, Ye Thway (alias) Than Myint Aung (alias) Aung Ye Thway and Aung Bala (alias) San Wai of VBSW into the country to blast bombs at Union Day celebrations, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) and Attaran Bridge. They arrived at the surrounding areas of Nyaungbinseik village in Kyaikmaraw Township on 11-2-2006. However, they had to turn back due to tight security measures. Under orders of Pyithit Nyunt Wai, saboteurs Kyaukkhe and Naing Myo Swe asked hardcores to blast a sound bomb in Myawady on 14-2-2006. On 26-2-2006 morning, a high-capacity land mine was exposed and removed under the railroad of Yangon-Mandalay down train near mile post 176/21. Another land mine was exposed and removed due to the tip-off of duty conscience People's Power group.

According to the information received on 14-3-2006, it is learnt that under the joint arrangements of NLD (LA) seteurs into the country by providing them with money; he would send saboteur teams from KNU, Aetary Myint Thein and the KNU brigade-7 commander, five saboteurs led by San Gyi infiltrated into the country via Mae Hong Son of a neighbouring country. The saboteur team was to infiltrate Pyinmana via Kanyutkwin-Toungoo route and blast bombs within three months.

Another information revealed that KNU, ABSDF and some terrorist groups would use flask-shaped explosive measuring 4 inches in diametre and 8 inches in length and it could be used as water bomb in river or creek or lake. Consequently, it was also learnt that when two persons were visiting ABSDF Aung Ko Oo, DPNS Aung Naing Oo and NDD Thein Win in Maesot in the first week of March 2006, a phone message asked them to send two condensed milk containers. Then, Thein Win and group gave the two condensed milk containers to the two persons. The password of condensed milk container might be explosives.

Another information revealed that KNU brigadier Issaz, saboteur Moe Phyu, ABSDF chairman Thankhe and NDD Thein Win would launch more subersive plots beginning 1-3-2006; NDD Thein Win and group would take charge of obtaining exploding techniques and ABSDF chairman Thankhe's group would link the sabotage teams with internal UGs for smooth entry and exit. It was also learnt that KNU chief of staff Mutu, Issaz and ABSDF chairman Thankhe had a meeting at horticultural farm of KNU Hpa-an district chairman Phado Arto in east of Maelamat on 25-2-2006 and they discussed matters on launching military, sabotage and political attacks simultaneously beginning March.

A bomb exploded at a place eight feet from the wall of No 1 BEHS in Toungoo on 2 March 2006 morning. About two hours later, a transformer, near Panyoema women's hostel at the corner of Myogyi and Setshin streets, Ward 20, in the town was blown up by a bomb. The explosion destroyed parts of the brick building where the transformer was kept.

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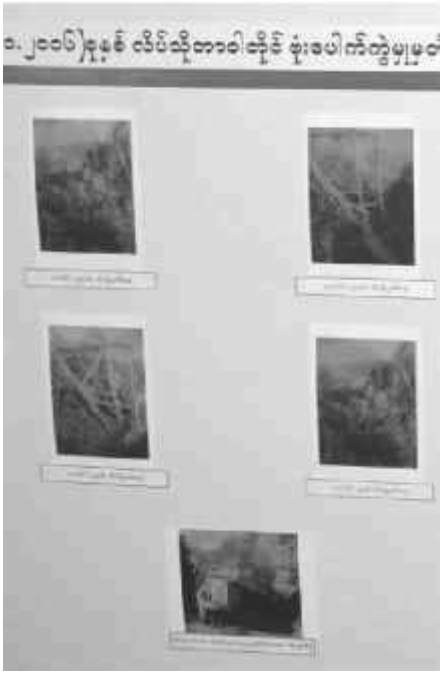

Documentary photos show bomb blast at Leikthо Pylon on 12-1-2006. — MNA

Documentary photos show bomb blasts in the market of Pyu on 11-2-2005. — MNA

Documentary photos show bomb explosion at the market in Pyu on 30-1-2006. — MNA

Foreign masters pretended as if they…

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With public help, the authorities were able to expose and arrest the terrorist, Saw Gethe Mu (a) Nay La, 27, of KNU brigade 5, and his accomplices, soon after the incident. Together with other 70 KNU members, Saw Gethe Mu attended an explosives course at Hteelekwee region. He confessed that commander of KNU 5 brigade Saw Baw Kyaw He ordered him to blow up bombs in Taungoo, Pyinmana, Thazi and Meiktila, Saw Ta Wa in Pyu, Nyaunglebin, Bago and Yangon, and Saw Te Po in Papun.

His uncle, Saw Se Kale He of Sanegon Ward, Taungoo, showed the authorities where four gelignite bars, two detonators, one hand grenade, and four table clocks were kept secret. The authorities seized the explosives and related equipment. According to Saw Gethe Mu he would continue to realize his further plans to blow up bombs in Meiktila highway terminal, and Thazi railway station, if he was not caught and arrested.

The authorities received information, which said that Pakaw Htoo and Zaw Tin Win, under orders of KNU brigade 7, together with ABSDF bomber Ye Win, had plans to blow up bombs in Pyinmana.

Another information said that the KNU brigade 4 conducted a bomb explosives course in Hteenawkkhee region with foreign assistance. A French taught about the time bomb and an Australian, remote-controlled bomb explosion technique.

Thanks to the information given by a duty conscious person, the authorities were able to seize a mine at a place 80 yards west of the railroad between Yedashe and Kyungon railway stations on 19 March, 2006. It was found that the fleeing terrorists left behind the mine as they were not able to plant it.

We can always expose and arrest the terrorists in time and save the people from grave dangers, thanks to the duty conscious people, who have the tradition of actively cooperating with authorities, with full security awareness.

The people do not accept the terrorists and their acts to harm the good results of peace, stability and progress of the nation. It is obvious that they are always ready to join hands with the Tatmadaw to root out the terrorists.

When we analyse the links, we can find that expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB, secretary Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB, Thein Win of NDD, and KNU, SSA-S, ABSDF, NLD (LA), DPNS and VBSW and their foreign masters have a hand in the conspiracies.

As they are of the same type, they formed the so-called fronts, alliances and national councils. The group called National Democratic Front (NDF) comprises KNU, KNPP, SDU, SSA-S, CNF and ALP terrorist groups. The NDF office is in the other country. Its chairman is Phado Ba Thin Sein of KNU. A similar group, Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB), is formed with terrorist groups, KNU, ABSDF, DPNS, ALP, NDD, and KNPP. Its chairman is Tarmala Baw of KNU.

Later, NCGUB of Sein Win formed the National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB) abroad in cooperation with NDF, DAB, NLD (LA), Members of Parliament Union-MPU. The NCUB was formed under the political cloak to get assistance for controlling and funding all terrorist acts. Its chairman is no other than Tarmalar Baw of KNU, and secretary Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB. They are harmoniously resorting to terrorist acts at present.

On 30 November 2003, NCUB and NCGUB issued a Joint Policy Declaration. In the declaration the NCUB and NCGUB said that they would firmly take the responsibility for working out for the future of Myanmar's politics and fate. It is obvious that secretary of FTUB and NCUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai and expatriate Sein Win of NCGUB are like-minded persons.

Expatriate Sein Win and Pyithit Nyunt Wai are controlling and ordering terrorists attacks inside Myanmar by providing money to terrorists. I have already explained their crimes to be known to the world with firm evidence at the previous press conferences. The dailies in Myanmar also carried the news about the confessions made by the seized mercenary thugs in public or at the courts together with news photos.

Myanmar is party to 11 international conventions to suppress terrorism, which include the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombing and International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. According to the two conventions, it is obvious that expatriate Sein Win and Pyithit Nyunt Wai are committing terrorist acts under cover of democracy and labour affairs. The government declared both the NCGUB and FTUB unlawful association on 28 August 2005.

Their foreign masters pretended as if they did not know terrorist acts of renegade Sein Win of NCGUB and Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB and followers. But, whenever authorities managed to seize NDD Thein Win's UGs who Pyithit Nyunt Wai hired the terrorist acts masterminded by FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win were exposed. All the six hard-core UG members of NDD Thein Win who were arrested in Bago confessed that they witnessed a large map showing construction projects of the State at the office of Pyithit Nyunt Wai in the neighbouring nation to carry out a destructive scheme; that cash assistance was provided for internal UGs through Thein Win; that ex-member of ABSDF terrorist of PP-21 terrorist group Thein Win was grooming Tin Moe with explosive devices at Thein Win's residence in Maesot, and Tin Moe blasted bombs some places around Yangon Central Railway Station in Yangon; and KNU Mehm Nyein Maung member of PP-21 frequently visited the residence of Thein Win. These evidences were clarified at the press conference No 6/2005.

Moreover, also clarified with reliable evidences were that under the control of NCGUB Sein Win and FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai, some members of ABSDF, NLD (LA) and VBSW committed bomb explosions at three busy places in Yangon on 7 May, 2005 with the help of hard-core UGs of NDD Thein Win. Member of NDD Thein Win's hardcore Yunod confessed at the press conference No 2/2006 that the explosions took place just after Thein Win asked him for some information as to whether security was tightened or not in such busy places.

NDD Thein Win's hardcore UG member Saya Ye (a) Than Oo, 53, of Pyu, who was arrested on 24-3-2006 confessed that with the payment of Thein Win, he incited a demonstration of one or two protesters each in three places in Yangon; that he gave cash and supervised for two nuns to stage protests in front of the City Hall; that he gave cash and supervised Naing Lin and Naing Win to do the same in front of a foreign embassy; that he gave cash and supervised Kyaw Kyaw to protest on Shwegondaing Road; he received 3 satellite phones from Thein Win and distributed them to UGs; that he gave a satellite phone to UG U Aung Thein of Tharkayta Township as ordered by NLD (LA) secretary Daw San San who is living in Maesot; that when he visited Thein Win's house near Baht-200 market in the neighbouring country in July 2003 he saw Thein Win conducting a course on blasting time bomb to saboteur Thet Khaing; that Thein Win told him that some arms were hidden under a duck pond at the back of his house; that while he visited Thein Win in the neighbouring country in August 2004, Thein Win told him that the attack with launcher to a ship at Kyimyindine jetty was masterminded by Pyithit Nyunt Wai and his cohorts; that NDD Thein Win mainly ordered saboteur Tin Moe in blasting bombs within the country; that Tin Moe together with Ko Naing (Bago) and Win Min (Sagaing) used to blasting bombs; and that a close follower of Thein Win disclosed to him that the blasting of bombs at 3 busy places in Yangon were masterminded by Thein Win.

Similarly, Thein Win's hardcore UG U Aung Thein of Tharkayta Township who was arrested on 25-3-2006 confessed that he worked together with Daw San San (NLD representative-elect of Seikkan Township) expatriate who is now the secretary of NLD (LA), at the Labour Department

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Satellite phone equipment and documents — MNA

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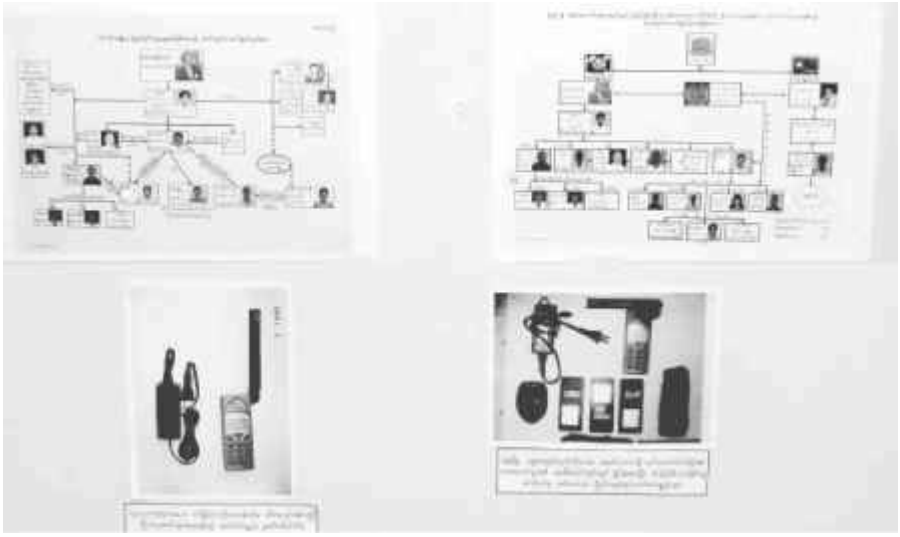
before the 1988 disturbances. He said that after the 1988 disturbances, he joined NLD and performed duties as Organizing Committee member and central social support committee member; that Daw San San lived at Thein Win's house in Maesot and he had phone contact with Daw San San; that in June 2004 Daw San San sent 300,000 kyats and a satellite phone to him via Saya Ye and he had to send information on political activities of the party and some organizations; that he had to send information through satellite phone for 13 times; that Daw San San sent such information to NCGUB expatriate Sein Win, NLD (LA) Win Khet and MPU; and that a total of 450,000 kyats sent by NDD Thein Win and NLD (LA) Daw San San were spent as expenditures in health and social affairs of NLD members.

Likewise, Thein Win's hardcore UG Khaing Mar Soe of Pyu who was arrested on 26-3-2006 confessed that she went to a neighbouring country to work as illegal worker and she was organized by NDD Thein Win; that Thein Win asked her to send cash and kind



***Documentary photos on display at the press conference.*—MNA**

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into the country; that she was arrested in Thingan Nyinaung in 2001 and sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment; that she was released on 1-6-2005 and she contacted NDD Thein Win in Maesot; that Thein Win gave her about 400,000 kyats as cash assistance; that as ordered by Thein Win she distributed cash assistance to hardcore UGs within the country; that as arranged by Thein Win she was interviewed by a foreign broadcasting station through a satellite phone at Thein Win's house in January and February 2006 and that she fabricated news about summer paddy cultivation in Myanmar.

Moreover, according to the confessions of Oktwin Township NLD vice-chairman (former chairman of Oktwin Township NLD) U Khin Maung Win, on 31-3-2006, the links of terrorist NDD Thein Win can be found vividly. U Khin Maung Win confessed that he became Township NLD chairman after the 1988 disturbances; that he was representative-elect from Oktwin Township constituency-2 in the 1990 elections; that in 1991 he was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment under section 5(J) of Emergency Act and section 15(A) of Gambling Act; that he was released on 30-7-2001 and performing duty as vice-chairman of Oktwin Township NLD; that while living in Kywepwe, Khaing Mar Soe visited him twice in November and December 2005; that she told him Thein Win was in the neighbouring country and she passed the regards sent from Thein Win together with 50,000 kyats; that Khaing Mar Soe visited him for the third time in February 2006 and told him that Thein Win asked him to arrange for farmers to make complaints that their paddy did not fetch good prices; that he replied the farmers were getting good prices and high yield for paddy as well as matpe and it was impossible to make complaint; that Khaing Mar Soe asked him to try his best and gave 50,000 kyats; that in early March Khaing Mar Soe came and raised the matter again and he replied to her that he could not do the job as there was none to make complaint. She asked him to try again.

Similarly, NDD Thein Win's hard-core member UG U Aung Moe, 77, who was arrested on 28-3-2006 confessed that under the arrangements of Thein Win, he met with Pyithit Nyunt Wai at the Patik Hotel in Maesot and earned honorarium for his translation work at the course on labour affairs conducted by a US citizen; that he sent fabricated news from within the country; that while he stayed at Thein Win's house in Maesot, he met with NCGUB expatriate Sein Win, FTUB Pyithit Nyunt Wai, as well as Phado Man Shar of KNU, and compiled a paper on Myanmar currency as he was asked and paid by them for doing so. In March 2005 he went to Thein Win and the latter asked him to have discussions with Thakin Thein Pe, Ludu Daw Amar, Dagon Taryar and U Ba Swe. Thein Win paid him 400,000 kyats. UG hardcore U Aung Moe met with Thakin Thein Pe and U Ba Swe and gave 50,000 kyats to Thakin Thein Pe and 100,000 to Ludu Daw Amar. In September 2005 he went to Thein Win again and had discussions with Phado Man Shar and Mehm Nyein Maung of KNU. When he went to Thein Win again in December he had discussions with KNU chief of staff Mutu. The above-mentioned facts reveal that the NLD members and the noted persons within the country had contacts with expatriate terrorists.

All members of NCUB including NCGUB of expatriate Sein Win, FTUB of Pyithit Nyunt Wai and KNU are actually terrorists. Their hardcore UGs are brought here in this hall for you journalists to ask them.

A recent attack from abroad was made at the ILO governing body's 295th meeting held on 30-3-2006 in Geneva. At that meeting labour delegates leader Sir Leroy Trotman disclosed that he did not accept the declaration of FTUB of Pyithit Nyunt Wai as unlawful terrorist organization. Moreover, accusation was made that forced labour issue in Myanmar has no improvement. They attempted to raise the issue of Myanmar at ILO conference to be held in the coming June. It is obvious that Pyithit Nyunt Wai and four or five others were given with FTUB badge and asked to send fabricated news about the country.

Actually, renegade Pyithit Nyunt Wai was given a limelight by permitting him to attend ILC (International Labour Conference) meeting, CAS (Committee on Application of Standards) meeting and ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) meeting as labour representative. It is questionable that ILO is recognizing the terrorists.

It was the acceleration of above-ground attack in line with the three-pronged attack of above-ground, underground and external attacks against the Government. The minions and their foreign masters accused that there were forced labour in Myanmar, child soldiers and licensed to rape, ethnic cleansing and villages were removed by force.

The one which is actually undertaking ethnic cleansing is NCUB which has been setting villages on fire, blasting bombs at crowded places and railroads. Ignoring the true fact, USA and some EU countries imposed economic sanctions lop-sidedly against Myanmar. as a measure of foreign attack tactics. In addition, they asked China, India and ASEAN countries to put pressure on Myanmar. Moreover, they exaggerated Myanmar's affairs into the global concern and tried to put the case to UN Security Council. On 29-3-2006, the Senate hearing was conducted on Myanmar and it was discussed to continue sanctions against Myanmar until the release of detained axe-handles in the country. The discussion also included matters for Bush administration to join hands with other governments to take action on Myanmar and to try again to put Myanmar's affairs to UN Security Council as, according to the hearing, it was threatening the regional stability.

MPU (Members of Parliament Union) of NLD expatriates included in the NCUB, joining hands with Burma Campaign (India), held a workshop on 31-3-2006 in India. At the workshop, NLD expatriate Tint Swe discussed that Myanmar's affairs were coming out of the Myanmar boundary and threatening the regional stability and they had to find ways and means.

Similarly, the discussions were held on 31-3-2006 in Brussels of Belgium. Representatives from 13 European countries, Europe-based NGOs, NCGUB of expatriate Sein Win and NCUB of Pyithit Nyunt Wai attended the meeting. Demands were made for EU to put more pressure so as for the UN Security Council to act on Myanmar's affairs; and to compile facts on violation of human rights so as to put more pressure on Myanmar Government. NLD has requested EU to put more pressure on Myanmar if Myanmar Government does not comply its demand mentioned in the Union Day special announcement.

At this juncture, VBSW (Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors) issued an announcement demanding the reply of the Government as regards the NLD's Union Day announcement and withdrawing of foreign investments. The announcement also said that if their demands are not complied with, they would attack Union Solidarity and Development Association members, Fire Brigade members, and businessmen collaborating with the government. That announcement of VBSW was broadcast by VOA on 27 March evening.

Keeping a constant vigilance, the people, the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, hand in hand, have been able to take sufficient preventive security measures against the terrorist acts. They will continue to cooperate increasingly, it is certain. Nevertheless, independence can be lost suddenly if it is not preserved properly with serious care. And it took over 100 years to regain independence after sacrificing a lot of lives, blood and sweat. The entire people are to take lessons from history and be aware of that fact.

Hence, internal and external destructive elements should be opposed and crushed as common enemies in line with the People's Desire as they are hindering the progress in endeavours of the Tatmadaw and the people in building the Union into a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The people are to vigilantly expose the terrorists who are disguising themselves as ordinary people and to inform any suspicious looking ones to authorities concerned. Mass vigilance is required to ward off terrorist destructionists. —*MNA*

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All Banks will be closed on 13th April (Thursday) to 16th April (Sunday), Thingyan Festival and 17th (Monday) Myanmar New Year Day 2006, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
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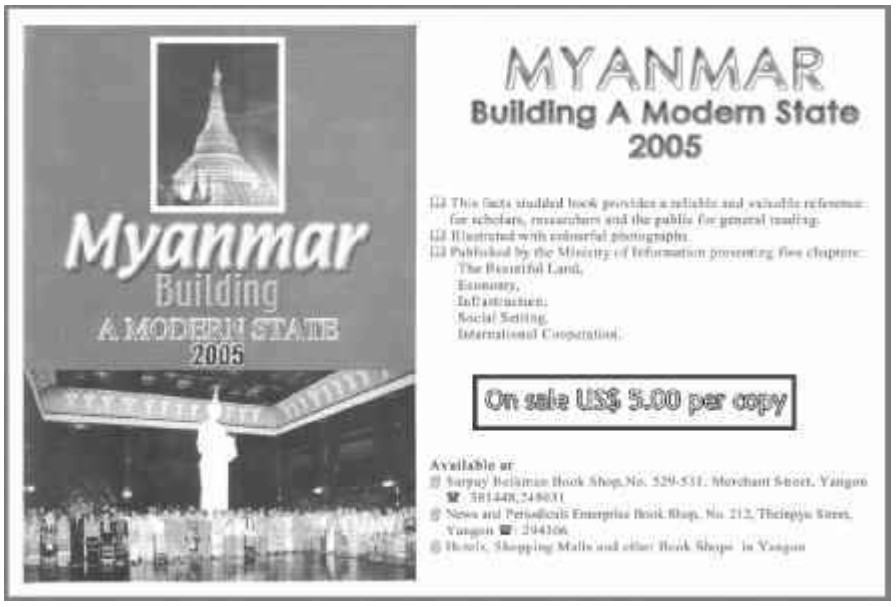

Cuban Coast Guards kill one human trafficker

HAVANA, 8 April — Cuban Coast Guards was forced to fire at a US-registered smuggling boat in the west of the country on Wednesday, leaving one smuggler dead, Cuba's official newspaper *Granma* reported on Thursday.

The smugglers on a 40-foot speedboat tried to land in Cuba's western province of Pinar del Rio, about 165 kilometres west of Havana. They attacked the Coast Guards when asked to halt their boat, triggering an exchange of fire, the report said.

Two of the three crew aboard were badly injured and one later died in a hospital in Pinar del Rio Province. The Coast Guards said the two survivors were Cuban citizens with US passports.

The Cuban authorities also arrested 20 men, 12 women and seven children who appeared to be waiting for the boat.

The Coast Guards said the speedboat had been used for previous smuggling operations, including one last month when the boat attacked and damaged a Cuban Coast Guard vessel.

Havana said the constant smuggling was a result of US policies under which Cuban citizens found on US soil would be granted US residency in most cases, regardless of how they arrive in the country. Those picked up at sea would be sent home.

MNA/Xinhua

BAE in talks to sell Airbus stake to EADS

LONDON, 8 April — Britain's biggest defence firm, B A E Systems Plc, said on Friday it was holding negotiations on the sale of its 20-per-cent stake in Airbus to the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS).

"Discussions are at an early stage and a further announcement will be made if and when appropriate," B A E said in a brief statement.

"We believe that now is the right time for us to divest our Airbus shareholding to allow us to concentrate on our core trans-Atlantic defence and aerospace strategy," it added.

The sale, reported to be worth 3 billion British pounds (5.3 billion US dollars), would probably affect 13,000 jobs in Britain.

E A D S, which has an 80 per cent stake in Airbus, is Europe's leading aeronautic industrial group. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Three arrested for killing pasta tycoon in Venezuela

CARACAS, 8 April — Venezuelan police have arrested three persons suspected of involvement in the kidnapping and murder of a prominent pasta company owner last week, the Justice Minister said on Wednesday.

Justice Minister Jesse Chacon told state television that some 10 persons were involved in the case of kidnapping and killing 74-year-old Filippo Sindoni, an Italian-born businessman who had built his fame and fortune in Venezuela with his popular Pasta Sindoni brand.

The motive behind the killing has yet to be decided, personal revenge being a possibility, Chacon said.

Three of the 10 suspects had been arrested, Chacon said, without naming any, and among the involved was a middle-ranking police officer from the north-eastern state of Aragua, where the case happened.

The policeman was suspected of providing uniforms and equipment for the kidnappers who stopped Sindoni's car and ordered his driver to get out on 29 March. Sindoni was found dead a day later in the town of Carora, some 370 kilometres west of Caracas, with a bullet wound to the head and cuts covering his body.

Authorities were searching for the other seven suspects in Aragua, neighbouring Carabobo State and Caracas.

Apart from the pasta company, Sindoni also owned a regional TV station and a small newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua

Bird flu kills third Egyptian

CAIRO, 8 April — An Egyptian girl died from bird flu on Thursday, taking to three the country's human death toll from the virus, the official *MENA* news agency reported.

The latest death was a 16-year-old girl from a province north of Cairo, who was admitted to hospital on Wednesday.

"Iman Mohamed Abdel Gawad, a 16-year-old girl from Monoufiya, died after being infected by bird flu," *MENA* said, quoting official information.

Late on the Wednesday the health minister said a 16-year-old girl from the same province had been admitted to hospital with bird flu after handling dead birds, taking to 11 the number of people the Egyptian Government says have caught the virus.

The World Health Organization has so far confirmed four of those cases as the H5N1 strain of the bird flu virus, including the previous two people who died.

MNA/Reuters

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Udinese's Vincenzo Iaquinta, foreground left, scores against Livorno's goalkeeper Marco Amelia during the Italian first division soccer match between Livorno and Udinese at Armando Picchi Stadium in Leghorn, Italy, on 8 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Bayern expect Ballack to move to Chelsea

FRANKFURT, 9 April— Bayern Munich are resigned to losing midfielder Michael Ballack to Chelsea at the end of the season. "I'm all but certain that Ballack will move to Chelsea," Bayern manager Uli Hoeness told Premiere TV on Saturday.

Ballack's contract runs out at the end of the season, leaving the Germany captain a free agent. The 29-year-old has so far rejected offers to sign a new deal with the Bavarians.

MNA/Reuters

Premier League match reports

LONDON, 9 April— Brief match reports of Premier League matches on Saturday:

Charlton Athletic 0 Everton 0

A point was all either side deserved in a game of little passion at The Valley. Both clubs are comfortably mid-table and seeing out their final games of the league season. Everton striker James Beattie went close in the first half but there was little to cheer for the home fans, who will expect more in their FA Cup quarterfinal replay against Middlesbrough on Wednesday.

Portsmouth 2 Blackburn Rovers 2

Craig Bellamy scored twice for Rovers before Bulgarian substitute Svetoslav Todorov headed a precious 78th minute equalizer for Portsmouth to keep alive their hopes of avoiding relegation.

The Welshman opened with a blistering run and left-footed strike after 32 minutes. Pompey striker Lomana LuaLua replied with a fine solo effort of his own four minutes before the break before Bellamy swivelled to blast home his eighth goal in eight league games just after the hour. Todorov netted the equalizer a few minutes after teammate Dejan Stefanovic had missed a similar chance.

Charlton Athletic defender Gonzalo Sorondo, right, tussles with Everton forward Duncan Ferguson during an English Premier League soccer match at The Valley, London, on 8 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Sunderland v Fulham (match abandoned)

Fulham looked set for their first away win of the season when French midfielder Steed Malbranque squared for American striker Brian McBride to score after nine minutes — only for the game to be abandoned in the 21st minute due to snow.

Wigan Athletic 1 Birmingham City 1

Steve Bruce's Birmingham settled for a point in their battle against the drop after going behind at the JJB Stadium.

MNA/Reuters

Werder crush Bayern to cap bad week for Kahn

FRANKFURT, 9 April— Werder Bremen crushed Bayern Munich 3-0 on Saturday to prise open the Bundesliga title race and cap a bad week for Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

Bastian Schweinsteiger headed past Kahn and into his own net in the 33rd minute to hand Werder the lead in Bremen and late goals from Daniel Jensen and Tim Borowski completed Bayern's heaviest league defeat of the season. Champions Bayern are top on 66 points, followed by Bremen and Hamburg on 59, the latter with a game in hand.

Bayern remain well placed for a 20th league title with five games left but Hamburg can cut their lead to four points if they win at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach on Sunday. Hertha Berlin are fifth on 43 points after winning 2-0 at third from bottom Kaiserslautern. Cologne, one place lower, beat VfL Wolfsburg 3-0.

The Bayern defeat provided further disappointment for Kahn, who was told by Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann on Friday that his great rival Jens Lehmann would be first choice goalkeeper for the hosts at the World Cup.

Kahn's form deserted him last week in a 2-2 draw with bottom club Cologne that first suggested Bayern might not have the title race sewn up. They needed a win on Saturday to reassert their authority but even though Kahn looked in good touch and was not at fault on any of the goals, Bayern ended up well beaten.—*MNA/Reuters*

Inter beat Ascoli to go second in Serie A

ROME, 9 April— Inter Milan put their Champions League elimination by Villarreal behind them with a 2-1 win at Ascoli that moved them up to second in Serie A on Saturday.

The result gave Inter 71 points from 33 matches, eight points behind leaders Juventus and one ahead of AC Milan who host Fiorentina and Chievo Verona respectively on Sunday. It also helps Inter's bid to claim the second automatic place in next season's Champions League group stage.

However, the win was not easy as Inter had to come from behind after Ascoli striker Fabio Quagliarella fell in the area to earn a 21st minute penalty that Marco Ferrante converted.

Inter struggled to create scoring chances before the break, but came out strongly at the start of the second half.

The pressure paid off after 51 minutes when Obafemi Martins raced onto a defence-splitting pass by Santiago Solari only to be upended by keeper Ferdinando Coppola as Inter won a penalty of their own, which Julio Cruz fired into the roof of the net.

The visitors took the lead five minutes later, a foul on Cruz earning a 25-metre free kick that Sinisa Mihajlovic curled round the wall and in at Coppola's near post.

Having seized control Inter rarely looked like letting go, though they played the final few minutes of the match with 10 men after Cruz was sent off for a second bookable offence.—*MNA/Reuters*

Tottenham Hotspur's, Jemaine Jenas left, tackles Manchester City's Kiki Musampa during their English Premier League soccer match at the White Hart Lane Stadium, London, on 8 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Real Madrid held 1-1 at home by Real Sociedad

MADRID, 9 April— Real Madrid failed to keep the pressure on Primera Liga leaders Barcelona as they were held to a 1-1 draw at the Bernabeu by relegation-threatened Real Sociedad on Saturday.

Brazil striker Ronaldo scored his fourth goal in as many games in the first half to put Real in front, but Sociedad's impressive Mark Gonzalez pounced on an error by goalkeeper Iker Casillas to equalize after the break as the home side faltered. Real closed to within 10 points of Barcelona, who visit Racing Santander on Sunday. Valencia, who are three points behind Real in third, play at Celta Vigo later on Saturday.—*MNA/Reuters*

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

Spurs edge closer to Champions League qualifiers

LONDON, 9 April— Midfielder Michael Carrick guided Tottenham Hotspur to a 2-1 victory over Manchester City that tightened their grip on a place in the Champions League qualifiers on Saturday.

Canadian defender Paul Stalteri put the hosts in front a minute before halftime at White Hart Lane and Carrick made it 2-0 before Greek forward Georgios Samaras pulled one back for City in the 52nd minute.

Victory for Spurs strengthened their hold on fourth place, England's second slot in the final Champions League qualifying round, by moving them on to 58 points from 33 games. Blackburn, on 54 points from 33 games, may yet rue the points dropped at Fratton Park because they have now played two games more than Arsenal, who have 53 points and face Manchester United at Old Trafford on Sunday. Having inflicted a fifth consecutive league defeat on Manchester City, Spurs manager Martin Jol played down the pressure on his side in the Champions League race. "If Arsenal win all their games then maybe we could have a problem," he told Sky Sports.—*MNA/Reuters*

Swimmers compete in the Women's 50 Metres Freestyle semi-final at the FINA World Short Course Swimming Championships in Shanghai, China, on 8 April, 2006.—INTERNET

"Casablanca" tops 101 greatest screenplays

LOS ANGEGES, 9 April— The Writers Guild of America (WGA) on Friday put the script for the 1942 film classic "Casablanca" on top of the 101 greatest screenplays list.

The screenplay for "The Godfather" came in second, followed by the scripts for "Chinatown", "Citizen Kane" and "All About Eve".

Professional film and television writers selected the 101 finalists from more than 1,400 screenplays. Any film, past or present, English-language or otherwise, was eligible. The list covers films released from the 1930s to the present.

Names of the screenplays were sent out last summer asking WGA members to list up to 10 of their favourite produced screenplays. The WGA consists of members of the Writers Guild of America, West, and the Writers Guild of America, East.

"Like a composer of a classic symphony or an author of a beloved novel, the most memorable and moving pictures would not exist without their principal architect _ the screenwriter," the WGA noted in a statement.

"Too often, classic films are linked only to their stars or directors, overlooking the original artists who first put pen to paper — or more recently keyboard to laptop — to create the kind of enduring works that have entertained and inspired generations of movie-going audiences around the globe," said the statement.

"Casablanca," written by Julius J and Philip G Epstein and Howard Koch, based on the play "Everybody Comes to Rick's" by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison, received the most votes.

Here's the list of top 10 movies and screenwriters:

1. "Casablanca," screenplay by Julius J, Philip G Epstein and Howard Koch;
2. "The Godfather," Mario Puzo and Francis Ford Coppola;
3. "Chinatown," Robert Towne;
4. "Citizen Kane," Herman Mankiewicz and Orson Welles;
5. "All About Eve," Joseph L Mankiewicz;
6. "Annie Hall," Woody Allen and Marshall Brickman;
7. "Sunset Boulevard," Charles Brackett, Billy Wilder and DM Marshman Jr;
8. "Network," Paddy Chayefsky;
9. "Some Like It Hot," Billy Wilder and IAL Diamond;
10. "The Godfather II," Francis Ford Coppola and Mario Puzo.

MNA/Xinhua

*Earthquake survivors cut log meant for rebuilding their house in the village of Uri, 110 kilometres (69 miles) northwest of Srinagar, India, on 7 April, 2006. —*INTERNET

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WEATHER

Sunday, 9 April, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in Shan State and lower Sagaing Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (7°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin State, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway (42°C), Minbu, Aunglan and Hinthada (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (0.39) inch, Myitkyina and Katha (0.36) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 8-4-2006 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 9-4-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 9-4-2006 was (75%). Total sunshine hours on 8-4-2006 was (10.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 9-4-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (00:30) hours MST on 9-4-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-4-2006: Isolated light rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin and Northern Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Naypyidaw City and neighbouring areas for 10-4-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 10-4-2006: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 10-4-2006: Partly cloudy.

TV Myanmar

Monday, 10 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Otamathara

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
5. Song of national races

8:05 am
6. [illegible]

8:10 am
7. [illegible]

8:20 am
8. [illegible]

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. [illegible]

4:45 pm
4. [illegible]

5:00 pm
5. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:15 pm
6. [illegible]

5:25 pm
7. [illegible]

5:40 pm
8. [illegible]

5:45 pm
9. [illegible]

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. [illegible]

6:55 pm
13. [illegible]

7:10 pm
14. [illegible]

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. [illegible]
19. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 10 April
Tune in today

8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music:
-Love you more
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music:
-Brighter day
8.50 am National news / Slogan
9:00 am Music:
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-The way to my heart
1:30 pm News /Slogan
1:40pm Lunchtime music
-Saving all my love for you
-Experiences
9.00pm Walking together for health
9.15 pm Article
9.25 pm Radio Magazine / Drugs Elimination/ Women's Affairs
9.35 pm Vocal Gems/ Golden Land's melody
9.45 pm News / Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

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NLD members and the noted persons within the country had contacts with expatriate terrorists

All members of NCUB including NCGUB of expatriate Sein Win, FTUB of Pyithit Nyunt Wai and KNU are actually terrorists

YANGON, 9 April— *The following is a translation of clarifications made by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at the Press Conference No 3/2006 held at the Ministry of Information here today.*

At this press conference today, clarifications will be made on conspiracies of terrorist groups such as NCUB (National Council of the Union of Burma), NCGUB (National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma), KNU, FTUB (Free Trade Unions of Burma), ABSDF, NLD (LA), NDD, DPNS, SSA-S (Shan State Army- South), VBSW (Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors), etc to blast bombs to undermine the stability of the State and harming the lives and property of the people.

Clarifications will also be made on how FTUB (Free Trade Unions of Burma) secretary Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and accomplices who were masterminding terrorist acts in the name of labour affairs, were thrown a limelight on ILO stage as launching political attack against the Government.

In previous press conferences, I had explained in detail how internal and external terrorists attempted to launch a three-pronged attack against the Government; how they synchronized external attack and underground attack when the Government exposed in time their above-ground attack; how they were desperate and blasted bombs when the people did not accept their terrorist acts;

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the press conference No 3/2006.— MNA

State Peace and Development Council Information Committee meets the Press

Matters relating to sabotage acts of terrorists against the nation and the people clarified

YANGON, 9 April — The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held the press conference No 3/2006 to clarify matters relating to sabotage acts of terrorists against the nation and the people, at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Street, here, this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force, members of the Information Committee, departmental heads, personnel of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, information officials, U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa and member correspondents, editorial staff of local magazines and journals, and guests.

First, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified matters relating to sabotage acts of terrorists against the nation and the people.

(The full text of the clarification made by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan is reported separately.)

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Editorial staff of local magazines and journals and guests at Press Conference No 3/2006 . — MNA