

Those with negative views about NC just a handful of people, whereas those supporting the NC majority
It is required to make thorough reviews about adopted basic principles, detailed basic principles so that all the principles are harmonious one another
There should not be any difference in essence between initial aims of the principles and already-adopted detailed basic principles



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an opening address at the plenary session of the National Convention. — MNA

YANGON, 18 July— *The following is the opening speech delivered by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the Plenary Session of the National Convention which resumed today.*

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

The seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented to gently and smoothly carry out the transition task of transforming the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic State. It is a great pleasure for me to have a reunion with the delegates who have been striving in harmony and unison to implement the first step — “the reconvening of the National Convention that was temporarily adjourned in 1996”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Constitution is the principal law of a nation to steer her political, economic and social systems. A Constitution that is in conformity with the era and system is the first requirement to change from old to new system. A hasty change from one system to another will trigger terrible blunders that may harm the nation.

In this regard, the Tatmadaw government has designated the emergence of an enduring Constitution as a national task and is implementing it steadfastly. *(See page 8)*



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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 19 July, 2007

Success in sale of gems, jade and pearl

Myanma Gem Emporiums are held every year and rubies, sapphires and pearl plus jade are sold. Myanma jade of high quality is very famous among the merchants.

The July 2007 Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales organized by the Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee were held in Yangon from 4 to 16 July. Over 4,000 gem merchants from home and abroad visited the sales and a total of 4,665 lots of jade, gems and pearl were sold.

With the progress of gem industry and trading demand from abroad has increased. Gems and other precious stones are natural resources of the State. Gem miners and merchants are to take systematic measures in the interest of the State and their own.

The government holds Myanma Gem Emporiums in March every year and organizes Mid-year Gem Emporiums and Special Sales. The annual sale of jade, gems and pearl lots increases and more and more gem merchants purchase them.

Myanma gems are of high quality and gem mining industry and trading is making success. It is believed that the gem industry will develop more and more as gem miners, merchants and entrepreneurs engage in their business in accord with Myanma Gems Law.



CASH DONATED: U Nyein Maung and family of Parami Road, Ward 16, Hline Township, donated K100,000 to the medical funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged in Yangon recently. Secretary of the executive committee of the Home Maj Aung Than (Retd) accepts cash donation. — 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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Yuzana Palm Oil Mill

YANGON, 17 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected Yuzana Palm Oil Mill in Thakayta Township, here, today.

He was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and U Htay Myint, Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd, at the factory.

U Htay Myint reported on the mill and its production process, cultivation of oil palm in Taninthayi Division by the company, establishment of crude palm oil factory in Kawthoung and its production.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged officials to produce



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Yuzana Palm Oil Mill in Thakayta Township. — MNA

more palm oil, make arrangements for smooth transport of the products, supply more power to the factory and supervise quality control of the products.

Next, samples of

vegetable and palm oil produced by the factory were inspected by Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and officials.

The chairman of the factory conducted Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party

around the factory.

The factory was put into operation on 25 June in 2006 and produces from 500 tons to 1000 tons of palm oil per month.

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Health Minister looks into Specialist Hospital (Mingaladon), Specialist Hospital (Waibagi), General Hospital (North Okkalapa)

YANGON, 17 July—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint this morning inspected the site for construction of rest hall for patients' attendants, male medical ward, female medical ward, construction of dining room and laboratory at the Specialist Hospital (Mingaladon) on Pyay Road in Mingaladon Township.

At the meeting hall, the minister met with directors, project managers, the head of Yangon Division Health Department, the medical superintendent and specialists and gave instructions. He said that the government has provided warded patients with ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) capable of preventing the spread of HIV virus; that steps are being taken for extended provision of ART to patients, and stressed the need to systematically keep patient records and to widely carry out health care services of patients with

Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint visits Specialist Hospital (Waibagi).

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chronic diseases.

On arrival at the Specialist Hospital (Waibagi), the minister and party looked into disease diagnostic room, microbiology and hematology laboratory and the use of X-ray machine and CD virus detecting machine and gave necessary instructions. After that, the minister asked after the warded patients and fulfilled their requirement.

Next, the minister

proceeded to the institute of pharmacy where he inspected the construction of the main building and gave instructions.

Afterwards, the minister met medical students and spoke of the need to try their best to become good service personnel.

Later, he arrived at General Hospital (North Okkalapa) and inspected emergency unit, child medical ward, cost-sharing medical unit and health

care services of the hospital, and stressed the need for health staff to make cooperative efforts in carrying out health care services.

On arrival at the University of Medicine-2, the minister looked into the learning of students and urged them to try their utmost to become good service personnel capable of providing health care services of the people.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Olmert-Abbas meeting ends in “positive atmosphere”

JERUSALEM, 17 July—Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian National Authority (PNA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas ended two hours of talks in a “very positive atmosphere” at the Prime Minister’s residence in Jerusalem on Monday, Israeli officials said.

“The meeting is a very positive meeting,” Olmert’s spokeswoman Miri Eisin told *Xinhua*, adding that the two sides “discussed security, economic, civilian and humanitarian issues, and then

talked about political horizon”.

Olmert and Abbas also reviewed the progress that had been made since their last meeting on 25 June, according to Eisin.

However, sources in Olmert’s office said they did not discuss the final-status issues such as the fate of Jerusalem, borders and Palestinian refugees.

Before the meeting, Olmert has authorized a package of goodwill gestures aimed at bolstering Abbas and his caretaker government in

the West Bank.

Among the measures are the release of 250 members of Fatah and various factions of the Palestinian Liberation Organization held in Israeli prisons, transfer of the withheld tax revenues as well as a conditional immunity to 178 Fatah-affiliated militants wanted by Israel. “The gestures will continue,” Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev told *Xinhua*, adding that both sides were moving forward.—MNA/Xinhua

Britain may withdraw 500 Iraq troops in weeks

LONDON, 17 July—Britain expects to withdraw 500 of its 5,500 troops from southern Iraq within weeks and will then assess how soon it can remove the remainder of its forces, Defence Secretary Des Browne said on Monday.

“We’ve got to the point where we presently have 5,500 troops in Iraq and if, as we expect to do, within a matter of weeks manage to hand over the Basra Palace to the security control of the Iraqis, we’ll be able to draw down a further 500,” Browne told Parliament.

“At that stage we will make an assessment of the ability of the Iraqi security forces in

consultation with our allies — and principally with our principle ally the United States of America — about our ability to move from there to the point where we can withdraw our forces,” he said.

British troops have been deployed mainly in the southern province of Basra, which has a city by the same name and is home to southern Iraq’s oil industry.

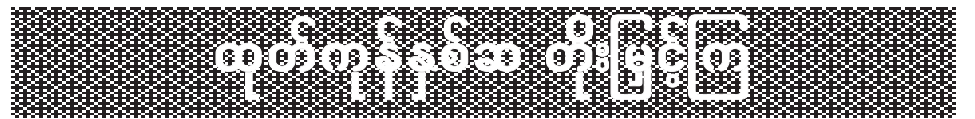
The number of British troops was recently cut to about 5,500 from 7,000.

The continuing withdrawal comes after a months-long operation to train Iraqi forces in the region to take over

responsibility for security.

Under plans previously outlined by the British Government, British forces will take up a support and training role and be mainly located at Basra air base.

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Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) and President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov review the guard of honour during the welcoming ceremony. Hu hosted for Berdimukhamedov in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 July, 2007. —XINHUA

Report says inequality in Britain at 40-year-high

LONDON, 17 July—The gap between rich and poor has widened to its greatest level for more than 40 years, a survey by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation said on Tuesday.

The greatest extremes tend to be clustered in the southeast of England, the social policy research charity said in its report “Poverty, Wealth and

Place in Britain 1968 to 2005”. This has resulted in average households, described as neither poor nor wealthy, being pushed out of some areas.

“Over time it has become clear that there is less and less room in the south for them; they have either moved elsewhere, or become poor,” said the report’s author Danny

Dorling.

The disproportionately wealthy are becoming segregated from the rest of society, creating a deep polarisation. Some cities in Britain have areas where more than half of all households are struggling on the poverty line. While the number of people living in extreme poverty may have fallen, the number of people living below the poverty line has increased, with more than one in four households, 27 per cent, classed as “breadline poor” in 2001.

At the same time the number of asset-wealthy households rose dramatically between 1999 and 2003, with more than a fifth of families, 23 per cent, now falling into this category.

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People help Jin Shunzi measure the length of her long hair on 16 July, 2007, in Huichun City. INTERNET



A young girl enjoys a sunny day in a public swimming pool in Vienna on 16 July, 2007. Weather forecast predicts a peak of 39 degrees Celsius (102 degrees Fahrenheit) on Monday. —XINHUA

Death toll in Kirkuk suicide bomb rises to at least 85

BAGHDAD, 17 July—At least 85 people were killed on Monday by a suicide truck bomb in the volatile Iraqi city of Kirkuk, some of them trapped on a bus where they burned to death, a witness said.

Police also said 180 people were wounded in a blast that heightened tension in the oil-producing northern city, shared by Kurds, Turkmen, Shiite and Sunni Arabs. The city plans to hold a crucial referendum later this year on its future status.

“Tens of houses and shops were totally destroyed by the power of the explosion,” said General Torhan Abdul Rahman, the city’s deputy chief of police.

Dozens of cars were set on fire and *Reuters* pictures from the scene showed a number of charred and torn bodies in the bus and a large crater in the road where the truck blew up. A police pick-up was splattered with blood.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects 1,000-acre rubber plantation, meets servicemen and families in Tanai Station



Lt-Gen Ye Myint views physic nut plantation of a farmer in Tanai Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Tanai Station and officials of SPDC Office and departments went on an inspection tour of 1,000-

acre rubber plantation of Tanai Station near Teinkyauk village of Myitkyina-Tanai-Pansauk-Ledo road on 15 July.

Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on progress of work of 1,000-acre of rubber plantation project, thriving rubber trees and future tasks, and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

gave instructions on arrangements to be made for boosting income from agricultural services by the use of land resources in the station.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected thriving rubber trees in Tanai Station, cultivation of monsoon paddy and 100-acre physic nut plantation of U Mya Han. In meeting with officers, other ranks and families of Shaduzoot village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo looks into development of agriculture, education in Kawkareik, Hpa-an townships

Faculty members to join hands with local authorities and people in guarding against dangers that harm peaceful learning of students

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min, attended a ceremony of

the collective ploughing and cultivation of monsoon paddy in Kawkareik Township on 15 July morning.

In the afternoon, they inspected Hpa-an Township physic nut plantation and University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an).

They attended the collective paddy transplanting

ceremony of Kawkareik District in Chaungtaung Village of Kawkareik Township.

After hearing the reports of departmental officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged officials to cultivate quality strains of paddy. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party presented prizes to winners in the paddy transplanting ceremony.

They viewed cultivation of monsoon groundnut on 15 acres of plot near Naungpatok Village in Hpa-an Township. Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed officials to permit those who can grow edible oil crops in vacant areas of rubber farms, substitute virgin land of the forests with rubber plantations and allot plots to rubber growers.

Afterwards, they viewed thriving physic nut plantations on 10 acres of plot in Hpakat Model Village of Hpa-an Township.

At University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an) near Hpakat Model Village, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on matters related to the university presented by Principal Dr Daw Thin Thin Htaik and officials. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that faculty members are to nurture outstanding students while learning the developing computer technologies. The teachers are to join hands with local authorities and people in guarding against dangers that harm peaceful learning of the students.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented the fruit basket to the faculty members and visited the university.

They spent the night in Hpa-an. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects farming machinery displayed at collective transplanting ceremony in Kawkareik. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects 1,000-acre rubber...

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gave instructions on undertaking of small-scale breeding tasks and regional development matters joining hands with the local people.

Upon arrival at Dunban village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with officers, other ranks and families, gave instructions on striving for realization of five rural development tasks, and presented clothes to them.

On arrival at Women's Vocational Training School in Dunban village, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presented clothes and gifts to trainees and Lt-Gen Ye Myint, K 300,000 for the trainees of the school through the principal.

Afterwards, Head of Mogaung Township Resettlement and Land Records Department U Tin Tun briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on cultivation of rubber.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into rubber and perennial crops cultivation project of U Maran Zaw Bauk and rubber and fruit farm of U Maung Aik.

Over 676 acres were put under rubber in 2006-2007 and on 217 acres in 2007-2008 in Mogaung Township. Therefore, the number of total acres of rubber in the township reached 893 acres.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Phakant and met with departmental officials of the township.

According to the report of an official to Lt-Gen Ye Myint, there were 19,387 acres of monsoon paddy and 228 acres of summer paddy in 2006-2007 in Phakant Township. The township set its target of 29,387 acres of rice in 2007-2008 and so far 5,987 acres have been put under paddy in the township, an official said in his report to Lt-Gen Ye Myint. Officials concerned also reported on implementation of five rural development tasks and conditions of education and health sectors of the township.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged departmental officials to make efforts for development of the region in cooperation with local people. Regarding the agricultural sector, he stressed the importance of correct cultivation method, use of natural and chemical fertilizer and farming machinery to reach the target production and to meet the food sufficiency in the region. As peace and security prevail in the region, local people enjoy the fruits of development in

Buddha Abhidhamma special course 19-28 July

YANGON, 18 July — Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs Professor of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Min Tin Mon will give lectures on Buddha Abhidhamma at YCDC Dhammayon on Shwedagon Pagoda Road from 6 pm to 9 pm daily from 19 to 28 July.

Anyone may attend the course. — MNA

social, education and health sectors, he said.

Secretary of Kachin State Union Solidarity and Development Association U Ra Wam Jon accepted 1,500 applications for membership of USDA presented by jade mining entrepreneurs and employees in the presence of Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented exercise books to the Phakant Township Education Officer.

The commander presented USDA uniforms to the secretary of Phakant Township USDA, and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented note books to members of social organizations.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development of Mongyan in Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, heads of SPDC Office and departmental officials attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants on the 10-acre plot of Mongyan station yesterday.

First, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented physic nut saplings to family members of the station and members of the social organizations.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the commander grew the physic nut plants and viewed the participation of family members of the station and members of the social organizations in the ceremony and gave necessary instructions.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with family

members of the servicemen at the hall of the station and greeted them.

At Mongyan Township People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party comforted the patients and presented gifts to them. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win donated K 1 million to the medical funds of the hospital through Dr Aung Ko Oo.

The commander reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on arrangements for construction of delivery room and operation theatre and the maintenance task of the hospital.

At the office of Mongyan Township SPDC, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met with departmental officials and members of the social organizations.

The chairman of the Mongyan Township SPDC reported on regional development task. The commander gave a supplementary report.



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence visits a Basic Education High School in Mongyan.—MNA

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said the government is undertaking the tasks for prevailing peace and stability and development of the nation, and building the discipline-flourishing democratic nation through the united strength of the national

people. He urged departmental personnel and local people to participate in a drive for the implementation of the seven-step Road Map.

Next, they proceeded to the Basic Education High School in Mongyan and inspected academic

matters of the school. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented awards to five outstanding students in matriculation examination for 2007. Later, they inspected the development of Mongyan in a motorcade.

Afterwards, they

arrived at the field of peasant U Aik Yi San and viewed the thriving 8-acre soya bean and 2-acre maize.

After that, they inspected the development and greening of Monglwe model village by car.

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Director U Nay Myo Aung speaking at special lucky draw programme of Myanmar Chigo Group Ltd. — MNA

Prizes presented to sale agents for Chigo brand air-conditioners

YANGON, 18 July — Myanmar Chigo Group Ltd held a lucky draw programme and prize presentation for sale agents and customers at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday evening, with an opening speech by Director U Nay

Myo Aung of Myanmar Chigo Group Ltd.

Next, responsible persons of Myanmar Chigo Group Ltd presented prizes to lucky draw winners, sale agents and customers.

Myanmar Chigo Group Ltd sells the

Mitsubishi compressor-installed air-conditioners with three years warranty card to the customers.

In addition, Myanmar Chigo Group Ltd will distribute its new electronic products.

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You can get it if you know how

Saya Soe (Taungdwingyi)

The National Convention is nearing completion with success. A State constitution will emerge. And it will be approved by a national referendum. And then political parties will be formed, general elections held and democratic machinery will surely emerge. After that, the future Union of Myanmar will be governed in accordance with that constitution. As the nation will be governed in accord with the laws prescribed under the constitution, there will be less flaws and weaknesses.

Some big nations have insisted that substantive political reforms would be necessary before sanctions could be lifted. So, if democracy machinery actually runs, economic sanctions will come to a stop and foreign investments will pour into the country. As a result, there will be more job opportunities for young people, technologies will develop, the number of cottage industries will swell due to foreign investments, new education systems will be adopted to conform to skills and qualifications necessary for related worksites, the young will get motivated to pursue education and they will competitively go after the technologies. All will accept that capital and technology will play a major

role in the globe.

The results and benefits derived from the constitution regardless of whoever has led in writing it deserve to be welcomed. It is high time we got out of the complicated and deteriorating situation. Priority should be given to the policy. There had been many blunders as priority was given to the person rather than the policy.

In the future democratic machinery of the Union of Myanmar, the Tatmadaw will represent 25 per cent. Even under the leadership of the ruling Tatmadaw government, the people have been enjoying peace and stability of the State and living with high hopes. Why is there a bargaining attitude towards the 25-per cent representation of the Tatmadaw? In reality, history cannot be written without the participation of Tatmadaw. Myanmar's politics is usually characterized by splits. Myanmar also has had a tradition that every time the State was on the verge of collapse, the Tatmadaw had to intervene and save it. Just look at the situation in 1958. At that time democracy was being practiced. AFPFL split, power-hungry politicians put the blame on each other and eventually, those problems even posed danger to the Tatmadaw. The then prime minister had to seek help and handed over State duties

to the Tatmadaw for 18 months. After handling the situation, the Tatmadaw entrusted the power back to the prime minister through a fair election. Soon after that, some states demanded secession from the Union and rights and privileges prescribed in the 1947 constitution. But, it was spine-chilling that the colonialists made attempts to sow discord among the states trying to secede from the Union by giving them incentives. National race armed insurgents were roaming the border areas and the communists were taking foothold in the Yoma mountain ranges. In consequence, multi-party democracy ended following splits in the political parties. The Tatmadaw had to take control of the nation's worsening situation again.

In the later part of Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, the Tatmadaw was blamed for the nation's economic slump. Was it due to the person or the policy? Wasn't it due to the wrong policy? Socialism was very popular around 1962 when the Tatmadaw took over the State responsibilities. As the nation was got into trouble due to democracy system, socialism caught the attraction of the people. When all the socialist countries in the world went hungry, democracy came to rise its head again.

Democracy would have been here in the country if grudges and pride are put aside. However, there emerged signs of hostilities when democracy was within sight. It happened soon after the elections in 1990. Of course it is human nature in the time of transition from one system to another but the nation suffered severely when mutual trust and confidence was lost. They have ridiculed whatever constructive endeavours made by the Tatmadaw government, pointed out its flaws and threatened with calls for a reform of the Tatmadaw. This way they senselessly undermined all efforts made to secure national reconsolidation. In the absence of mutual trust and confidence the road to democracy would never be smooth. Democratic forces should be able to strive for national reconsolidation through farsightedness. They should give top priority to the task of "non-disintegration of the Tatmadaw". They should learn lesson from the incidents in the time of AFPFL in 1948 when some battalions within the Tatmadaw were disunited.

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The year 1948 was the initial period or the first taste of democracy in Myanmar. Prompted by the ideological differences and divergent political views Communists went underground. Some battalions did the same. Once underground they went on committing acts of tit for tat along with destructive acts, asking extortion money from the people, torching the villages, blasting the trains, murdering the national brethren and so on and so forth. The intrusion of the nationalist Chinese (KMT) worsened the deteriorating situation caused by multi-coloured insurgents. These were followed by the scourge of heroin. There was extensive and widespread theft or smuggling of gems, metal and

teak out of the country; the natural resources were nearly exhausted. Finally, there has emerged a buffer zone in the ignoble name of refugee camps. This has been a political conspiracy. The conspiracies in different shapes and designs have caused sufferings and hardships among the people and division and disunity is to blame. **It has now been nearly 60 years. The struggles and strifes have brought no benefits to us. The Tatmadaw government has been able to tackle this problem and we can say that the fire has died down. Still, remnants are left and this is known to all. We have to fight among ourselves wasting the valuable time instead of doing something good for the nation while those standing by are in glee and exploiting the**

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They failed to study history, ignored the law and put aside the policy in favour of the person. Truly narrow-mindedness. Democracy derived from greed, anger, delusion and grudges will be insecure. The buffer zone will grow thicker and thicker and the nation itself will be extinct amidst the political turmoil.

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Since the 1988 disturbances those democracy leaders have attempted to sow discord and divide the Tatmadaw. They were poised to make the same mistakes of the past. They failed to study history, ignored the law and put aside the policy in favour of the person. Truly narrow-mindedness. Democracy derived from greed, anger, delusion and grudges will be insecure. The buffer zone will grow thicker and thicker and the nation itself will be extinct amidst the political turmoil.

All, therefore, should be broad-minded and far-sighted in dealing with democracy affairs. National cause rather than party's cause is to be placed in the fore. If we try to play with democracy without sacrificing spirit and attempt to do the historic duty lacking skills and

competence we will face the same fate of the AFPFL period. As history repeats itself the Tatmadaw has to take control of the situation time and again. To be able to avoid this kind of vicious cycle, is it not appropriate for the Tatmadaw to represent 25 per cent in the democracy machinery? In fact, this is the most practical and secure way which is suitable for the objective situation in Myanmar today.

The sure thing is that all the national races are to join hands with the Tatmadaw with trust and confidence free from grudges paving the way for democracy and realizing it in no time.

Learning mistakes of 1948, 1958 and 1988 as lessons it is time for all of us to get united.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shakes hands with a diplomat at plenary session of the National Convention. — MNA

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The new Constitution should be suitable to the nation and the people. Hence, the government has been striving for the emergence of a Constitution that is in accord with a system desired by the people, and at the same time, it has been constantly making arrangements to enable the nation and the people to be ready to adapt themselves to the new era and system. The government reconvened the National Convention on 17 May 2004. The delegates have been holding discussions to adopt the detailed basic principles. We take

pleasure and honour to their efforts as the National Convention will be completed soon.

Esteemed delegates,

The National Convention temporarily adjourned for the first time from 17 May to 9 July 2004; for the second time from 17 February to 31 March 2005; for the third time from 5 December 2005 to 31 January 2006; and for the fourth time from 10 October to 29 December 2006. The delegates have been able to hold discussions frankly and freely based on their experiences, knowledge

and vision, taking into account the past, the present and the future. Thanks to the delegates' loyalty to the State, firm Union Spirit and far-sightedness, the sound results of the National Convention will become the new pages of the nation's history.

At the present National Convention, the delegates' suggestions on the chapters — Election, Political Parties, Provisions on State of Emergency, Amendment of the Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital, Transitory Provisions and General Provisions will be compiled and discussed to adopt detailed basic principles concerning the said chapters.

Foreign diplomats observe National Convention

YANGON, 18 July — Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany and Ambassadors of Vietnam, India, Malaysia, Brunei, Arab Republic of Egypt, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Korea, Thailand and France, Charge d'Affaires

ai of Serbia, Nepal, Pakistan, China, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Laos and Bangladesh, diplomats of Japan and China and the regional coordinator of UN organizations arrived at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp here this morning.

They made

observations on attendance of National Convention delegates and preparations and holding of the Plenary Session of the National Convention. Next, they viewed hostels, personal goods shops, bookstalls, hospital and gym at Nyaungnapin Camp.

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Ambassadors and diplomats visit store at Nyaungnapin Camp. — MNA

From the beginning of the National Convention to date, the basic principles and detailed basic principles are adopted with one voice through all-round discussions by the delegates for the emergence of an enduring State constitution. So, the forthcoming State constitution is to be based on these points. However, some elements who want to tarnish the image of the National Convention suggested that some delegates would not be attending the NC fearing that the already-adopted basic principles

so. Action may be taken against these attempts under the law in order to prevent destructive elements from disturbing systematic handing over of State duties and successful implementation of NC procedures. Here, I would say those with negative views about the NC are just a handful of people, whereas those supporting the NC are the great majority of the people.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

The delegates' suggestions, the panel of chair-

today's people have gained the knowledge about and put trust in the detailed basic principles the NC has adopted.

This session is final one, so it is required of you delegates to make thorough reviews about the adopted basic principles and detailed basic principles so that all the principles are harmonious one another. In the process, there should not be any difference in essence between initial aims of the principles and the already-adopted detailed basic principles.



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan answers queries of journalists. — MNA

would be binding upon the upcoming State constitution. As a matter of fact, their ignoring the already-adopted basic principles reflects that they are desirous of making all the NC functions illegal. Attempts to harm the NC functions include destructive means such as disturbing, disrupting, blocking and criticizing the NC, inciting public misunderstanding, holding anti-NC talks, writing and distributing publications designed to oppose the NC, carrying out NC procedures or participating in the drawing of the State constitution or writing and distributing the State constitution without having any rights to do

men's assessments, and the adoption of detailed basic principles through delegates' discussions throughout the NC have been telecast and stated in the newspapers in detail. As a result, the essence of the National Convention and the hard work of the delegates have been known not only to the people of the nation but also to the international community. So, today, many people are working hard with a sense of duty in support of the National Convention.

Besides, delegates are relaying their experiences and knowledge they have gained from the NC to the people in their circles. So,

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

Arrangements for accommodation, meals, transportation and security of the delegates are made under the supervision of experienced persons. If there is any requirement, you can contact with responsible persons for your convenience. Here, I would like to remind you that certain persons are opposed to the National Convention. So, all of you delegates are duty-bound to protect collectively the National Convention with a sense and awareness of security. I wish you a success in discharge of your duties with enthusiasm. —MNA

Five members quit Mawlamyinegyun Township NLD, losing interest and faith in the party

YANGON, 18 July — Members U Mya San, U Aye Lwin and U Pho So of Baganpon Village, U Sein Myint Htay and U San Tint of Myatthaywama Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 9 July, sending letters of resignations to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In the letters of resignation sent to Mawlamyinegyun Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that they had lost interest and faith in acts of the NLD, and that is why they resigned from the party, they said. — MNA

National Convention reconvenes at...

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Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing,

fice, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Spe-

gion Group who had returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchayay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyithar (MTA),



A delegate to the National Convention replies to queries of journalists.—MNA

Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Of-

cial Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5(KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) Breakaway (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Re-

Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Nai Saik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

Ambassadors of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of India, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Egypt, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and France; charges d'affaires ai of Serbia, Nepal and Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Russian Federation, Laos and Bangladesh; diplomats from Japan and the PRC, the Regional Coordinator of UN Agencies led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany observed



Journalists seen at plenary session of the National Convention.

MNA

the National Convention and the patron, the chairman and members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, officials of information and periodicals, the chief editors and executives of magazines and journals at home gathered news.

At 7.30 am before the plenary session of the National Convention, Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen of the respective subcommittees and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acts as master of ceremonies at plenary session of the National Convention. — MNA

of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members greeted ambassadors, charges d'affaires ai, diplomats, the Regional Coordinator of UN Agencies, the patron, the chairman and members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, the chief editors of magazines and journals.

Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein

meeting took a break at 9.10 am.

During the break, NCCC Secretary Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and NCC Work committee members cordially greeted the ambassadors, charges d'affaires ai diplomats and the Regional Coordinator of UN Agencies led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany.

Next, NCCC Secretary Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw



Ambassadors and diplomats seen at plenary session of the National Convention. — MNA

workers, delegates of service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

At 8.45 am before the plenary session of the National Convention, Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman

Sein presided over the plenary session and Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as master of ceremonies.

First, the secretary of NCCC announced the start of the meeting as there were 1,058 delegates attending out of 1,071 listed accounting for 98.79 per cent.

Next, Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening speech. (The speech delivered by Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein is reported separately.) Then, the plenary

Hsan and delegates replies to queries raised by the chief editors and executives of magazines and journals.

The plenary session resumed at 9.35 am, and NCCC Secretary Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explained the procedures of the National Convention. (The clarification made by Secretary of NCCC Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan is reported separately.)

The plenary session went into recess at 10. am.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues on 20 July at 9 am.— MNA

Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission

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- (4) To hold discussions in an objective way at the sessions of the National Convention and to avoid criticisms of a person or an organization
- (5) To pay respect to the State Flag whenever they enter or depart the conference hall
- (6) Not to bring arms, ammunition, recorders, mobile phones, video cameras, cameras, computers, laptops and similar equipment with them to the conference room
- (7) To keep news of the National Convention secret before it is issued officially

As the delegates are able to enjoy rights and privileges, they should observe the procedures and rules and regulations and should be dutiful.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

The Panel of Chairmen is required to supervise the sessions of the National Convention and the group discussions. In accord with the procedures, the Panel of Chairmen is formed with five representatives of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, 10 representatives of the political parties and representatives-elect and five representatives each of other six remaining groups of delegates. The procedures of the National Convention and the duties and powers of the Chairman and the Panel of Chairmen have already been designated. The Chairman and the Panel of Chairmen will have to systematically supervise the National Convention sessions in accord with the duties and powers.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

The Chapter III states scrutiny work and validity of a meeting. A session of the National Convention can be declared valid if 50 per cent of all the delegates attend it.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

The Chapter IV contains the procedures and rules and regulations to be observed in the discussions at the plenary sessions and group discussions of the National Convention. I will now explain the procedures concerning the group discussions as follows:

- 1. Delegates will have to present their proposals and suggestions within their delegate group and to present them to the Panel of Chairmen concerned. The suggestions approved by the Panel of Chairmen should be compiled and then submitted to the plenary session of the National Convention.
- 2. In addition to papers approved by the delegate group concerned, the delegates can submit their individual or group-wise proposals and suggestions to the plenary session through the Panel of Chairmen after discussing the matter at the group meetings.
- 3. Representatives of the political parties and representatives-elect will have to submit their party-wise majority-approved suggestions and discussions at the group meetings and then to the plenary session through the Panel of Chairmen.
- 4. In addition to the aforesaid majority-approved papers, representatives of the political parties, representatives-elect and independent representatives-elect, if they have any individual or separate proposals or suggestions will have to submit their papers to the plenary session with the permission of the Panel of Chairmen after the matter has been presented and thoroughly discussed at the group meetings.
- 5. If there surface any disagreements in connection with the suggestions or proposals of the political parties, delegate groups and independent representatives-elect, the National

Convention Convening Work Committee will take necessary measures to solve them.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

Now, I will explain the procedures of the plenary session of the National Convention as follows:

- 1. The group-wise proposal papers that will be submitted to the plenary session should be clear and precise.
- 2. The names of one or two or three delegates who are going to read the papers will have to be submitted to the Work Committee within the fixed time through the Panel of Chairmen concerned.
- 3. In presenting the proposal paper at the plenary session, only the listed persons or a person will have to read the paper submitted in advance. They or he will have to read only the suggestions approved in the said paper.
- 4. Suggestions at group discussions and plenary sessions should be within the framework of the six objectives of the National Convention.
- 5. If there arise any disagreements resulting from the suggestions submitted to the plenary sessions, the Work Committee will, as necessary, make arrangements to the best of its ability to solve the problems.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

There are rules for group discussions and the plenary sessions. They are:

- 1. not to speak words disloyal to the nation,
- 2. not to speak words harmful to non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty,
- 3. not to speak words that serve the interests of the organizations or persons who are outside the legal fold,
- 4. not to speak words that harm solidarity, mutual help and friendly relations among national races,
- 5. not to criticize any religions,
- 6. not to submit a matter that has been already discussed at the National Convention again,
- 7. not to accuse any of the NC delegates subjectively,
- 8. in submitting a paper, to read out and discuss the paper, as presented already, and not to read any points that are not included in the already-presented paper. A principle is laid down in this regard that if some points that are not included in the paper are read out, only the points stipulated in the already-presented paper will have to be put on record.
- 9. There is another rule that the attendees are not to get out of the hall in protest or to make fun in a rowdy way individually or in groups while an NC plenary session or group-wise meeting is in progress.

I would like to remind you that it is important to abide by these rules and regulations for ensuring successful completion of the National Convention with dignity.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

Chapter (5) features some prohibitions to protect NC delegates for ensuring successful completion of the National Convention. Some of them are:

- (1) for NC delegates, not to distribute any kinds of documents prohibited by the National Convention Work Committee,
- (2) not to leak and distribute the documents the Work Committee has designated to keep secret,
- (3) not to bring along with them and hold arms into the compound of Nyaungnapin Camp including in the hostels and convention hall while the National Convention is in session.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

What I have explained are important points that are stated in the procedures for convening the National Convention. These procedures, duties, privileges, rules and regulations and prohibitions are aimed at ensuring successful completion of the National Convention and holding cordial discussions. So, I believe you delegates understand and will observe them.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

Now, I would like to present the management arrangements so that you can attend the NC in peace.

During the NC adjournment period, your hostels were all repaired for your comfort and convenience.

We are also taking necessary measures to make sure that the meals and food to serve you are hygienic. In cooking meals, daily programmes for dishes are drawn in advance for your good appetite. All kinds of meals are prepared to be suitable for people of different religions, and special arrangements are also made for the convenience of the vegetarians only.

Preparations are made in various sectors such as health, medical treatment, sports, periodicals, and entertainment. You delegates may take physical exercise in the morning and evening such as walking and jogging, along with playing badminton, table tennis, weightlifting and body building and physical culture. Apart from equipment for sports games, a golf practising range has been set up. To provide health care, a hospital is opened in the compound with doctors and nurses including specialists along with various kinds of medicines and medical equipment. Arrangements are also made for sick delegates to receive treatment in the hospital.

For your rest and recreation, hostels are furnished with TV sets, Karaoke sets, newspapers and journals. In addition, bookstores and book rentals are opened. As entertainment programmes, music show, anyeint, dance variety and films are staged in rotation.

Win Thuzar and GEC sales centres, hairdressing salons, beauty parlours, laundry services, spectacles shops and restaurant are opened for your convenience. And necessary measures have been taken for transport and post office and telephone booths are opened for communications.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

Today, the government is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map to transform the nation into a modern developed democratic one with flourishing discipline. In the process, the National Convention is the first and the most crucial step as well as the work to be put on record. At the National Convention, representatives of people from all walks of life are holding discussions and making suggestions with nationalistic fervour and Union Spirit.

As you know, this session is the final one, so when the NC is over, the remaining steps will be implemented one after another. Nevertheless, destructive elements who are desirous of disrupting the drive for transition to a modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline, those are attempting to seize State power through short cut, lackeys of external elements and those inciting instability and unrest to gain position are now resorting to various means to destabilize the nation with general crises with the intention of inciting mass demonstrations. At the same time, they are hatching schemes to commit subversive acts. I would say tight security measures are being taken for safety of the National Convention and the delegates.

In conclusion, I wish you a success in giving good advice, making suggestions and working together in peace while the NC is in session for adopting detailed basic principles in drawing an enduring State constitution in the interests of the nation and the people.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, wife donate Waso robes to member Sayadaws of SSMNC

YANGON, 18 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay attended the 9th Waso robe offering ceremony at Kanmyint Monastery on Thiri Mingala Street in Sangyoung Township on 12 July.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddham-majotika Bhaddanta Kumara and member

Sayadaws and departmental officials.

Before the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and party offered meals to members of the Sangha in the early morning.

The Chairman Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay donated Waso robes to Chairman Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Kumara and Secretary Sayadaw Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa.

Commander of No 77 Light Infantry Division Brig-Gen Win Myint, officials and wellwishers offered Waso robes to members of the SSMNC.

The Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife shared merits gained. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay donate Waso robes to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Two delegate groups of National Convention meet

YANGON, 18 July — The meetings of the delegate group of representatives-elect and the delegate group of State Service Personnel were held at the designated places of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this morning and afternoon, attended by members of the panel of chairmen of group-wise and delegates.

Delegate group of representatives-elect

The meeting to select a vacant member of the panel of chairmen of the delegate group of representatives-elect was held at the hall-2 this afternoon.

U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization and U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League as members of the panel of chairmen. Deputy Director U Khin Sein of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office Group-4 acted as MC and Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi Shein as co-MC. The MC declared the start of the meeting as 12 out of 13 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 92.31 per cent.

The alternate chairman made an opening address and explained selecting of a vacant member for the panel of chairmen.

U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency-2 tabled a motion and U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township seconded the motion.

Next, the alternate chairman declared that U Kyar Har Shè was selected as a member of the panel of chairmen.

Later, the alternate chairman made concluding remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at 2.50 pm.

Delegate group of State Service Personnel

The meeting to select a vacant member of the panel of chairmen of the delegates group of State Service Personnel was held at the hall-7 this morning.



U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presides over the meeting of delegate group of representatives-elect. — MNA

U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health as members of the panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Htay Win of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office Group-9 acted as MC and Assistant Director U Htein Min as co-MC. The MC declared the start of meeting as 105 out of 106 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 99.06 per cent. The alternate chairman made an opening address and explained selecting of a vacant member for the panel of chairmen.

U Aung Kyi Thein of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation tabled a motion and Col Myint Ohn of the Ministry of Defence seconded the motion.

Next, the alternate chairman declared that Maj-Gen Win Than of the Ministry of Defence was selected as a member of panel of chairmen.

Later, the alternate chairman made the concluding remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at 11.10 pm.

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Sales representatives of Robin brand machines honoured

YANGON, 18 July — The best sales representatives of Robin brand engines, generators and water pumps were honoured and lucky draws for Robin brand items were chosen at Phai Lin Restaurant here yesterday.

Twin Star Co Ltd at No 199 on Bo Myat Tun Road, in Botahtaung Township has distributed Robin brand engines, generators and water pumps across the country at reasonable prices.

Before lucky draws were picked up, officials of Twin Star Co Ltd and sales representatives discussed qualities and durability of the Robin brand products which are available at Twin Star Co Ltd. — MNA



The best sales representative of Robin brand engines, generators and pumps being honoured by an official of Twin Star Co Ltd. — MNA



U Arnt Maung of Ministry of Religious Affairs presides over the meeting of delegate group of State Service Personnel. — MNA

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Coach collision
kills seven, injures
40 in Vietnam

HANOI, 17 July Seven people died and 40 others were injured after a coach bumped into two other ones in Vietnam's southern Dong Nai Province on Monday, *Vietnam News* reported.

After colliding with two other coaches, five motorbikes and one bicycle in the opposite direction, the vehicle on the north-south road hit an electricity pole and overturned in Thong Nhat District.

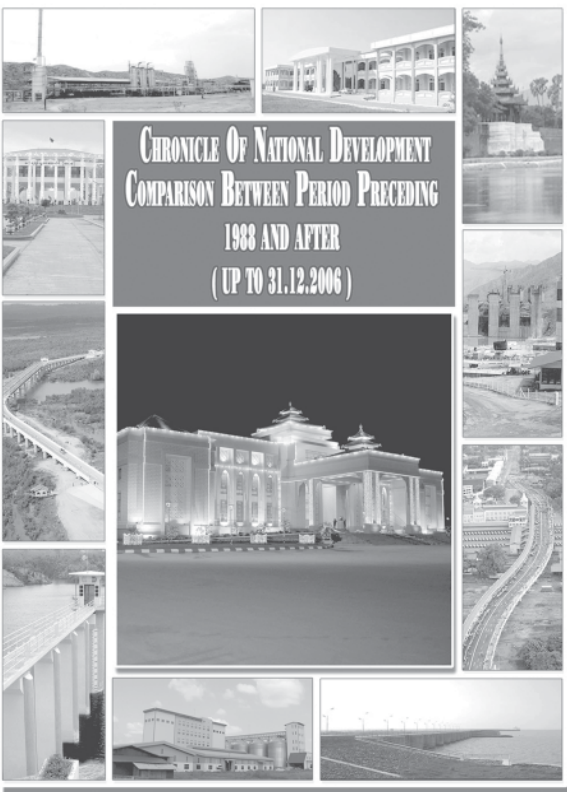
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Over 1,000 children
catch hand foot mouth
disease around Thailand

BANGKOK, 17 July — A total of 1,141 Thai children have caught hand foot mouth disease during the first six months this year, the country's Public Health Ministry announced on Monday.

The victims broke down to 399 in southern provinces, 371 in central provinces, 187 in north-eastern provinces and 184 in northern provinces, according to a bulletin of the ministry. The number included 191 children in Bangkok, local news network *The Nation* reported. Doctor Prat Boonyawongwiroj, permanent secretary for Public Health, said the number of victims of the disease was nearly two times higher than that of the same period last year.

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Calcium, Vitamin D may
lower diabetes risk

NEW YORK, 18 July — Calcium and Vitamin D, whether from food or supplements, may help lower the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, according to a research review.

A number of studies have found links between type 2 diabetes risk and calcium, Vitamin D and dairy food intake. When the results from these studies are combined, the new review found, people with the highest intakes of Vitamin D and calcium had an 18 per cent lower risk of diabetes than those with the lowest intakes.

Similarly, people who ate the most dairy food had a 14-per-cent lower diabetes risk than those who ate the least dairy.

Though it's not clear why calcium and Vitamin D are linked to diabetes risk, lab research has pointed to some possibilities, according to the review authors, led by Dr Anastassios G Pittas of Tufts-New England Medical Centre in Boston.

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Sketches of an 'American Idol' inspired clothing line for girls are seen in an undated publicity photo released to Reuters on 12 July, 2007. — INTERNET

New Zealand eyes security,
trade pacts with Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 July—New Zealand and Malaysia are eager to step up cooperation on counter-terrorism through exchanges of information between their police forces, officials of both countries said on Monday.

Issues of security and trade topped New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark's three-day visit to Malaysia, which is New Zealand's ninth largest trade partner with a trade volume worth 650 million New Zealand dollars (512.2 million US dollars).

New Zealand is part of the Five Power Defence Arrangements, a military pact dating to 1971 that commits Australia, Britain and New Zealand to guarantee the security of Malaysia and Singapore, both former British colonies, if either is attacked.

Malaysia and New Zealand should adopt a more coordinated approach in their efforts to fight terrorism, Clark told Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at a meeting on Monday, Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said. "They want cooperation for the operational side from our police," Syed Hamid told reporters after the meeting in the Malaysian administrative capital of Putrajaya.

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Bus crashes kill 14
in China

BEIJING, 17 July—A minibus overturned in a remote part of southwest China, killing 12 people and injuring eight, *Xinhua* news agency said on Monday, adding to a string of fatal bus crashes in the country in the past few days.

The bus ran through roadside barriers and fell more than 10 metres on Sunday in the mountainous and underdeveloped province of Guizhou, *Xinhua* said.

Eleven were killed on the spot and one died in hospital, the agency said, adding that the bus driver was in critical condition.

A Taiwan woman and a Mainland Chinese were killed when a bus carrying 16 tourists from the self-ruled island crashed in Jinan City, capital of the eastern province of Shandong, state media said.

Seven Taiwan tourists were among the 32 injured.

On Friday, a bus carrying 29 people plunged into the Yarlung Zangbo River in Tibet, killing 14 tourists from inland Chinese provinces and leaving two missing, state media said.

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Indian motorcycle maker TVS opens factory in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 17 July — Indian motorcycle maker TVS Group opened its first factory in Indonesia Monday with the presence of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

Located in the West Java town of Karawang, the factory run by PT TVS Motor Company Indonesia has set initial production target of 300,000 units a year.

The capacity will be increased to one million units a year by 2011 after the factory is expanded.

TVS Group commissioner Venu Srinivasan said the Indonesian plant, which cost some 50 million US dollars, was the fourth for the company and the first outside India.

The company will make Indonesia its production base for South-east Asian markets, he said. In his speech, Susilo said he hoped the Indonesian motorcycle sales would hit five million units a year supported by improving power purchase of the Indonesian

people. "The five million units target is very likely to be achieved. I am confident that after 2007, motorcycle demand will pick up," he said.

Indonesia's motorcycle sales grew by 16.34 per cent to 2.1 million units in the first half of 2007 from the same period last year, according to the data released by the Association of Indonesian Motorcycle Industries (AISI).

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Smoke from artillery and tank shelling rises from the Palestinian Nahr al-Bared refugee camp in northern Lebanon. Three Lebanese soldiers were killed on Saturday when a booby trap set by Fatah al-Islam militants exploded in the Nahr al-Bared Palestinian refugee camp, an Army spokesman said. — INTERNET

Pollution turns famous India RAJ monument yellow

KOLKATA (India), 17 July — Poisonous fumes, dust and smog are staining the white-marbled Queen Victoria Memorial, one of India's best-known landmarks from the days of the British empire, a leading environmental agency warned on Monday. The monument, built a century ago when Kolkata — then known as Calcutta — was the capital of British-ruled India, is turning yellow, according to the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI).

NEERI sent a report last week to the Kolkata High Court recommending measures, including limiting traffic around the Queen Victoria Memorial, to save it from further destruction. "Our findings

were crystal clear and crisp and we believe and trust that our observation will help," a senior NEERI official, who requested not to be named, said on Monday.

Built in the early 20th century, the memorial houses one of the world's longest paintings — an elephant procession — among some 3,000 exhibits in 25 galleries. A bronze statue of Queen Victoria is enthroned at the entrance and the dome is inscribed with the text of her imperial proclamation speech. "The white marble is turning yellowish due to pollution, and plasters have peeled off in many chamber walls," Bimal Bandyopadhyay, a senior archaeologist said. — MNA/Reuters

Passenger jet skids off runway in Colombia



A Embreair 190 aircraft is seen after an emergency landing at Simon Bolivar airport in Santa Marta, about 1286 Km (800 miles) north of Bogota, on 17 July, 2007. — INTERNET

B OGOTA, 17 July — A Colombian plane carrying 54 passengers skidded off a wet runway and plunged nose-first into the Caribbean Sea Tuesday in Santa Marta, 950 km north of Bogota, injuring at least six people, local aviation officials said. The plane, operated by Aero Republica, smashed through the fence at the end of the runway at Simon Bolivar airport and slid halfway into the water when landing in heavy rain, the officials said, adding that the plane was evacuated and six people were slightly injured. — Internet

Boys cool down in a public fountain in Berlin on 16 July, 2007. Weather forecast predicts a peak of 36 degrees Celsius (96.8 degrees Fahrenheit) for the next days. XINHUA

Dengue fever hits over 23,600 people in Thailand this year

BANGKOK, 17 July — A total of 23,653 people have been hit by dengue fever this year around Thailand with 21 of them killed by the disease, the Public Health Ministry of the country announced on Monday.

Deputy Public Health Minister Morakot Kornkasem said the 23,653 cases had been recorded until 7 July.

Among the cases, 8,177 cases happened in central provinces, 6,816 in north-eastern provinces, 5,282 in southern provinces and 3,378 in northern provinces.

The high-danger season

of dengue fever is July but earlier than usual rains has meant that dengue is a greater concern this year than before, Morakot was quoted by local radio FM

100 as saying, adding that the insurgency in the far South means that anti-mosquito measures are more difficult to apply.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide driver kills five on German motorway

BERLIN, 17 July — A suicide driver killed himself and four others after he took a wrong way down a motorway in northern Germany and crashed into another car, local reports said Sunday.

The 41-year-old German driver who drove against the traffic was apparently determined to take his own life, German news agency DPA quoted police as saying. The motorist died at the scene along with four passengers of the car he rammed head-on near the town of Oldenburg, 150 kilometres south-west of Hamburg, said the report. — MNA/Xinhua



SPORTS

Inter bag Lazio’s Jimenez, Colombian Rivas

MILAN, 18 July — Inter Milan have drafted in Lazio playmaker Luis Jimenez and River Plate’s Colombian defender Nelson Rivas.

The two players arrived at Inter's mountain training base in northern Italy late on Monday and took part in training on Tuesday, Inter's website (www.inter.it) said, without giving details of the transfers.

Chilean Jimenez has moved to the San Siro after falling out with Lazio bosses.

The 23-year-old likes to play in the hole behind the striker and was a leading light for the Rome club last season as they secured a Champions League berth despite tough financial constraints.— MNA/Reuters



China’s goakeeper Li Leilei misses the ball for an Iran goal scored by Ferydoon Zandi (not in picture) during their 2007 Asian Cup Group C soccer match in Kuala Lumpur on 15 July, 2007.—INTERNET

Indonesia’s Bambang hoping for happy ending at Asian Cup

JAKARTA, 18 July — Indonesia are not afraid of facing mighty South Korea in their final group match at the Asian Cup, striker Bambang Pamungas said on Tuesday.

"We know that Korea are one of the best teams in Asia," the 27-year-old told a news conference.

"They've played in the World Cup many times but we have no fear about that."

All four teams can still qualify for the quarterfinals from Group D, making for a tense finale on Wednesday. Group leaders Saudi Arabia will line up against Bahrain in Palembang while Indonesia play Korea in Jakarta.

Indonesia beat Bahrain and lost only by a stoppage-time goal to Saudi Arabia. They gave the Saudis a torrid time in the cavernous Gelora Bung Karno Stadium, roared on by more than 88,000 fans, before running out of steam in the final stages.

"When you concede a goal in the last minute it's very difficult," said Bambang. "But after the game we had a meeting and we said we still have a chance to qualify, we still have a job to do."

He said Indonesia would aim to play their own way against 2002 World Cup semifinalists Korea and push to the final whistle.

"Hopefully we can maintain it for the 90 minutes and there will be a happy ending for us."

South Korea, one of the pre-tournament favourites, have been a major disappointment so far and even a win against Indonesia might not be enough to secure them a spot in the last eight.

Coach Pim Verbeek knows his team have their backs to the wall but refused to write off their chances. —MNA/Reuters

Manchester United held 2-2 by J-League champions

TOKYO, 18 July — Manchester United were held to a 2-2 draw by J-League champions Urawa Reds in a friendly match at Saitama Stadium on Tuesday.

United scored through Darren Fletcher and Cristiano Ronaldo, with Urawa getting goals from Hideki Uchidate and Shinji Ono.

United started off the game at a leisurely pace, content just to stroke the ball around the pitch.

After Wayne Rooney and Michael Carrick failed to find the target with early efforts, Ronaldo brought the 58,716 fans to their feet in the 24th minute with a cracking, 20-metre shot that Urawa keeper Ryota Tsuzuki did well to palm away.

A minute later, United found themselves 1-0 down when Uchidate fired off a speculative shot from 25 metres that wrong-footed Edwin van der Saar in the United goal.

In the dying minutes of the first half, Rooney burst into life, first setting up a free header for Paul Scholes,

then running 50 metres through the Reds defence, before firing off a low shot that was also saved by Tsuzuki. United drew level in the second minute of the second half when Michael Carrick set up Fletcher for a low drive from 10 metres.

After a Rooney cracker that just cleared the bar, United took the lead in the 52nd minute.

Giggs released Ronaldo on the left and the Portuguese player cut in and finished off the move with a crisp, low drive from 20 metres.— MNA/Reuters

Furyk bemused by fuss over his lofty world ranking

CARNOUSTIE (Scotland), 18 July — Jim Furyk is flabbergasted he gets more recognition for his lofty world ranking than he receives for his one major victory.

The 37-year-old has frequently occupied second place behind Tiger Woods, although he was displaced on Monday by Phil Mickelson after his fellow American was runner-up at the Scottish Open.

"I have probably gotten more attention for being ranked second in the world than I did for winning the 2003 US Open," Furyk told reporters at the British Open on Tuesday.

"It's mind-boggling to me. I cannot understand or fathom why that would be the case."

Furyk, one of the favourites for this week's championship, says he never considers rankings when he goes head-to-head with an opponent on the final day of a tournament.

"Coming down the stretch, everyone is playing well, you don't worry about the guy you're playing against, you worry about what you're doing," he said.

"It (rankings) don't mean that much to me. I am trying to win golf tournaments."

Furyk ended a dismal run of five successive missed cuts at the British Open when he finished fourth at Hoylake 12 months ago.— MNA/Reuters

Bayern’s Toni out 10 days for knee injury

BERLIN, 18 July — Bayern Munich striker Luca Toni will be out of action for at least 10 days for a torn tendon in his right knee, the club said on Monday.

"He won't be out of action for longer than 10 days because the knee itself was not injured," a statement on the club's website said. However, he will miss this Saturday's Ligacup match against Werder Bremen in Dusseldorf. — MNA/Xinhua



Chinese NBA star Yao Ming plays basketball with children at the Shanghai Sports Institute in Shanghai on 8 July, 2007. Current and former NBA players participate in the “Basketball Without Borders” event in Shanghai to coach 54 young participants from 17 countries and territories across Asia. The event promotes friendship, healthy living and education with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.—INTERNET

Harrington rated fourth favourite at Carnoustie

CARNOUSTIE (Scotland), 18 July — World number 10 Padraig Harrington is rated fourth favourite to land the British Open title, even though he has not appeared in the final two rounds of the championship since 2003.

The 35-year-old Irishman missed the cut in 2004 and 2006 and did not play the 2005 edition due to the death of his father.

This week at Carnoustie, though, the bookmakers place Harrington behind only Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson on the betting list.— MNA/Reuters



Participants take part in the opening ceremony of the Pan American Games at Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro on 13 July, 2007. —XINHUA

Australians proud to prove critics wrong

BANGKOK, 18 July — Australia's players have lashed out at their critics after Monday's Asian Cup win over Thailand, saying media speculation of a rift within the squad had spurred them on.

Reports of a split in the camp had begun circulating after the Socceroos' 3-1 loss to Iraq in their second Group A match had threatened to end their campaign early.

The team angrily dismissed the claims but said they had provided the motivation needed to crush Thailand 4-0 in their last group match and advance to the quarterfinals.

"We've copped a lot of crap off everybody and I'm happy with the response," Australia captain Mark Viduka told reporters on Tuesday.

"We were all obviously disappointed with our performances but I think we should be criticized for the way we performed. —MNA/Reuters

Brazil jet disaster probe begins

SAO PAULO, 18 July — Rescue workers and crash investigators are searching the wreckage of a Brazilian passenger jet that crashed in flames at Sao Paulo's main airport.

All 186 people on board the Airbus 320 are believed dead, as well as many as 15 people on the ground.

Tam Airlines Flight 3054 from the southern city of Porto Alegre landed at Congonhas airport in driving rain.

The plane skidded across a crowded road before it crashed into a fuel depot and warehouse and exploded.

Reports spoke of

motorists being killed on the road and people jumping out of the windows of the low-rise Tam Airlines building.

"The plane accelerated when it reached the end of the runway and tried to take off again to avoid the road, but it crashed into the building and exploded," eyewitness Junior Matos told AFP news agency.

President Luiz Inacio

Lula da Silva has declared three days of national mourning for the victims of what is thought to be Brazil's worst air disaster.

Sao Paulo State Governor Jose Serra said none of the 186 people on board the Tam Airlines flight could have survived the crash, with temperatures in the fire reaching 1,000C.

The state's attorney general, Rodrigo Pinho, said the authorities would carry

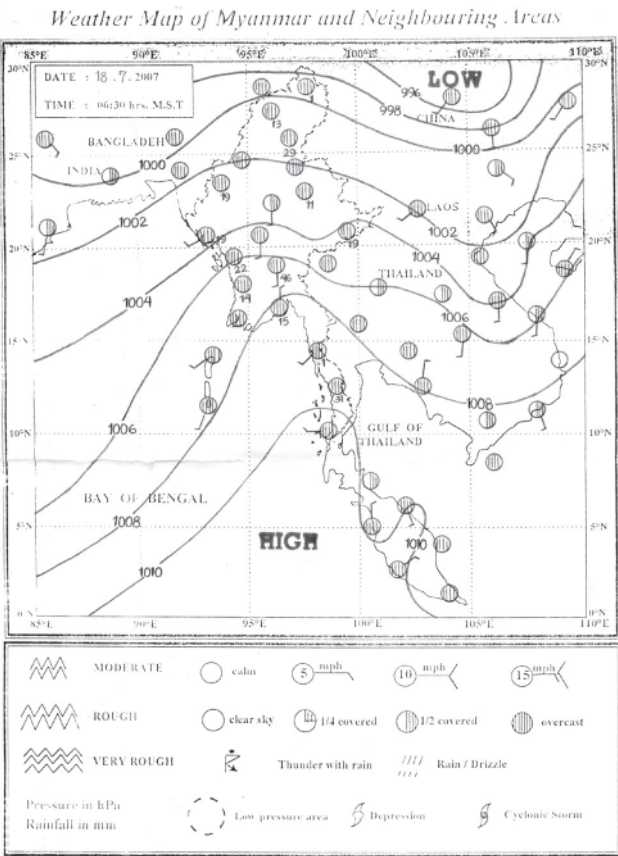
out a thorough investigation "to determine the cause and to identify who was responsible".

A Brazilian opposition congressman, Julio Redecker, is reported to have been among those on the flight.

Internet



The plane skidded across a main road before hitting a fuel depot.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 18 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States and Magway Division, scattered in Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.58) inches, Kyauktaw (3.31) inches, Hkamti (2.41) inches, Shwegyin (2.08) inches, Taungoo (1.81) inches and Kayan (1.61) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-7-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 18-7-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-7-2007 was 97%. Total sunshine hours on 17-7-2007 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfall on 18-7-2007 was (0.11) inch at Mingaladon, (0.55) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (74.09) inches at Mingaladon, (79.01) inches at Kaba-Aye and (78.86) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (19:20) hours MST on 17-7-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-7-2007: Rain will be isolated in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Moderate to rough seas are likely in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 19 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - Higher than heaven (Bardot)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - Space Invaders (Hit & Hide)
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
 - She's been good to me (Marc Anthony)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
 - Look at us (Sarina Patis)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music:
 - Another day in paradise (Phil Collins)
 - Still (Lionel Richie)
 - Baby come to me (Jame Ingram & Pattisuston)
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar
 - The information of Mrauk U Hotel
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Topics Potpourri
 - Uganda bans plastic bags, promotes banana leave
 - Dark chocolate can ease blood pressure
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
 - If you come to me
 - Any man of mind
 - Life will never be the same
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 19 July
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 - 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 - 5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am
 - 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 - 7. Dance variety
- 8:30 am
 - 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 - 9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 - 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - 3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
 - 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 - 5. Cute little dancers
- 5:10 pm
 - 6. Musical programme
- 5:25 pm
 - 7. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 5:40 pm
 - 8. သာဓုခေါ်ဆိုဖွယ်ရာအလင်း
- အလှူတော်မင်္ဂလာ
- 6:00 pm
 - 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 - 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 - 11. သီရိဇေယျာ
- 7:05 pm
 - 12. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
 - 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ချစ်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm
 - 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကြမ္မာနတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 18. "ကြယ်စင်ပတ်လည် ဝန်းရံလျက်တည်သောအတိုင်းမသိ ရွှေပြည်" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ နေအောင်၊ မွေး၊ လွင်မိုး၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ မြင့်မြင့်နိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)
- 19. The next day's programme

National Convention reconvenes at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township



Delegates to the National Convention attend Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

YANGON, 18 July — With six objectives: Non-disintegration of the Union; Non-disintegration of national solidarity; Perpetuation of sovereignty; Flourishing of genuine multi-party democracy system; Further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values namely justice, liberty and equality in the State; and For the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the State, the National Convention, which was held from 10 October to 29 December 2006 and temporarily adjourned, reconvened at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp

in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Present on the occasion were National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, National Convention Convening Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, delegates of political parties such as

National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, (See page 9)

Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission explains procedures of the National Convention Destructive elements hatching schemes to commit subversive acts Tight security measures being taken for safety of the National Convention and delegates

YANGON, 18 July— *The following is the clarification on procedures of the National Convention made by Secretary of the National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at the Plenary Session of the National Convention that resumed today.*

It gives me great pleasure to have a reunion with all the National Convention delegates here.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

We have invited the delegates in accord with the previous list. The previous sessions of the National Convention were convened successfully thanks to the delegates who observed all the procedures and rules and regulations with conviction. As you, the delegates, have already known that this is the final session of the National Convention, I would like to explain in detail the procedures and rules and regulations and the administrative functions covering transport, accommodation and health care services for the delegates to the

National Convention to achieve success as in the previous sessions.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

The procedures and rules and regulations of the National Convention have the preamble and seven Chapters.

The Chapter I states the six objectives of the National Convention as follows:

- Non-disintegration of the Union
- Non-disintegration of the national solidarity
- Perpetuation of sovereignty
- Flourishing of genuine multi-party democracy
- Further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of the worldly values namely justice, liberty and equality in the State
- For the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the State.

The delegates will have to hold discussions within the framework of the six objectives of the National

Convention to lay down and adopt basic principles and detailed basic principles.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

The Chapter II stipulates the duties and powers and rights and privileges of the delegates, their codes of conduct and principles and the facts about the Panel of Chairmen.

Some of the important codes of conduct and rules for the delegates are:

- (1) not to be loyal to any other nation except the Union of Myanmar
- (2) To observe with respect the directives of the Panel of Chairmen of the National Convention or the Panel of Chairmen of the delegate groups
- (3) To act in accordance with the ethics of the delegates and to stay away from disturbing or harming the functions of the National Convention

(See page 10)