

Kayah State cannot fully develop as there remains handful of insurgents

Destructive elements sowing discord, dissension among national races undermining already-achieved national solidarity in Kayah State

Youths of today responsible to preserve fine traditions, essence of national unity

Main building of Loikaw University in Loikaw, Kayah State opened

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug—A ceremony to open the main building of Loikaw University of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar)

under the Ministry of Education in Loikaw, Kayah State was held at the university this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education

Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Member of

the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, Chairman of Kayah State PDC Col Nyunt Tin, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, chairmen of the District and Township PDCs and members, leaders of national races in Kayah State, social organizations, rector of the university, professors/heads of department, (See page 8)

The government opened arts and science university, technological university and university of computer science in Loikaw, Kayah State for the local people to pursue higher education in their region and facilitated them with modern teaching and learning aids.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at opening ceremony of the main building of Loikaw University.—MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 6 August, 2007

Build small hydropower generators for rural areas

The government is making efforts for generation of more power in the whole nation and it has been implementing hydropower projects in order to fulfil the power need of the people.

Among the hydropower projects, Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Division, is one of them.

The Construction-9 of the Irrigation Department has built small generators to be used in irrigation. Arrangements are being made for supply of power to Hmyinwataung Village near Ma Mya Dam with the use of the two five-kilowatt generators.

One five-kilowatt generator is capable of lighting 200 two-foot fluorescent lamps. Socio-economic life of the people in the regions will improve as Ma Mya Dam can supply water and power to Hmyinwataung Village and its environs.

It is believed that construction of small hydropower generators at other dams will contribute towards supply of power in the rural areas.



Ko Thurein Lin Tun and members of Soft Home Software House of No 45 on Insein Road in Kamayut Township hand over the note of Website of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Chairman of Administrative Board U Kyaw Shein and Secretary U Aung Than on 5 August. — 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

Yangon Division PDC holds Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 5 Aug — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council held the communal Waso robes offering ceremony at Aletawya Sarthintaik in Bahan Township yesterday, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai.

First, the congregation opened the ceremony with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa* and received the Five Precepts from Aletawya Sarthintaik Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gandamalabhivamsa.

Next, the commander, wife and those



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai donate Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw.— MNA

present donated Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha. Afterwards, Chairman U Aung Myint of Yangon	Division West District PDC accepted K 500,000 for the monastery donated by Yangon Division PDC.	The congregation shared merits gained and donated meals to members of the Sangha.
		MNA

NC delegates pay homage to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Shwedagon Pagoda, attend service at church

YANGON, 5 Aug — Under the arrangements of Invitation and Reception Subcommittee, the delegates to National Convention together with officials of the subcommittee paid homage to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image and Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday and today. The Christian delegates attended the service at Kyimyindine Baptist Church.

The NC delegates paid homage to the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township yesterday. They offered flowers and water to the Buddha image and donated cash to funds.

They visited Shwedagon Pagoda today and paid homage to Padamya Myetshin Buddha Image on the upper terrace of the pagoda. They offered flowers, water, lights and joss-sticks to the image



Christian delegates attend service at Kyimyindine Baptist Church. MNA

and donated cash to the funds.

Similarly, the Christian delegates together with the officials attended the service at Kyimyindine Baptist Church in Kyimyindine Township this morning.

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Tornado destroys some wards and villages in Labutta Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — A tornado hit some wards and villages in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division, at about 10.10 am yesterday. Due to the storm 40 houses in four wards and 20 houses in Hsakyin Village in the township and some other property such as walls, school buildings and offices were damaged.

Four students were injured as a school building in AungHla Village was knocked down by the storm. Two died of their injuries when they were sent to the village dispensary and the other two are now being given treatment at Labutta Township Hospital. The storm victims were evacuated to relief camps and local authorities and social organizations are providing relief aid for them. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Toxic cloud to hit 2bn people

NEW DELHI, 5 Aug — They call it the Asian Brown Cloud. Anyone who has flown over South Asia has seen it — a vast blanket of smog that covers much of the region. It is also what colours those sunsets at the Taj Mahal. Now a group of scientists has carried out the first detailed study of the phenomenon and arrived at a troubling conclusion.

They say that it is causing Himalayan glaciers to melt, with potentially devastating consequences for more than two billion people in India, China, Bangladesh and other downstream countries. In a study published by Nature, the British journal, they say

that black soot particles in the cloud are absorbing the Sun's heat and pushing up temperatures at the same altitude as most Himalayan glaciers.

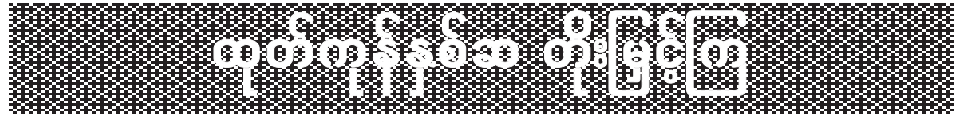
Scientists have already observed that two thirds of the 46,000 glaciers in the Himalayas are shrinking, leading to increasingly severe floods downstream and, eventually, to widespread drought. Greenhouse gases were previously thought to be the main cause of the problem, which threatens the sources of Asia's nine main rivers — including the Indus, the Ganges and the Yangtze.

But the research team from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography

in California says that the Asian Brown Cloud — made up of gases and suspended particles known as aerosols — is just as much to blame. "My one hope is that this finding will intensify the focus of Asian scientists and policy makers on the glacier issue," Veerabhadran Ramanathan, who led the research, told The Times.

"These glaciers are the source for major river systems, so at least two billion people are directly involved in this."

The cloud is an enormous plume of smoke from factories, power plants and wood or dung fires that stretches across the India into South East Asia. — *Internet*



The media takes photos of a car powered by Panasonic's "Oxyride" AA dry cell batteries after a Guinness World Record attempt at a vehicle test centre in Shirosato town, northeast of Tokyo on 4 Aug, 2007. According to the organizers, the collaboration of Panasonic and Osaka Sangyo University has achieved the new record for the fastest car powered by dry cell batteries with the average speed of 105.95 km/h (65.8 mph) for 1 km (0.6 miles), using 192 AA dry cell batteries. — INTERNET

US soldier sentenced to 110 years

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug — A US soldier has been sentenced to 110 years in prison for his role in the rape and murder of a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and the killing of her family. Private Jesse Spielman was convicted of conspiracy to rape and murder. He said he acted as a lookout for four other soldiers who carried out the attack in Mahmudiya in March 2006. Pfc Spielman was given the longest sentence of the group. Three other soldiers pleaded guilty and received sentences between five and 100 years. The fifth man faces trial in a civil court having been discharged from the army. — *Internet*

Iranian commander says enemy not able to launch attack

TEHERAN, 4 Aug — A senior Iranian military commander said on Thursday that the country's enemy is by no means able to launch military attack against the Islamic Republic, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Air Force Commander Brigadier-General Ahmad Miqani made the remarks in his speech at a ceremony to celebrate the graduation of a number of officers in an unidentified air base, said IRNA.

Miqani was quoted as saying that threats by certain countries "have been always made against the country, but the question is why they have never been carried out?"

He said his Army has made remarkable achievements in various fields relying on efforts made by its young experts, adding

"this has resulted in promoting Iran's authority inside and outside the region".

MNA/Xinhua



Thai soldiers and bomb squad units inspect a motorcycle damaged after a bomb exploded in Narathiwat Province recently. A soldier was shot dead by suspected rebels and at least seven civilians were wounded in a bomb blast at a food stall in Thailand's restive Muslim-majority south, according to police. — INTERNET

Four US soldiers killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug — Four US soldiers were killed in Baghdad on Thursday, three of them when their patrol was struck by a roadside bomb, the US military said on Friday.

The roadside bomb attack took place as US troops were conducting operations to disrupt insurgent and militia activities in eastern Baghdad, the military said.

A fourth soldier was killed in combat in western Baghdad. The deaths took

the US death toll in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003 to at least 3,665.

Thousands of US troops have been deployed in Baghdad to quell sectarian violence between majority Shiite and Sunni Arabs. US commanders have said they expect troop casualties to rise as the troops increase their visibility.

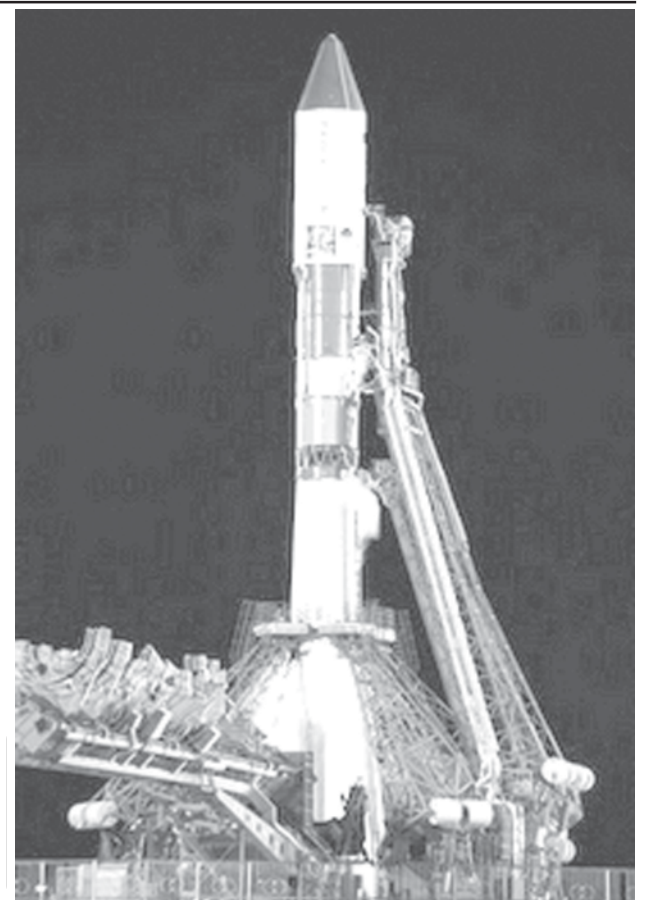
The website icasualties.org, which tracks the number of coalition deaths in Iraq, also said the July

death toll for US soldiers had risen to 81, tying with February and March. US troops began the crack-down in Baghdad in February.

May was the deadliest month in two-and-a-half years with 126 killed, and more than 100 died in both April and June.

MNA/Reuters

Russian cargo space ship Progress M-61 is ready to take off a launch pad at Kazakhstan's Baikonur Cosmodrome early Friday morning, 3 Aug, 2007. Russia launches cargo ship with supplies, equipment for international space station. — INTERNET



Helicopters drop food to two million

LUCKNOW, (India) 5 Aug — Helicopters dropped food to almost 2 million marooned Indian villagers on Saturday as the death toll from unusually heavy monsoon rains and floods in South Asia rose to more than 225.

The food drops to 2,200 villages cut off by flooding aimed to help desperate residents in the worst-hit eastern parts of India's Uttar Pradesh state. Umesh Sinha, the state relief commissioner, also said nearly 280,000 acres of rice paddy crops had been destroyed.

In India's northeastern Assam state, flooding forced rhinos from their habitat at the Kaziranga National Park and their panicked charges killed one person and injured two others, wildlife officials said.

At least 229 people have been killed in India and neighbouring Bangladesh, and 19

million driven from their homes in recent days. The South Asian monsoon season runs from June to September as the rains work their way across the subcontinent, a deluge that scatters floods and landslides across the region and kills hundreds of people every year.

The number of dead in Bangladesh rose to 81 Saturday, up from 65 a day earlier, the country's information ministry said. Raging floodwaters have battered 38 out of 64 districts in the delta nation of 145 million people.

Fakhruddin Ahmed, head of Bangladesh's military-backed interim government, visited the

northwestern district of Sirajganj on Saturday. Despite the devastation, he said the government had enough food and medicine to distribute and foreign assistance wasn't yet needed.

Low-lying areas around Dhaka were under neck-deep water, and many residents were using boats to travel around. Government meteorologists said water levels in Dhaka continued to rise.

Internet

US soldier killed in Baghdad combat

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug— A US soldier was killed and three others were wounded during combat operations in Baghdad, the US military said on Friday.

The incident took place on Thursday in western part of the Iraqi capital, the military said in a statement. The latest death brings the number of US soldiers that have been

killed in Iraq to more than 3,660 since the Iraq war broke out in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Afghans check reports of civilian deaths from bombings

KANADHAR, (Afghanistan), 4 Aug — Afghan

authorities were checking on Friday reported heavy civilian casualties after air strikes by Western forces in the southern province of Helmand.

At least 20 wounded civilians were brought to a main hospital in Lashkar Gah, the pro-

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A child reads at a book store in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 4 Aug, 2007. Some children go to the cool book stores for reading in the hot summer holidays. — XINHUA

US spy satellite declared loss, to drop from orbit

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — The National Reconnaissance Office has deemed an experimental US spy satellite a total loss and will allow it to slowly drop from orbit and burn up in the atmosphere, two defence officials told Reuters this week.

The classified *L-21*, built by Lockheed Martin Corp at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars, was

launched on December 14 but has been out of touch since reaching its low-earth orbit, put by satellite watchers at about 220 miles (350 kilometres) above the earth.

It will now gradually fall out of orbit over the coming decades, said the officials, who asked not to be named. At some later date, it will burn up as it enters the earth's

atmosphere, posing no danger to people below, they said.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon will likely now have to test aspects of new technologies that were on the *L-21* by piggybacking them onto other satellites over the next four to five years, the officials said.

For instance, the military could put the new sensors aboard *TacSat 3*, the latest in a series of smaller satellites, when it launches later this year.

The NRO could still try to build a new

spacecraft to test the technology, but it would take several years to get the funding for such a satellite and build it, one official said.

The two officials declined to identify what exactly the experimental Lockheed satellite was meant to test, but said its failure was troubling, given that other countries were rapidly plowing ahead with development and launch of new capabilities, especially in the area of synthetic aperture radars. — MNA/Reuters

A boy paddles his boat at the submerged Kolongpaar market in the flood affected area of Kolongpaar village in the Kamrup District, in India's northeastern state of Assam. Flooding triggered by monsoon rains has killed some 1,400 people and marooned around 25 million in India, Bangladesh and Nepal in what some officials on Saturday called the worst inundation in years. — INTERNET



vincial capital, Helmand's police chief Mohammad Hussein Andiwal said.

Residents have told journalists and provincial officials that between 200 to 300 civilians were killed or wounded in the raids on Thursday in the remote district of Baghran, which lies to the north of Lashkar Gah.

"I can confirm there were heavy bombardments," Andiwal told Reuters by phone from Helmand.

"We have heard of heavy casualties too and have sent a team to investigate this."

A provincial lawmaker in Kabul, Mohammad Anwar, also received reports of high civilian casualties.

MNA/Reuters



Miss Indonesia 2006 Agni Pratistha (L) crowns Putri Raemawasti, the winner of the Miss Indonesia beauty contest, during the pageant's final in Jakarta on 4 Aug, 2007. Thirty-six contestants from 33 provinces in Indonesia took part in the pageant. — INTERNET

NCC Work Committee Chairman’s clarification...

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- the Lahu National Development Party;
 - the Union Kayin League;
 - the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party;
 - the Wa National Development Party;; and
 - representatives of political parties from the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, and three Independent Representatives-Elect including Dr Hmu Htan, and six Independent Representatives-Elect including U Tin Win held group-wise discussions, and suggested that the detailed basic principles for the Chapter “General Provisions” should be adopted. The are:
1. This Constitution is the Basic Law of laws of the State.
 2. Myanmar language is the official language.
 3. The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.
 4. Interpretation of the preamble, articles, clauses, words and expressions contained in this Constitution shall be based only on Myanmar text.
 5. Interpretation of the expressions of this Constitution should be referred to the existing Interpretation of Expressions Law.
 6. A Myanmar manuscript of this Constitution shall be kept at the National Archives. The manuscript shall be conclusive evidence of the provisions of this Constitution.
 7. In the interest of the State, the Union Government may permit—
 - (a) Region or State government,
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 8. The Union of Myanmar shall honour all legitimate obligations arising out of any treaties or agreements which before the commencement of this Constitution were in force between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of any other State, provided that such other State honours any reciprocal obligations towards the Union of Myanmar.
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 - (a) Any proceedings relating to contracts or liabilities which might have been brought against the Government of the Union of Myanmar before this Constitution comes into force, may be brought against the Union Government.
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 10. The Constitutional Tribunal shall consist of nine members including the chairman. The President, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall select three members each who meet the following qualifications from among Hluttaw members or non-Hluttaw members:
 - (a) person who has attained the age of 50 years;
 - (b) person who possesses qualifications set for a Pyithu Hluttaw, other than restriction on age,
 - (c) person who possesses qualifications set for

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 - (d) person who has political, administrative, economic and security outlooks.
 - (e) person who is loyal to the State and the people.
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 12. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have no right to reject the persons nominated for members of the Constitutional Tribunal by the President unless it can prove the members disqualified.
 13. The President may, in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution, have the right to nominate new members for the seats of Constitutional Tribunal that are still vacant due to failure to obtain agreement of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 14. The President shall appoint the chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 15. The term of the Constitutional Tribunal is five years, the same as that of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. However, the ongoing Constitutional Tribunal, on expiry of its term, shall continue to carry out its functions till the President forms a new Constitutional Tribunal under this Constitution.
 16. A member of the Constitutional Tribunal:
 - (a) shall be deemed to have resigned from the Hluttaw concerned on the date of being appointed if he is a member of any Hluttaw.
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 - (c) shall have no right to participate in activities of the political party concerned during tenure of membership starting from the date of being appointed if he is a member of a political party.
 17. A member of the Constitutional Tribunal may have the right to submit his resignation to the President if he wishes to resign before expiry of his tenure due to a reason.
 18. The President may appoint a new member in accord with the provisions of this Constitution if there is a vacancy in membership in the Constitutional Tribunal for a certain reason.
 19.
 - (a) A member of the Constitutional Tribunal can be blamed or impeached under any of the following reasons:
 - (1) treason;
 - (2) violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution;
 - (3) misbehaviour;
 - (4) incapability of discharging duties prescribed in the Constitution for a member of the Constitutional Tribunal;
 - (5) inefficient discharge of duties;
 - (b) If need arises to blame or impeach a member of the Constitutional Tribunal, it shall do so under the provisions prescribed in this Constitution set to blame or impeach the Chief Justice or a Supreme Court Justice.
 20. The functions of the Constitutional Tribunal are as follows:
 - (a) to interpret provisions of the Constitution,
 - (b) to scrutinize whether or not laws enacted

- by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Region Hluttaws and the State Hluttaws and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the Constitution,
 - (c) to scrutinize functions of executive authorities of Pyidaungsu, Regions, States and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the Constitution,
 - (d) to decide on disputes in connection with the Constitution between Pyidaungsu and regions, between Pyidaungsu and States, between Regions and States, among Regions, among States, and between Regions or States and Self-Administered Areas and among Self-Administered Areas themselves to perform other duties prescribed in the Constitution,
 - (e) to decide on disputes in connection with the rights and responsibilities of the Pyidaungsu and Regions; or States or Self-Administered Areas in implementing Union law by Regions, States or Self-Administered Areas,
 - (f) to scrutinize and decide on matters relating to Union territories informed by the President,
 - (g) tasks entrusted by laws prescribed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,
21. If there is a dispute as to whether a provision prescribed in a law is in conformity with the Constitution in hearing a case by a court, and the Constitutional Tribunal has not made any decision regarding the case, the court shall suspend its hearing and submit its views to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its decision. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal regarding the dispute shall apply all the cases.
 22. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be final.
 23. The following persons shall have the right to directly submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal for its interpretation, decision, and stance:
 - (a) President;
 - (b) Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw;
 - (c) Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw,
 - (d) Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw,
 - (e) Chief Justice;
 - (f) Chairman of Union Election Commission.
 24. The following persons or bodies shall have the right to submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its interpretation, decision and stance:
 - (a) Region or State Chief Minister;
 - (b) Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw,
 - (c) Chairman of Leading Body of Self-Administered Areas.
 - (d) At least 10 percent of the members of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw.
 25. Formation and relations of the Constitutional Tribunal, and duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be prescribed by law.
 26. The status of the chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal is designated to be equivalent to the status of a Vice-President, and a member, to the status of a Union minister in order to make reference in prescribing by law regarding the duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal.

Mr Chairman,
Now, I would like to present separate suggestions of the delegate groups.
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NCC Work Committee Chairman’s clarification...

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The Shan State Kokang Democratic Party in its suggestion said, “As regards the para 6, we would like to give a suggestion. Myanmar is formed with Regions and States and self-administered areas where various national races reside. There are national races who are not skilled in Myanmar literature and language. Moreover, some areas of the nation are far away from the place where the National Archives is located. Hence, copies of the Constitution that are translated into the languages of various national races will surely be required.”

“So, we would like to make a suggestion that the government enact necessary law to keep the translated copies of the Constitution at the respective Regions, States and self-administered areas.”

To respond to this suggestion, I would say Myanmar language is common among the national races of the Union of Myanmar, so it has been designated as official language for long. The terms enumerated in the law are to be correct and exact, and I do not think it is easy to translate the terms of law into respective languages of national races, and especially it is more difficult to translate the provisions of a State constitution, and it calls for no mistakes in the process. If there is some mistakes, there will be some difference between the translated work and initial definition. It is needed to continue to use Myanmar language as official language, as practised previously.

I would say this suggestion will be recorded so that if need arises to translate the law into languages of national races in respective Regions or States, necessary measures can be taken under the supervisions of respective governments of respective Regions or States.
Mr chairman,

Independent Representatives-Elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from that Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect said, “Therefore, the points from No 1 to No 26 the Work Committee chairman explained at the NC plenary session held on 13 November 2006 should be adopted.

“I would also like to make a suggestion about a **constitutional index**. An index should be stated in the booklet of the State constitution in order that when need arises to refer sub-paras, paras and pages, the facts can be looked up in the booklet in a short time. The constitutions of some countries feature an index, but those of most countries do not feature an index. The former countries state an index in the end of the booklet of the State constitution. So, I would like to suggest that after the booklet of the State constitution is in circulation, it should feature a **constitutional index**.

They added, “I have learnt that in order to achieve success in working in a systematic and smooth way, there need some methods such as

- (1) implementation of tasks in accordance with policy guidelines,
- (2) reviewing the weak points in doing so,
- (3) assessing the reviews,
- (4) evaluating the assessments,
- (5) laying down better policy guidelines based on the findings. This aphorism is reasonable and useful at any times. In pursuing policy guidelines, it is required to regularly fund out weak points and strong points. It is also needed to assess the reviews to know as to whether

achievement is made or not. Only then, will it be possible to know whether the assessments are effective. And it is required to constantly review the weak points and causes and effects of the remedies to lay down better plans and new guidelines. Now, most nations are practising such methods. So, in building a modern and developed nation in accordance with the upcoming State constitution, emphasis should be placed on **reviewing, assessing the reviews, remedying and evaluating.**”

Of the two suggestions, the first — to feature a constitution index, the 1974 constitution carries a constitution index. So, this suggestion will be put on record to be featured if necessary when respective bodies write a draft of the State constitution.

In relation to the second suggestion, it is in connection with the ongoing procedures being carried out in accordance with the existing law, and it is needed to continue to use the procedures in doing so.

Therefore, in line with the suggestions of the majority of the delegates, the detailed basic principles:

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 - (5) **inefficient discharge of duties;**

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NPE offers Waso robes to monks

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug —Under the aegis of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, the employees of News and Periodical Enterprise held first Waso robes offering at Sulamani monastery in Ywagauk ward, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana today.

Also present at the offering ceremony were Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Managing Director of News and Periodical Enterprise U Soe Win and wife, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and congregation share merits gained at Waso robes offering in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.— MNA

Nyein, officials and ministry. The congregation took the Five Precepts from Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Ardicavamsa of Sulamani Monastery.

The minister donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw. Next, the managing director of NPE and wife, the managing director of PPE and officials also donated Waso robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

The Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the minister and officials offered a day meal to members of the Sangha.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan offers Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw.— MNA

After realizing NLD's acts useless for the State and people

55 members resign from NLD

YANGON, 5 Aug — A total of 55 members including U Ba Ohn, U Sein Cho, U Tun Tun, U Win Ko and U Kyaw Myint of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division resigned from NLD of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and the local authorities on 25 July.

In their resignation letters sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they came to realize NLD's efforts were useless for the State and the people and the leaders of the party had set their heart on grabbing particular power through personal attachment. That was why, they resigned from the party of their own volition they said. — MNA

NCC Work Committee Chairman's clarification...

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- (b) If need arises to blame or impeach a member of the Constitutional Tribunal, it shall do so under the provisions prescribed in this Constitution set to blame or impeach the Chief Justice or a Supreme Court Justice.
20. The functions of the Constitutional Tribunal are as follows:
- to interpret provisions of the Constitution,
 - to scrutinize whether or not laws enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Region Hluttaws and the State Hluttaws and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the Constitution,
 - to scrutinize functions of executive authorities of Pyidaungsu, Regions, States and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the Constitution,
 - to decide on disputes in connection with the Constitution between Pyidaungsu and regions, between Pyidaungsu and States, between Regions and States, among Regions, among States, and between Regions or States and Self-Administered Areas and among Self-Administered Areas

- themselves to perform other duties prescribed in the Constitution,
- to decide on disputes in connection with the rights and responsibilities of the Pyidaungsu and Regions; or States or Self-Administered Areas in implementing Union law by Regions, States or Self-Administered Areas,
 - to scrutinize and decide on matters relating to Union territories informed by the President,
 - tasks entrusted by laws prescribed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,
21. If there is a dispute as to whether a provision prescribed in a law is in conformity with the Constitution in hearing a case by a court, and the Constitutional Tribunal has not made any decision regarding the case, the court shall suspend its hearing and submit its views to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its decision. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal regarding the dispute shall apply all the cases.
22. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be final.
23. The following persons shall have the right to directly submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal for its interpretation, decision, and stance:

- President;
 - Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw;
 - Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw,
 - Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw,
 - Chief Justice;
 - Chairman of Union Election Commission.
24. The following persons or bodies shall have the right to submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its interpretation, decision and stance:
- Region of State Chief Minister;
 - Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw,
 - Chairman of Leading Body of Self-Administered Areas.
 - At least 10 percent of the members of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw.
25. Formation and relations of the Constitutional Tribunal, and duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be prescribed by law.
26. The status of the chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal is designated to be equivalent to the status of a Vice-President, and a member, to the status of a Union minister in order to make reference in prescribing by law regarding the duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils the bronze plaque of the main building of Loikaw University.—MNA

Emergence of main building of Loikaw University fully equipped with characteristics of a modern university is fruitful results of goodwill of the government

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lecturers, teachers and students, local people and others.

bronze inscription.
In his address, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee

ment opened arts and science university, technological university and university of computer sci-

facilitated them with modern teaching and learning aids.
The emergence of the

university is the fruitful results of the goodwill of the government that is taking steps for local

plete with universities in which arts and science, engineering, architecture and computer science are being taught is a state where there were no university and college in 1988. Hence, the emergence of such splendid building facilitated with modern teaching and learning aids is of great significance.

At a time when science and technology is advancing with great momentum the higher education standard of citizens, the development of science and technology in all parts of the nation and the full emergence of intellectuals and intelligentia are of paramount importance so that the entire national people can stand
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Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister Dr Chan Nyein and Col Nyunt Tin open the main building of Loikaw University.— MNA

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and Chairman of Kayah State PDC Col Nyunt Tin formally opened the main building.

Next, the Secretary-1 planted a tree in front of the main building to mark the opening ceremony.

After that, the Secretary-1 unveiled the bronze plaque of the university and sprinkled scented water on it.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister Dr Chan Nyein sprinkled scented water on the

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the govern-

ence in Liokaw, Kayah State for the local people to pursue higher education in their region and

main building of Loikaw University that is fully equipped with the characteristics of a modern

youths to pursue higher education in peace, he said.

Kayah State com-



Newly opened Loikaw University.— MNA

Emergence of
main building
of Loikaw
University...

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tall among international
community.

Therefore, the
government has laid down
and is implementing
development projects to
bring about harmonious
development across the
nation. In the process, it
gives priority to better
transport as well as
development of
education, health,
economic and social
sectors.

Only when local
people are fit and healthy
will they be able to carry
out development tasks in
their regions. And only
when local youths are
nurtured into intellectuals



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with faculty members and cultural troupe at opening of the main building of Loikaw University. — MNA

Looking back to the
past, Kayah State lagged
behind in development
with the exception of
Loikaw due to armed
insurgency. Due to lack of

were insecure.
Consequently, local
youths were unable to
pursue education.
Nowadays, there are
peace and development

tranquillity progress has
been made in agriculture,
livestock breeding and
trade of Kayah State.
In the education
sector, there are nearly 400



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets a local at opening of the main building of Loikaw University.— MNA

and intelligentsia will they
be able to maintain the
already-achieved
development. With this
concept, efforts are being
made to create
opportunity to pursue
higher education in all
parts of the nation and to
fully provide health care
services to the people of
different regions.

Thanks to all-round
development projects,
there prevailed peace and
tranquillity in border
regions including Kayah
State, and significant
progress has been made
in social and economic
sectors of the State.

peace and stability
national races in the region
were in constant fear and
their lives and property

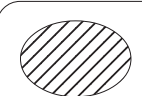
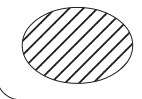
and national unity in
Kayah State except some
border areas. With the
prevalence of peace and

basic education schools in
Kayah State including the
ones opened under the
border areas development
programme. In addition to
modern teaching and
learning aids 18 e-
Learning Centres were
added to those education
schools.

At the same time, it is
safe to say that the
emergence of universities
in which modern science
and technology can be
taught, means creating a
golden opportunity for
local people to pursue
education.

However, Kayah
State cannot fully develop

Emergence of a peaceful
modern developed discipline-
flourishing democratic nation
and perpetuation of the Union
depend on promotion of
education of the people,
reasoning power and know-
ledge and high technology to
build the nation.


Rector
U Sein Oo
of Loikaw
Univer-
sity.
MNA




Ma Wut
Yi Lin, a
student
of
Loikaw
Univer-
sity.

MNA



as there remains a hand-
ful of insurgents in Kayah
State. And continued
efforts are to be exerted
for Kayah State to fully
develop.

Internal and external
destructive elements are
sowing discord and
dissension among
national races with
ulterior motives with the
intention of undermining
the already-achieved
national solidarity in
Kayah State.

As a matter of fact, all
the national brethren have

been living in the Union
through thick and thin
since time immemorial,
preserving their own
traditions, custom and
culture and mutually
respecting their national
character.

The youths of today
are responsible to preserve
the fine traditions have
flourished for years and
the essence of national
unity.

He stressed the need
for national brethren in
Kayah State to strive
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Loikaw University being seen at night.—MNA

Emergence of main building of Loikaw University...

(from page 9)
together with the government like those from other states and divisions in discharging national duties by doing their bit.
The Secretary-1 urged the local people to make continued efforts for achieving basic foundations on peace and tranquillity and development in Kayah State. Transitional processes are being carried out for perpetuation of the Union and emergence of a democratic nation desired by the people, he said.
It is necessary for the

people to participate in the tasks for emergence of the State constitution and approval through the referendum, he added.
Emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation and perpetuation of the Union depend on promotion of education of the people, reasoning power and knowledge and high technology to build the nation, he said.
In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged faculty members to nurture the students to become qualified intellectuals and

intelligentsia who will serve the interest of people and create better opportunities for the Kayah State.
Next, Rector of Loikaw University U Sein Oo reported on improve-ment on education, construction of the main hall, under- and post-graduate courses and academic matters.
Ma Wut Yi Lin, a third year Physics major student, expressed thanks to the government.
Shwetaung Co pre-

sented K 30 million and K 10 million for landscaping and education fund of the university respectively to Rector U Sein Oo.
After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted members of cultural troupes and students. The Secretary-1 and party visited research room for Ph.D and MA or M.Sc students, computer training centre, e-library, lab for physics and language lab.
The Secretary-1 and party had photos taken with the rector and faculty members and members of cultural troupes.
The facade of the three-storey university is 400 feet long and 238 feet wide and 64 feet high. Altogether 2,657 students are attending the various courses at the university.—MNA

Myanmar books berth in semifinal sinking Singapore 2-1

YANGON, 5 Aug — Myanmar booked a berth in the semifinal with a convincing 2-1 win over Singapore in the last match of group-A of ASEAN U-20 Football Championship held in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam today.
Myanmar took an earlier lead with the 10th minute penalty spot of Pyae Phyo Oo at 10th minute in the first half. Singapore took an equalizer at 25th minute in the second half. Pyae Phyo Oo broke the deadlock with the 23th minute goal.
Myanmar tops the group-A on nine points with three wins after three matches and Malaysia has advanced into the semifinal on six points with two wins and one loss after three matches.
Myanmar takes on second placed host Vietnam of group-B at 3.30 pm Vietnam local time on 7 August.

MNA

Cash assistance, relief aids provided to flood victims in Khamti

YANGON, 5 Aug — A ceremony to present cash assistance and aids to flood victims of wards and villages in Khamti Township under swelling water of Chindwin River was held at the hall of Khamti District Peace and Development Council on 2 August morning.
Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint explained relief aid presentation of the ministry on behalf of the State.
Chairman of Khamti Township PDC U Tun Thein reported on measures taken for minimizing damages.
The deputy minister presented cash assistance and relief aids of the ministry and Sagaing Division PDC member U Tin Oo bags of rice. At the ceremony, cash and aids donated to the flood victims totalled K 2.6 million.
The deputy minister and party cordially conversed with flood victims being accommodated at the rescue camp in the precinct of Pawmaing Monastery.
On 31 July, the minister provided six relief items to flood victims who were evacuated from the overflowing of Chindwin River in Homalin Township. —MNA

Heavy rainfall, floods some regions of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — Incessant rainfall caused farmland in Talinekiwn, Kwayhmat and Htantabin village-tracts in Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division, flooding yesterday. Due to the floods, 17 households in Yan Naing Kwethhit in Shwetaungsu Ward were evacuated to the stairways of the Shwethalyaung Pagoda in Ywathit Ward.
Due to rising water level of the Ayeyawady River, about 10 houses on Strand Road in Hsasi Ward in Magway were under waters at the high of about two feet and some 90 households in Paso Village in Magway Township, Satyon, Lebyin, Moephone and Ngweyo wards in Aunglan were evacuated to safe places.
Likewise, flood waters coming from the Ayeyawady River, Dokhtawady River and Panglong River forced more than 700 households in 64 village-tracts to leave for safe places. As TataU-Paleik road Zaycho road in TataU Township have been flooded, small vehicles cannot manage to pass through. The flood victims were provided with 260 bags of rice and 17 schools in TataU Township have been temporally closed since 30 July. —MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation ceremonies in Dagon Myothit (South), Bahan Townships

YANGON, 5 Aug — A ceremony to donate cash and kind to 17 monasteries and two nunneries in four township of Dagon Myothit by families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers was held at Pitikat Thonebon Nikaya Monastery in Ward-26, Dagon Myothit (South) Township this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and donated cash and kind to the members of the Sangha.

It was also attended by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaws, members of the Sangha and nuns of the monasteries and nunneries, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers, departmental officials, members of the social organizations and wellwishers.

First, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Tipitaka Kawvida Dhammabhangarika



Congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence take the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw.—MNA

Bhaddanta Silakkhandhabhivamsa of Pitikat Thonebon Nikaya Monastery administered the Five Precepts to those present.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, senior military officers and officials offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Next, three senior military officers offered provisions donated by families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) to the Nayaka

Sayadaw and members of the Sangha and nuns.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win offered provisions donated by Yangon Division PDC to the Nayaka Sayadaw.

Later, wellwishers donated offertories to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, senior military officers and officials accepted K16.9 million donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Next, Officiating Squadron Leader Major Win Maung Thein of Mingaladon Airbase supplicated on the purpose of donation.

Later, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation shared the merits gained.

Today's donation to monasteries and nunneries totalled 280 bags of rice, 1,186 viss of edible oil, 263 viss of gram, 1,967 viss of iodized salt, 393 tubes of toothpaste, 4,130 bottles of traditional medicine and K

16.9 million.

Similarly, a ceremony to donate cash and kind to 27 monasteries and seven nunneries in Bahan Township was held at Mingalar Zay Dhammayon in Bahan Township this afternoon, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa accepted cash donations of wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today's donations to the monasteries and nunneries in Bahan Township totalled 527 bags of rice, 1,551 viss of edible oil, 3,819 viss of iodized salt, 764 tubes of toothpaste, 764 viss of grand, 6,752 bottles of traditional medicine and K 7,517,000. — MNA

Cash and kind donated to monasteries, nunneries, home for the aged in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug — A ceremony to donate cash and kind to 12 monasteries, four

nunneries and one home for the aged in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana was held at Maha Withutayama

Zaygon Monastery in Ywagauk Ward of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this afternoon.



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin donates provisions to a Sayadaw.

MNA

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, senior military officers and the congregation took the Five Precepts from Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kavisara.

The commander, the minister and the deputy minister donated robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

On behalf of the families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and

Air), three senior military officers offered rice, edible oil, salt, gram and medicines to the Sayadaws.

The deputy minister presented provisions of the Ministry of Religious Affairs to members of the Sangha.

The commander, the minister and senior military officers accepted cash and kind for the monasteries donated by wellwishers.

Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding

Nayaka of Mingalazeyyon Pali Tekkatho Monastery Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Today's donations to the monasteries, nunneries and the home for the aged totalled 326 bags of rice, 730 viss of edible oil, 224 viss of gram, 1,120 viss of iodized salt, 112 tubes of toothpaste, 1,790 packets and 3,840 bottles of traditional medicine and K 21,901,000. — MNA

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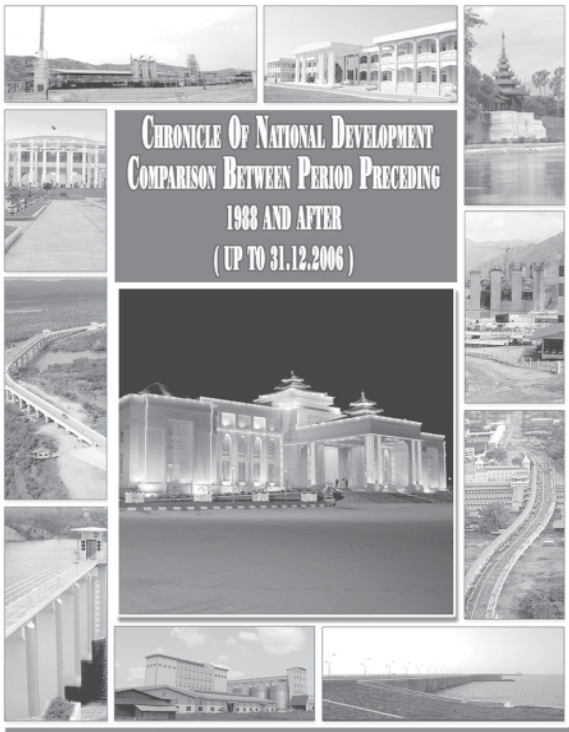
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A freeway bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota, collapsed on Wednesday, killing at least five people and plunging cars and tons of concrete into the water below. — XINHUA

ASEAN forum calls for unconditional release of Korean hostages

MANILA, 4 Aug — The 14th Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum Thursday released a statement, calling for unconditional release of South Korean hostages in Afghanistan.

“The foreign ministers of the participating countries of the ASEAN Regional Forum express our solidarity with the people and government of the Republic of Korea and condemn the hostage taking of their nationals in Afghanistan and deplore in the strongest terms the brutal murder of two hostages,” said the statement. “We call for the immediate, unconditional and safe release of all hostages.” — MNA/Xinhua



US cities double-check bridge safety after Minneapolis collapse

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug — Cities across the United States are scrambling to double-check safety of bridges after the collapse of a Minneapolis bridge into the Mississippi River, killing at least five people and leaving about 100 injured.

In Los Angeles, city council members Friday introduced a motion asking the Bureau of

Engineering and the Public Works Department to provide an update on the city's bridge-renovation programme.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich also planned to ask his colleagues next week to have county road engineers “redouble their efforts” to look at area bridges in light of Wednesday's tragedy in

Minneapolis.

“We are confident with our bridges, but we're asking them to take one more look, to be vigilant in their inspection and maintaining practices,” said a spokesman for Antonovich.

Los Angeles officials said there are two bridges in the city similar in design to the Minnesota bridge, and both are scheduled for replacement.

Each of the 500 bridges in Los Angeles is inspected every two years to assess safety, ability to accommodate traffic and structural integrity, according to the city's Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz.

Xinhua

Protesters chant slogans during a candle-light vigil demanding negotiations between the US government and the Taliban for the safe return of South Korean hostages in Afghanistan, near the US Embassy in Seoul, on 4 Aug, 2007. The Afghan government and Taliban kidnappers on Saturday sought a venue for negotiations to try to free 21 South Korean Christian hostages held for more than two weeks, the provincial police chief said. The banner on the right reads: “Withdrawal of South Korean troops immediately!” — INTERNET

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California hard-hit by West Nile Virus

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday declared a state of emergency in four counties hit hardest by West Nile Virus.

The number of people infected this year with West Nile Virus has been three times higher than the same time last year, Schwarzenegger said in a statement e-mailed to *Xinhua*. The state of emergency, applied to Kern, Colusa and San Joaquin counties, was intended to prevent the spread of this mosquito-borne disease, said the governor.

This year there have been four deaths in California due to West Nile Virus (two in Kern County, one in San Joaquin County and one in Colusa County).

“Today I’m taking action to help the counties hit hardest by West Nile Virus,” Schwarzenegger said. “My proclamation makes financial assistance available to the local vector control districts and directs state agencies to take proactive measures to protect Californians from further spread of this deadly virus. I will continue to ensure our local agencies have whatever resources they need to fight the spread of this disease.”

The recent upturn in foreclosures this year has increased the number of vacant homes this summer

with unattended and untreated pools, which has exacerbated the spread of West Nile Virus, said the governor.

Since taking office, Governor Schwarzenegger has invested more than 15 million US dollars to fight the West Nile Virus. California has one of the most comprehensive West Nile Virus surveillance and control systems in the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



A Russian mini-submarine is uplifted out of water by the research vessel Akademik Fyodorov after performing a record dive in the Arctic Ocean in this image made from Russian television broadcast on 3 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Insulin in plants relieves diabetes in mice

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug — Insulin grown in plants has been shown to relieve diabetes in mice, according to a new study.

Diabetic mice showed signs of recovery after

they were treated with insulin grown in plants, showed the study, conducted by a research team at the University of Central Florida.

In the study, the researchers genetically engineered tobacco plants with the insulin gene and then administered freeze-dried plant cells to five-week-old diabetic mice as a powder for eight weeks. By the end of the study, the diabetic mice had normal blood and urine sugar levels, and their cells were producing normal levels of insulin.

These results and prior research indicate that insulin capsules could someday be used to prevent diabetes before

symptoms appear and treat the disease in its later stages, said biochemist Henry Daniell, who led the study.

Daniell has since proposed using lettuce instead of tobacco to produce the insulin because the crop can be produced cheaply and avoids the negative stigma

associated with tobacco.

Capsules of insulin produced in genetically modified lettuce could hold the key to restoring the body's ability to produce insulin and help millions of Americans who suffer from insulin-dependent diabetes, said the study.

MNA/Xinhua

Poland attacks German demands for pre-war art

WARSAW, 4 Aug — Poland on Friday attacked German efforts to get back works of art that fell into Polish hands after World War II, in the latest sign of diplomatic tensions

between the neighbours. Museums in Germany have been trying to secure works that stayed in Poland after borders were shifted at the end of the war and a German official recently described such items as looted art.

“I am shocked by such rhetoric,” Polish Foreign Minister Anna Fotyga was quoted as saying by Polish daily *Rzeczpospolita*.

Her deputy, Pawel Kowal, said it was particularly inappropriate to raise the issue as Poland was commemorating the 1944 Warsaw Uprising during which Nazi occupiers destroyed almost all the capital and killed tens of thousands of Poles.

MNA/Reuters

Revellers splash water at each other at the start of the annual International Descent of the Sella River on canoe which started in Arriondas and finished in Ribadesella in the northern region of Asturias, Spain on 4 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET



Pesticide kills farmer, poisons 154 in Colombia

BOGOTA, 4 Aug — One farmer was killed and 154 others were poisoned on Friday by Endosulfan pesticide used to protect coffee and banana crops in the central western Quindio Province of Colombia, local health officials said.

Jose Arias, Health Sector Institute representative of that area, said local farmers continue using Endosulfan even though this dangerous

pesticide has been banned since 2001.

“It is possible that the farmers are not following the correct instructions,” Arias said. According to him, the farmers have not been using masks and other protective equipment while using the lethal pesticide.

Quindio, with 12 municipalities, is one of Colombia's main coffee-producing and exporting regions.— MNA/Xinhua



A woman eats an ice pop as she stops at an ice cream bar for refreshment under scorching heat in downtown Tokyo, on 4 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Liverpool beat Shanghai, Porto hold Feyenoord

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 4 Aug — Liverpool scored a goal in each half to beat Shanghai Shenhua of China 2-0 in the opening match of the Port of Rotterdam tournament on Friday.

Spaniard Fernando Torres opened the scoring after 12 minutes with his first goal since moving to Liverpool for a club record 36 million euros (49.35 million US dollars) from Atletico Madrid when he picked up a defence splitting pass from Yossi Benayoun. Steven Gerrard, who came on in the second half with Dutchmen Dirk Kuyt and Ryan Babel, doubled Liverpool's lead in the 65th minute with a beautiful shot from 25 metres.

In the other match Feyenoord and Porto drew 0-0 leaving Liverpool, who face the Dutch on Sunday, top of the table with three points ahead of the hosts and Portuguese on one point. —MNA/Reuters



Sao Paulo pull level with Brazilian leaders Botafogo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Aug — Sao Paulo pulled level on points with Brazilian championship leaders Botafogo by beating Juventude 3-1, their fourth consecutive win.

Lowly Juventude took a shock lead when Luciano broke to score after only two minutes of Thursday night's game, but Sao Paulo defender Miranda equalized in the 31st minute when he pounced on a rebound following a free kick. Strikers Hugo and Borges added two more in the last 15 minutes to give the defending champions the points.

MNA/Reuters

South Korea's Eun Hee Ji tees off from the second hole during the third day of the Women's British Open golf tournament at the Old Course in St Andrews, Scotland, on 4 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Eduardo nets winner on Arsenal debut

AMSTERDAM, 4 Aug — Striker Eduardo Da Silva scored his first goal for Arsenal in a 2-1 win over Lazio in the opening game of the Amsterdam tournament on Thursday. The Brazilian-born Croatia international, granted a work permit on Wednesday, netted with a fine header from a corner 10 minutes into the second half.

Danish midfielder Nicklas Bendtner had fired the London side ahead but Goran Pandev levelled five minutes before halftime.

In other action, 10-man Ajax Amsterdam struck twice in the second half to beat Atletico Madrid 2-0.

Spaniard Gabri headed home the opening goal early in the second half but was sent off in the final minute after elbowing an opponent.—MNA/Reuters



Javier Saviola (L) and teammate Javier Balboa celebrate after scoring against Lokomotiv Moscow during their Russian Railways Cup soccer match in Moscow on 3 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Roddick rolls into final 4, Haas, Safin out

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Andy Roddick rolled into the semifinals of the Washington Open but second seed Tommy Haas and number three Marat Safin were ousted on Friday from the US Open tune-up.

Roddick fired 16 aces to defeat South Korea's Lee Hyung-taik for the 10th time in 11 career meetings, 7-6, 6-2.

"That was by far the best I've hit the ball this tournament," said Roddick.

"He gets into a groove sometimes and you just have to stay the course and wait for the opportunities. I did a good job of that. "I felt like I was in control of my service games and even when I was down I felt like I controlled the pace of the match."

In Saturday's semis, Roddick will face

Ivo Karlovic, the hard-serving Croatian who escaped with a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 quarter-final victory over Paul Capdeville of Chile. Haas went out to 416th-ranked John Isner, a 6 feet 9 inches American playing in just his second ATP event. Isner blasted 30 aces to subdue the German 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 in a two-hour, 27-minute match on a steamy day in Washington.

"He's got a big game," admitted Haas. "His serve is a huge, huge weapon. He's got to be happy about his third-set tie-breakers this week.

"Confidence does a lot for you. I'm sure he's feeling pretty good right now."

Next up for Isner will be Frenchman Gael Monfils, the ninth seed who recorded 14 aces to beat Safin 6-3, 7-5.

MNA/Reuters

Manchester United win Community Shield on penalties

LONDON , 5 Aug — Edwin Van der Sar stopped three penalties from Chelsea to take Manchester United to a 3-0 win after both sides were locked 1-1 at the end of normal time in a feisty Community Shield match at Wembley Stadium on Sunday.

Ryan Giggs had put United ahead after 35 minutes, lashing the ball into the top of the net after a slick move.

But Chelsea drew level before half-time when new signing Florent Malouda raced onto Ashley Cole's long-ball and poked the ball past Van der Sar.

After a goalless second half, the match went straight to penalties, with Van der Sar the Dutch keeper stopped Claudio Pizarro, Frank Lampard and Shaun Wright-Phillips' shots while Rio Ferdinand, Michael Carrick and Wayne Rooney had no difficulty in beating Petr Cech of the Blues.

The drama of the penalty shoot-out did nothing to hide what was a largely uneventful game.

INTERNET



There is still time before the interval for Rooney to get booked after a barge by Tal Ben Haim sends him flying into Petr Cech. — INTERNET

Sharapova breezes past Mirza to reach San Diego semis

SAN DIEGO, 4 Aug — Topseed Maria Sharapova demolished Sania Mirza 6-2, 6-1 to reach the semi-finals of the San Diego Classic on Friday.

Eleventh seeded Swiss Patty Schnyder was nearly as impressive as Sharapova, out-toughing number four Nadia Petrova of Russia 6-4, 6-4.

She will meet another Russian, ninth seed Elena Dementieva, who overcame compatriot Maria Kirilenko 6-2, 6-4.

India's Mirza came into the match loaded with

confidence after reaching the final of the Stanford Classic last week and having beaten eighth seed Dinara Safina in the previous round in San Diego.

But she had trouble returning Sharapova's serves and watched the Russian tear apart her second serve.

MNA/Reuters

Australia Asia's top seeds for 2010 World Cup qualifiers

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Aug — Australia were named as Asia's top seeds for region's 2010 World Cup qualifiers by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on Friday.

The Socceroos will go into Monday's draw seeded first with South Korea second, Saudi Arabia third and Japan fourth, based on the teams' results at the 2006 World Cup.

Iran will be seeded fifth, significant with the top five teams all receiving automatic byes into the third round of Asian qualifying matches.

Australia, who reached the last 16 in Germany, only joined the AFC at the start of 2006 after ditching Oceania in order to gain a direct qualifying path to the World Cup.

A total of 43 nations, including North Korea, Myanmar and tiny Bhutan, will go into the draw at AFC Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

MNA/Reuters



Brazilian soccer star Juninho Paulista holds up a Sydney FC shirt after he was named as their marquee player at a Press conference in Sydney, Australia, on 3 Aug, 2007. The FIFA 2002 World Cup winner has signed a one year contract to play in Australia's A-League 2007/08 season.

INTERNET

Blaming begins in Minneapolis bridge collapse

MINNEAPOLIS, 5 Aug — Politicianstryingtoaccount for one of worst bridge collapses in US history cast blame ranging from engineering faults to the Iraq war on Friday, while divers tried to reach the



White tigers play in New Delhi zoo recently. India may have just 1,300 to 1,500 tigers left — less than half of the number believed to exist five years ago. —INTERNET

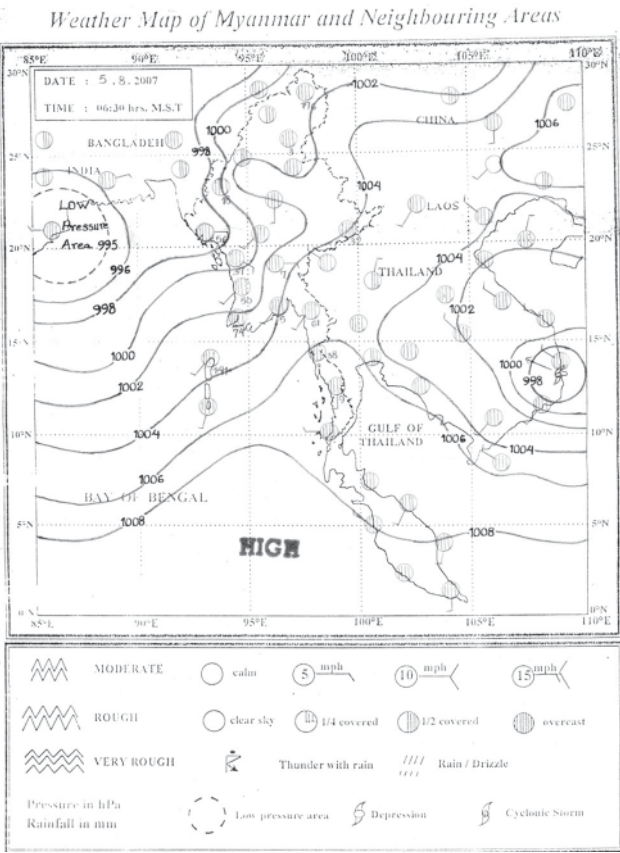
Flood Bulletin (Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 5-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River at Minbu (1781) cm, Magway (1770) cm and Hinthada (1442) cm are exceeded (81) cm at Minbu, (70) cm at Magway and (100) cm at Hinthada above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain above the danger levels of Minbu and Magway (1700) cm and Hinthada (1342) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today. According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik (1329) cm is exceeded (99) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1230) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today. According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Kalewa (1587) cm and Monywa (1015) cm are exceeded (37) cm at Kalewa and (15) cm at Monywa above their respective danger levels. The water levels may fall below the danger levels of Kalewa (1550) cm and Monywa (1000) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

bodies of more victims in the Mississippi River’s treacherous waters. As investigators probed Wednesday’s collapse that killed at least five people, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty said outside experts would review the decisions of state engineers to shore up problems with the heavily-travelled 40-year-old bridge in central Minneapolis. Engineers had decided to periodically inspect the steel superstructure beneath the Interstate 35W bridge and bolt on reinforcing plates where any flaws were found. But that work, which Pawlenty said fit in the state’s budget, was postponed by resurfacing and repair work that was going on when the bridge buckled and fell. “Experts that we rely on, technical experts and engineers, made some decisions about what needed to be done. They thought they were making an appropriate decision for their reasons, and now those

decisions will have to be reviewed,” Pawlenty said. A private engineering firm had been hired for the review. “The bridge was declared fit for service,” he said. “There will be tough questions asked, including by me, and we will get to the bottom of this.” US Senator Amy Klobuchar, a Minnesota Democrat, suggested Bush Administration spending on the Iraq war may have crimped funding for domestic projects such as road and bridge construction, and for such infrastructure projects as new levees for New Orleans.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Sunday, 5 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain has been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (7.13) inches, Co Co Island (5.57) inches, Ye (5.12) inches, Patheingyi (2.95) inches, Theinzayat (2.91) inches, Hpapun (2.68) inches and Mawlamyine (2.64) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-8-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 5-8-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-8-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 4-8-2007 was (1.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-8-2007 was (0.83) inch at Mingaladon, (0.19) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (83.11) inches at Mingaladon, (84.80) inches at Kaba-Aye and (85.87) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (15:10) hours MST on 4-8-2007.

Bay inference: According to observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and strong to vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special features: According to observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the yesterday depression over South China Sea is centred at about (550) miles Southeast of “HANOI” and moves Northwest ward slowly.

Forecast valid until evening of 6-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division, Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times in the Gulf of Mottama. Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-8-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Monday, 6 August
View on today

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

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. Song of national races

8:05 am
6. Cute little dancers

8:30 am
7. International news

8:40 am
8. Islands of Dhamma

8:45 am
9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဩဇာဘိဝံသ (အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက) အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက

အဖွဲ့၊ ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်များအား ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ညောင်တုန်းမြို့၊ ဧရာဝတီတိုင်း ထံမှနဝရံ ဥပေါသထသီလခံယူ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဋ္ဌမအကြိမ်ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ် ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု) (အထက-၄၊ စမ်းချောင်း) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:45 pm
4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်)

5:00 pm
5. Dance variety

5:15 pm
6. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:30 pm
7. “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာ သန့်စင်သောအစာ” (ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပွင့်၊ ဂွမ်းပုံကြီး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)

5:35 pm
8. Songs and dance of national races

5:45 pm
9. မြန်မာအနုလင်္ကာရာထင်ရှား ကြည်ညိုဖွယ်ရာနီးဘုရား

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကုမ္ပဏီဝယ်

7:00 pm
13. စွမ်းဆောင်မှုမှာစံတင်ထားသူရဲ့အမည်ချင်းတွင်းသား

7:15 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သန်းတစ်ရာရွှေအိပ်မက်” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)(ဇာတ်သိမ်း)

8:00 pm
15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်”(အပိုင်း-၃၃)

19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိတ္တ သာရာဘိဝံသ၏အရုပ်ဆယ် မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်

20. The next day’s programme

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents prizes to winners who are outstanding in agricultural production of Yangon Division

YANGON, 5 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the concluding ceremony of ploughing and cultivation of monsoon paddy of Yangon Division for 2007-08, the paddy transplanting contest and the prize presentation for outstanding persons in agriculture sector at 500 acres of land near West Malit Village in Hlegu Township this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that Yangon Division has already completed cultivation of 1,152,462 acres of monsoon paddy. After growing late-monsoon paddy, the division will exceed the target of growing 1.2 million

acres of monsoon paddy. In striving for boosting production of paddy, a total of 20.1 million acres were put under paddy in the entire nation in 2006-07, and 1,450 million baskets of paddy were produced. In the 2007-08, arrangements are being made for cultivation of 16.9 million acres of monsoon paddy and 3.4 million acres of summer paddy, totalling 20.3 million acres to produce over 1,500 million baskets of paddy. Therefore, Yangon Division is to make efforts for cultivation of 240,000 acres of summer paddy to meet the target.

He continued to say that the division is to place emphasis on cultivation of edible oil crops for ensur-

ing edible oil sufficiency. Departmental personnel, Tatmadawmen and people are to join hands in growing 81,000 acres of physic nut this year, and efforts are to be made for meeting the target of 500,000 acres. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that as the government has built 10 dams, 19 river water pumping stations and eight sluice gates in Yangon Division, officials and local farmers to carry out tasks to expedite agricultural sector for development of Yangon Division and the national economy.

Next, the commander gave a speech. Chairmen of four District PDCs presented reports on cultivation of monsoon paddy to



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence presents award to an outstanding team at paddy transplanting contest in Hlegu.— MNA

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

After viewing the paddy transplanting contest, Lt-Gen Myint Swe released fishes into the

paddy fields. He presented all-round agricultural production award for 2006-07 to Kayan Township and U Thaung of Paikwegyi Village of Hlegu Township who won the prize in State level monsoon paddy cul-

tivation award. The commander and officials also presented prizes to winners who are outstanding in agricultural production.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave prizes to winners in the paddy transplanting contest. — MNA

NCC Work Committee Chairman's clarification on detailed basic principles that should be adopted for Chapter "General Provisions" presented

YANGON, 5 Aug — The following is the clarification on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in the chapter "General Provisions" to be included in drawing the State constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township on 2-8-2007.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary sessions held on 13 November 2006, the Work Committee chairman explained

the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the Chapter "General Provisions". Regarding the Work Committee chairman's explanation, the delegate groups:

- the Delegate Group of National Races,
- the Delegate Group of Peasants,
- the Delegate Group of Workers,
- the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia,
- the Delegate Group of State Service Person-

- nel,
 - the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, and
 - the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties:
 - the National Unity Party;
 - the Union Pa-O National Organization;
 - the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party;
 - Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization;
- (See page 5)



Member of National Convention Convening Work Committee Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin reads out the clarifications of Chairman of NCCWC.— MNA



Member of National Convention Convening Work Committee Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo reads out the clarifications of Chairman of NCCWC.— MNA