

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

National Convention continues

Clarification on the amendments, additions, repeals and transfer made

YANGON, 6 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, here, at 9 am today.

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee (NCCWC) Chief Justice U Aung Toe made clarification on matters concerning the amendments, additions and repeals and transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by NC and Vice-Chairman of NCCWC Attorney-General U Aye Maung continued to read out the clarification made by the Chairman of NCCWC.

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, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, del-

egates of peasants 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 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 Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City (See page 7)



The Plenary Session of the National Convention in progress at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 7 August, 2007

Maintain already-achieved peace and development

At a time when science and technology is experiencing rapid development, every nation is trying its utmost to keep abreast of the international community.

The higher educational standard highlights the status and dignity of the State and the people. As the government is making all-out efforts for development education, economic, health and social sectors remarkable progress has been made in that regard.

In the past, due to armed insurgency people of Kayah State had to earn their living in a constant fear. And children lost the right to pursue education. At present, with peace and development prevailing in Kayah State, local people are fully enjoying the right to pursue education.

The main building of Loikaw University under the Ministry of Education was opened on 5 August, and this has enabled national race youths in the region to pursue higher education in peace.

Before 1988, there were no university and college in Kayah State. At present, with the emergence of universities in which subjects of arts and science, engineering, architecture and computer science are taught Kayah State is now able to produce human resources.

The socio-economic development of national races residing in the border areas including Kayah State can be attributed to the fruitful results of peace and tranquillity in the region. Hence, the entire national people are to maintain the already-achieved peace and development. Only then will the Union be perpetual and prosperous.



U Pe Thwin and Daw Kyin Nwe and family of Hline Township donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Secretary of Executive Committee Maj Aung Than (Retd) recently.—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

Cash donated to mark success of delivering sermon



A cash donation ceremony in progress in marking success of delivering sermon.—MNA

YANGON, 6 Aug—Dhamma Kathika Bahujana Hitadhara Ashin Puññananda (Ponnyayama Mogok Vipassana Monastery) delivered sermons at the Dhamma Thabin Hall at Kanmyint Monastery on Thiri Mingala Road in Sangyoung Township here from 30 July to 1 August. To mark the success of the delivering sermons K 2.3 million was donated through the disciple of the Sayadaw—Daw Khin Mya Lwin and family of New York, the USA donated K 1 million; under the aegis of U Khin Myint and Daw Khin Myo Sit, U Htein Lin-Daw Khin Myo Myint and family, K 700,000; Daw Khin Mya Lwin, Daw Khin Myo Myint, Daw Tin Tin, Daw Thi Thi Oo and Daw Than Than Yi of the USA, K 300,000; and the congregation, K 300,000. —H

UMFCCI holds talk on leadership questions

YANGON, 6 Aug — A talk jointly organized by Work Committee for Information and News Technology Promotion of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Aung Aung Group of Companies was held at the UMFCCI Office Tower in Lanmadaw Township yesterday, attended by officials of UMFCCI and 300 entrepreneurs.

First, UMFCCI President U Win Myint delivered an address. Prof Dr Aung Tun Thet gave talks on leadership questions and replied to the queries raised by those present.

Next, UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win

and Vice-Chairperson Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Myint Myint of Aung Aung Group of Companies presented a gift to Prof Dr Aung Tun Thet.

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Hindu families offer Waso robes and provisions to Sayadaws.

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Appointment of ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Yasuaki Nogawa as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Union of Myanmar in succession of Mr Nobutake Odano.

Mr Yasuaki Nogawa was born on 11 April 1949. He graduated from Hitotsubashi University Tokyo. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1973 and served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1999, Mr Yasuaki Nogawa has served as Deputy Director-General of Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. In 2001, he served as Ambassador of Permanent Mission of Japan to International Organizations in Geneva and in July 2003, he also served as Consul-General of Japan in Consulate General Office, Sydney. Since August 2005, he has been serving as Chief Executive Director for Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation of Japan.

Mr Yasuaki Nogawa is married and has two children. —MNA

D-G oversees work in Kachin State

YANGON, 6 Aug—Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department inspected work being carried out by Bhamo Township Development Affair Committee in Bhamo Township on 2 August.

The director-general oversaw regional development tasks in Momauk and Waingmaw Townships.

On 3 August, he met with staff of Mogaung Township DAC and left instructions.

At Myitkyina Township DAC office, he held a discussion with the officials of Kachin State DAC and township DAC, and gave instructions to them.

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Hindu families offer Waso robes

YANGON, 6 Aug—Hindu families offered a day meal and Waso robes to 472 members of the Sangha yesterday at Mogok Refectory in Kaba Aye Hill. Hindu ladies recited Mangal Sutta. Afterwards, religious, social and cultural affairs conducted by Hindu Sanantana Dhamma Pala Federation were supplicated. Members of the Sangha delivered sermons followed by sharing of merits gained. —H

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU to ban live animal exports from Britain

BRUSSELS, 5 Aug—The European Commission will ban live animal exports from Britain, along with meat and dairy products only from the area of England affected by an outbreak of foot and mouth disease, the European Union executive body said on Saturday.

“The European Commission will adopt an emergency measure on Monday that exports of all live animals, meat products and dairy products from the affected

area will be banned,” Commission spokesman Philip Tod said.

“All live animals from the rest of Britain, but not meat and dairy products, will also be banned for export.

This measure does not affect Northern Ireland,” Tod said.

Britain was moving rapidly to contain the outbreak of foot and mouth, a highly infectious disease that devastated farming six years ago, by isolating a farm west of

London on Saturday.

Ireland has said it was banning the import of meat and non-pasteurized milk as well as livestock from Britain, a step it is allowed to take under EU rules until the bloc’s executive takes its decision.

“Although the Commission deems additional measures unnecessary, any country is entitled to take emergency measures under EU rules until Monday,” Tod said.

MNA/Reuters

Germany detects H5N1 bird flu in dead ducks

BERLIN, 5 Aug—Two ducks found dead near Munich in southern Germany tested positive for the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus and a third was contaminated with a milder strain, a state laboratory said.

The three ducks were found dead near Speichersee, a lake to the northeast of Munich, Elke Reinking, spokeswoman for the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, said on Friday. The surrounding area would be

searched for any other dead birds. Last year, some 13 European Union member states had confirmed cases of bird flu—Germany, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Greece, Britain, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, France and Hungary. More than 30 countries have

reported outbreaks in the past year, in most cases involving wild birds. Globally, the H5N1 virus has killed nearly 200 people out of over 300 known cases, according to the World Health Organization. None of the victims were from Europe.

MNA/Reuters



Keita Yamagata (L), a student of Waseda University, assists a participant in driving a one-person Ultra Lightweight Fuel Cell Vehicle (ULFCV) car at the Robotics Boot Camp event at a Waseda University campus in Tokyo on 5 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Four feared dead in plane crash

LONDON, 6 Aug—A light aircraft crashed in a field shortly after take-off killing all those on board, according to police.

Police were alerted to the small plane coming down at Ventnor Road, Shanklin, close to Sandown airport on the Isle of Wight. A Hampshire police spokesman said that all those on board had been killed.

He added: “The circumstances surrounding the cause of the crash are still to be investigated.

“There are not thought to be any survivors but it is not known exactly how many died.” The spokesman added that police were liaising with the Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) which would carry out an inquiry into the crash. A spokesman for the Isle of Wight Airport at Sandown confirmed that there had been four people on board the plane and none were believed to have survived.—INTERNET

26 killed, 57 injured in Peruvian bus crashes

LIMA, 5 Aug— At least 26 people were killed and 57 injured Friday in two different bus crashes in Peru, police said.

One minibus fell off a 200-metre cliff south of Peru, and another inter-provincial bus overturned at the Panamericana Sur in southern Ica department. Preliminary investigations show that the first accident was caused by bad road conditions and speeding and the second one was a result of foggy weather. — MNA/Xinhua

Protesters shout slogans during an anti-war rally at the Seoul railway station to demand the safe return of kidnapped South Koreans in Afghanistan and the withdrawal of its troops from the country on 4 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET



A child enjoys the hot weather at a fountain in Barcelona, northeastern Spain, on 5 Aug, 2007. A heat wave is striking Spain with extremely high temperatures. — INTERNET

Indian suspect in banana ordeal

KOLKATA, 5 Aug—An Indian suspect was forced by police to eat 50 bananas as a laxative, to retrieve a necklace he was accused of stealing and swallowing.

When the bananas failed to produce the desired effect, police fed Sheikh Mohsin rice, chicken and local bread.

Finally the necklace, which appeared on an X-ray taken on the suspect, was excreted and retrieved.

Mr Mohsin will appear in court on Monday in the eastern city of Kolkata, and could face a prison sentence.

Police say he snatched a gold necklace worth £550 (\$1,100) from a woman as she shopped for toys on Saturday. When cornered by police, he swallowed the necklace.

The suspect was fed 50 bananas on doctor’s advice, after the X-ray dealt a blow to his denials.

But only after a further meal did he yield the necklace, Kolkata police deputy commissioner Gyanwant Singh told AFP news agency. A sweeper was paid to retrieve the exhibit from the toilet. Mr Mohsin was asked to wash it.—Internet



The State fundamental principles are the guidelines...

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legislative and executive functions in accord with the fundamental principles. In doing so, the State will implement the functions in accord with the nation’s prevailing situation and time. The running of the legislative and administrative machinery may face disturbances and obstacles if a lawsuit is filed against the State while taking advantage of its failure to implement the task in accord with said principles as time and situation is not ripe yet. In our view, it is necessary to adopt a detailed basic principle that will protect the State. The section 32 of the Chapter IV of the 1947 Constitution stated “The principles set forth in this Chapter are intended for the general guidance of the State. The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law”. A similar statement is also stipulated in the constitutions of some neighbouring nations.

My opinion is that if a detailed basic principle regarding the matter should be adopted an addition should be made to the para (3) of the Chapter—General Provisions, which says **“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.”**

In our view, the expression “The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law” should be added to the said detailed basic principle.

In this regard, delegates will have to decide whether to add the given expression to the detailed basic principles as follows:

“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. The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law.”

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 27 October 2006, adopted the detailed basic principles including the para (50) which states “In this Chapter **“The State” means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution.**” for the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”. According to the statement, it is as if that the term “State” contained in the detailed basic principle concerns only with the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”.

The section (9) of the Chapter (II) of the 1947 Constitution stated “In this Chapter and in Chapters III and IV, the term ‘State’ means the executive or legislative authority of the Union or of the unit concerned according as the context may require.” Similar stipulation can be found in the constitutions of some neighbouring countries.

The term “State” can be found in the Chapter I “State Fundamental Principles” for many times. In our assumption, an addition should be made to the para 50 for the detailed basic principle to cover the interpretation and definition of the term “State” of the given chapter.

The para refers only to the term “body”. There may be occasions in which the legislative power and executive power are exercised by an organization or by a person. In this situation there may be a constitutional problem. They may be no reason for the occurrence of any disputes if the stipulations contained in the detailed basic principle are fully comprehensive.

Based on my above presentation, delegates will have discuss whether or not the para (50) of the Chapter **“Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”**—**“In this Chapter “The State” means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution.**”—should be amended as follows:

“In this Chapter and the Chapter on State Fundamental Principles, “The State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution.”

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention

held on 30 March 1996, I explained the matter concerning the adoption of detailed basic principles for the formation of judiciary. In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, the para (3) (c) (iii) states “have been an advocate of a High Court of at least 20 years’ standings”. The statement was to indicate the least required period for the said matter.

In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State Chief Justice and judges of the High Court of the Region or State, the para 11 (c) (ii) states “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years”. The stipulation does not state the word “at least”.

In drafting the Constitution, it should be stated “at least 15 years” to ensure a harmonious context and to prevent against occurrence of disputes in the future.

Hence, delegates should discuss whether or not the detailed basic principle 11 (c) (ii) “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”.

Mr Chairman,

The Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” that was adopted at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993, includes the subpara (d) of the para 2 which states “flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”; the para 3 which states, “the State practises genuine multiparty democracy system” and para 28 which states “the State shall enact necessary law for systematic formation of political parties for flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”.

But subpara (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “A political party shall: (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.” When we study the said detailed basic principle we will find the usage “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”. The usage emphasizes in all seriousness that the democracy Myanmar will practise in the future is a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system. To be able to ensure a contextual uniformity, the term “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” should be used.

Hence, delegates should discuss whether to use “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” instead of genuine multiparty democracy in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 adopted the following State Fundamental Principles in connection with judiciary

- (a) the judicial power of the State is distributed among Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw (Supreme Court), Region Taya Hluttaw (Region High Court), State Taya Hluttaw (State High Court) and law courts of different levels including law courts of self-administered areas;
- (b) in the Pyidaungsu is constituted one Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw is the supreme law court of State;
- (c) Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw has powers to issue writs.

But from paras 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “Supreme Court of the Union” to clearly express the difference between the term “Supreme Court of the Union” and the term “High Court” of the Region or State. In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “Supreme Court of the Union” should be used.

Hence, delegates will have to suggest whether the term Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “Supreme Court of the Union”.

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 29 March 1996, adopted the detailed basic principles for the formation of executive including subpara (h) of para 22 which states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit in the State Constitution in appointing Region or State Ministers, the *okkahta* of the self-administered division or self-

administered zone or Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races.”

The subpara (g) of para 34 for the formation of the executive states “The *Okkahta* of the self-administered division or self-administered zone is Minister in the region or state concerned. As such, provisions in the Constitution applying to the Ministers of the region or state will also apply to the self-administered division *Okkahta* or self-administered zone *Okkahta*.”

The subpara (e) of para 22 states, “The Region or State Chief Minister shall submit the names approved by the Region or State Hluttaw, that of *okkahta* of the self administered division or self-administered zone and that of Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races for appointment as Region or State Ministers”

According to subpara (h) of para 22, the *okkahta* of the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representative elected to undertake the affairs of national races should be automatically appointed Minister of the respective Region or State. The *okkahta* of the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representative elected to undertake the affairs of national races may meet all the qualifications of a Hluttaw representative but can be younger than 35, the minimum age limit for Region or State Minister.

As the para states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”, he may or may not exercise relaxation on age limit. To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”.

In this regard, delegates should discuss whether the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”.

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 29 March 1996, adopted detailed basic principles for the formation of executive. In the detailed basic principles, para 22 states as follows:

- (l) (i) The Region of State Chief Minister shall be responsible to the President of the State
- (ii) The Region or State Minister shall be responsible to the Region or State Chief Minister concerned and through the Chief Minister, to the President of the State.

The subpara (f) of para (28) states, “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.

The subpara (e) of para 31 states, “The Auditor-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.

In the abovementioned detailed basic principles, the terms and usages in connection with Region or State are clear and easy to understand. They should be used in drafting the Constitution to ensure a contextual uniformity and to have a clear definition.

Here, delegates will have to discussion whether subpara (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 should be amended as follows:

Subpara (f) of para (28) “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is

- (i) responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned
- (ii) responsible to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned

The subpara (e) of para (31) The Auditor-General of the Region or State is

- (i) responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned
- (ii) responsible to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned

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Mr Chairman,

I have already explained the matter concerning the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 September 1994 as follows:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

- (a) Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population**
- (b) Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”**

The delegates after studying and assessing the matter at the group-wise discussions presented their proposal papers at the plenary session of the National Convention. In accord with the agreement of the majority of the delegates, the plenary session of the National Convention held on 28 March 1996 adopted the following detailed basic principle.

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

- (a) Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population**
- (b) Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”**

Mr Chairman,

As the Constitution is the principle law, the provisions contained in it should be observed in the long run.

As regards the legislation, the National Convention has adopted the following detailed basic principle:

- “(a) the legislative power of the State is distributed among Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region Hluttaws and State Hluttaws. Legislative power stipulated by the State Constitution shall be distributed to self-administered areas;**
- (b) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw consists of two Hluttaws—one Hluttaw elected on the basis of population and the other one with equal number of representatives elected from regions and states.”**

As the Hluttaws had not been named as Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw yet when the above-mentioned detailed basic principle was adopted, one is called Hluttaw elected on the basis of population and the other, the one with equal number of representatives elected from regions and states.

When the National Convention adopted the detailed basic principles for legislation, it adopted the following detailed basic principle in connection with the names of the two Hluttaws:

- “(a) the Hluttaw “formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population and Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall be known as Pyithu Hluttaw;**
- (b) the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers from regions and states and Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall be known as Amyotha Hluttaw.”**

After the adoption of the above-mentioned detailed basic principle, the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population is named the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers from regions and state is named the Amyotha Hluttaw.

As the Pyithu Hluttaw is termed as the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population, the election of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives will have to be based on population. If the Constitution has a principle saying that election should be based on population, it will be not possible to elect one representative each from every township.

If the election of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives is based on population, Regions will be able to elect 237

representatives and they will have 31 more representatives; and the States will be able to elect only 93 representatives and they will have 31 less representatives.

If the election of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives is based on population and township, Regions will be able to elect 206 representatives and the States, 124 which is plus 31.

According to the adopted detailed basic principle, population-based constituencies have been designated for the formation of the Pyithu Hluttaw and not more than 330 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives must be elected.

Mr Chairman,

Concerning the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw, I have presented a clarification, saying, “National races are residing in the townships of the Union of Myanmar, population of some townships is large and some is small, national races are collectively living in almost all the townships. Hence, if the designation of the township-wise constituencies and election is based on population, we will be able to allow a large number of national races to take part in the Pyithu Hluttaw as representatives. I made the presentation then with the aim of designating constituencies township-wise to elect Hluttaw representatives.

Mr Chairman,

When detailed basic principles for the Pyithu Hluttaw were adopted, the Pyithu Hluttaw was termed as the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population. In accord with the usage, it was in a position that the designation of constituencies should be based on population. I have already explained that to allow a large number of national races representative to take part in the Pyithu Hluttaw, the designation of Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies should be based on township as well as population. In the detailed basic principle also it should be stated that the election of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives should be based on township as well as population to be able to clearly express our aim.

Mr Chairman,

Endeavours are being made at present to develop the nation in accord with the 12 State objectives. Hence, the delegates have witnessed the daily, monthly and yearly changes in the administrative, economic and social sectors resulting from their rapid development. More townships will have to be formed as necessary to be in conformity with the task of implementing projects such as security, management, education, health projects when the nation is achieving more agriculture and industrial development than now. When the total number of townships exceeds 330, the number of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives will also exceed 330, if one representative from each township is elected.

So, when the number of townships goes over 330, a newly formed township should be joined with one of the townships adjacent to it to designate a Pyithu Hluttaw constituency. The 330 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives will be elected one each from every such designated constituency.

Here, delegates should discuss whether to make the following addition to ensure an enduring detailed basic principle concerning the formation of the Pyithu Hluttaw:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

- (a) Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population from constituencies designated in accord with the law after combining a newly formed township with one of the suitable townships adjacent to it if the total number townships exceed 330**
- (b) Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”**

If the abovementioned detailed basic is adopted the usage “the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population” should be substituted with the usage “ the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 28 March 1996, I have explained the adoption of detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Formation of Legislature.”

Concerning the Amyotha Hluttaw, I have explained as

follows:

“Amyotha Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows:

- (a) 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone**
- (b) 56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of Union territories.”**

The subpara (a) states ‘equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone’ and the subpara (b) states “ at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of Union territories”.

The expression “inclusive of Union territories” means areas that were included in the present states and divisions but have been designated as Union territories and the areas proclaimed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as Union territories because of their significant characteristics after the promulgation of this Constitution. The word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” for the usage to be more precise.

Hence, delegates will have to decide whether the abovementioned detailed basic principle should be amended as follows:

“Amyotha Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows:

- (a) 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone**
- (b) 56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories.**
- (c) In forming the Amyotha Hluttaw in accord with the subparas (a) and (b), the words “the respective Union territories” mean Union territories designated by this Constitution and Union territories proclaimed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after enacting laws concerning the matter to elect Amyotha Hluttaw representatives are inclusive in the state or division or the region or state they are included in.”**

Mr Chairman,

Regarding the designation of Union territories, the National Convention plenary session held on 9 April 1994 laid down detailed basic principles:

5. Designation of Union territories—

- “(a) Yangon City, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under direct administration of the President of the Union.**
- (b) Cocogyun Township which has a special situation is designated as Union territory and placed under direct administration of the President of the Union,**
- (c) if need arises to designate areas that have special situation in connection with national defence, security, administration and economy etc. as Union territories they may be so designated as Union territories after enacting laws.”**

Internationally, the city where the office of the central government is based is designated as the capital of the State. And in some countries, the capitals are placed under direct administration of the President or the Union. Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices of the central governments are based in Nay Pyi Taw. So, the capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw. Therefore, need arises to amend the words “Yangon City, that is the Capital of the Union” prescribed in one of the three above-mentioned detailed basic principles. Yangon is not the capital of the nation any longer, and it remains a commercial city.

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The designation of Yangon as a Union territory under the direct administration of the president should be revoked. And the municipal area of Nay Pyi Taw, which has become the Capital of the State, should be designated as a Union territory placed under the direct administration of the president.

Yangon is no longer the Capital of the State, so the term “Capital Yangon” will be replaced with the term “Yangon”. Moreover, the detailed basic principle “Cocogyun Township which has a special situation is designated as Union territory and placed under direct administration of the President of the Union” should be revoked. The designation of Yangon and Cocogyun Township as Union territories is revoked, so, they will remain in Yangon Region.

Mr Chairman,

As I have presented that by revoking the designation of Cocogyun Township as a Union territory, the detailed basic principle of the sub-para (b) no longer needs to be prescribed. However, sub-para (c) should still exist. So, sub-para (c) should be sub-para (b). Therefore, discussions are to be held and suggestions, to be made to decide whether or not the detailed basic principles:

“(a)Nay Pyi Taw, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under direct administration of the President of the Union.

(b) if need arises to designate areas that have special situation in connection with national defence, security, administration and economy etc. as Union territories they may be so designated as Union territories after enacting laws” should be adopted.

Mr Chairman,

If you agree to my proposal of designating Nay Pyi Taw, the Capital of the Union of Myanmar, as a Union territory placed under direct administration of the President, detailed basic principles to be adopted for Nay Pyi Taw should be the same, as that for Yangon Council.

Therefore, discussions are to be held and suggestions to be made to decide whether or not the term “Capital Yangon” prescribed in the detailed basic principles on administration of Capital Yangon, a Union territory, prescribed in para 35 and the detailed basic principles on designation of the status of the Chairman and members of Yangon Council prescribed in para 36 of the detailed basic principles adopted at the plenary session held from 28 to 30 March 1996, should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw”, and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (C) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”.

It is no longer needed to prescribe the detailed basic principles on administration of Cocogyun Township, a Union territory, prescribed in para 37, so they will not be prescribed any longer.

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 12 December 2005 laid down detailed basic principles for the sharing of judicial power. In this regard, sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 says, “With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”.

As I have explained, after designating Capital Nay Pyi Taw as a Union territory and revoking the designation of Yangon and Cocogyun Township as Union territories, it will need to amend the detailed basic principle, as appropriate.

Therefore, I would like you to give advice and make suggestions to determine whether or not sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 “With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township” should be amended as “With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.

Mr Chairman,

When basic principles were laid down for the chapter “State Fundamental Principles” of the 15 Chapters to be

included in the State Constitution, an exception was prescribed under the 104 basic principles as follows:

“After laying down the principles to serve as base for formulating state fundamental principles, it will be carried on as follows:

- of those basic principles, relevant ones are to be taken as basic in discussing basic principles in respective chapters,
- of those basic principles,
- those that should be mentioned in the preamble of the State Constitution should be mentioned also in that preamble,
- principles concerning the State are to be mentioned separately in the chapter heading “The State”,
- likewise, principles concerning respective chapters are to be transferred to respective chapters, when discussions are held for those respective chapters,
- principles concerning the chapter “State fundamental principle” are to be retained in the chapter on State fundamental principles.”

When detailed basic principles were laid down according to the chapter headings, the principles relevant to respective chapters were transferred as detailed basic principles. It is assumed that of the detailed basic principles transferred to respective chapters, some principles should continue to be prescribed in the Chapter ‘State Fundamental Principles’.

One of the basic principles that were prescribed then as detailed basic principles regarding legislative formation was “Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall be formed with two Hluttaws— a Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population and a Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers from regions and states”. In this regard, a detailed basic principle:

“In connection with two Hluttaws,

- (a) the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population and Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services shall be known as Pyithu Hluttaw;
- (b) the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers from regions and states and Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services shall be known as Amyotha Hluttaw” has been adopted. So, that no longer needs to be prescribed in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

I would also like to present the basic principles that are no longer prescribed because they do not need to be prescribed as detailed basic principles. They are:

The principles transferred to the Chapter “The Head of State”—

- 1. The Head of State is the President of the Union.
- 2. The President of the Union shall be elected by the presidential electoral college.

The principles transferred to the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”—

- 3. All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar. All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar. Persons who are vested with citizenship according to existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force. Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be prescribed by the law.
- 4. Every citizen is under a duty to uphold Non-disintegration of the Union; Non-disintegration of national solidarity; and Perpetuation of sovereignty.
- 5. Every citizen is under a duty to abide by the provisions of the Constitution.
- 6. Every citizen is under a duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State.
- 7. The above right shall not include any economic, financial, political or other secular activities that may be associated with religious practice

8. The freedom so guaranteed shall not prohibit the State from enacting laws for the purpose of social welfare and reform.

9. The State recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the State.

10. The State also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as religions existing in the Union on the date of the coming into force of the State Constitution.

11. The State shall render assistance and protect as far as it can the religions it recognizes.

12. The abuse of religion for political purposes is forbidden. And any act which is intended or is likely to promote feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects is contrary to the State Constitution. A law may be adopted to punish such actions.

13. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.

The principles transferred to the Chapter “General Provisions”—

14. Myanmar language is the official language.

15. 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.

I consider that these detailed basic principles have been transferred to respective chapters, and they no longer need to be mentioned in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Therefore, they are not prescribed.

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 3 March 2005 laid down detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power. In this regard, para 15, sub-para 5 says, “The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the Constitution”.

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 August 2007 adopted detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”. In this regard, para 5 says, “The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the Constitution”.

The two detailed basic principles are exactly the same, in word and in essence. I consider that it is more appropriate that the detailed basic principle should be prescribed in the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”. In the 1947 constitution, Article 226, Clause 1, which is similar to the detailed basic principle in meaning is prescribed in the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”.

Therefore, I would say detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power no longer needs to be prescribed, and it will be revoked.

Mr Chairman,

If the National Convention approves and adopts the detailed basic principles I have presented, it will successfully complete the adopting of basic principles and detailed basic principles of the 15 chapters to be included in the State Constitution. When the National Convention completes successfully, it will need to implement the second step and third step of the State’s seven-step Road Map “After the successful holding of the National Convention, step by step implementation of the process necessary for the emergence of a genuine and disciplined democratic system” and “Drafting of a new constitution in accordance with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention”.

In drafting the State Constitution in accordance with the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, necessary amendments should be made to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles.

In conclusion, I would like to seek the approval of the NC to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution.

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National Convention continues ...

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Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special 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 Region Group who have returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA), Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Nai Seik Chan Group that had

exchanged arms for peace.

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

delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the plenary session and Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as master of ceremonies.

The Secretary of NCCC announced the start of the meeting as there were 1,048 delegates



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presides over Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



Members of NCCC, NCCWC and delegates to National Convention seen at Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

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 workers, delegates of service personnel and other invited

attending out of 1,071 listed accounting for 97.85 per cent.

First, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee (NCCWC) Chief Justice U Aung Toe made clarification on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.

Next, Vice-Chairman of NCCWC Attorney-General U Aye Maung continued to read out the clarification made by the Chairman of NCCWC.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention went into recess at 10 am. (Clarification on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer made by the Chairman of NCCWC is reported separately.)

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Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acts as MC. — MNA

Cash reward presented to those who handed over artifacts

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug — A ceremony to present cash reward to Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panditananda of Laymyethna Pagoda in Tagaung and U Tin Win Oo of Kyarnyat village in Thabeikgyin Township, Mandalay Division who handed over artifacts to

the Ministry of Culture was held at the office of the deputy director-general of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, Mandalay this morning.

Director-General U San Win of the department presented certificate of honour to the Sayadaw and

K 3 million to U Tin Win Oo. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panditananda handed over 200 kinds of artifacts collected near Tagaung region and U Tin Win Oo, 80 kinds of artifacts to the ministry in order to display at Tagaung Archaeological Museum.

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33 members quit Thanlyin Township NLD

They lose interest and trust in party and leaders

YANGON, 6 Aug — A total of 33 members including Daw Hla Myint, Daw Than Than Aye (a) San Mar Aye, U Than Tun and U Khin Aye (a) U Thet Naing Tun resigned from Thanlyin Township National League for Democracy of Yangon Division on 3 July of their own accord, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In the letters of resignation sent to Thanlyin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they had lost interest and trust in acts of the NLD and its leaders. Therefore, they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects...

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by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, Head of Kayah State Health Department Dr Than Tun Myint, Medical Superintendent Dr Tun Lwin and health staff.
The Secretary-1 inspected the main operation theatre and gave necessary instructions. Next, the Secretary-1 presented K 500,000 donated by

SPDC to the medical fund of the hospital through the medical superintendent.
The medical superintendent also accepted K 1.8 million donated by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Cooperatives, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the Ministry of Rail Transportation and the Ministry of Forestry.
The Secretary-1 instructed doctors and health staff to make field trips to rural areas for providing health care services, join hands with social organizations to give talks on common diseases to the local people and discharge duties to become outstanding health personnel.

At the construction site of Technological University (Loikaw) Project, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung reported construction of the university. Project Manager U Than Nyunt of Htoo Trading presented reports on progress in construction of the buildings and use of construction materials and heavy machinery. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave instructions on land preparations and greening task. Next, he viewed the scale model of the Technological University (Loikaw).
Afterwards, the Secretary-1 inspected progress of construction task.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits computer training centre of Loikaw University. (News reported) —MNA

Technological University (Loikaw) is located on 86.03 acres of land. The construction of a reinforced concrete building, 513 feet long, 242 feet wide and 66 feet high, started on 23 October 2005, and so far, construction of the building has completed by 52.8 per cent.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects construction task of retaining wall of Bilu Creek.— MNA



Newly opened main building of Loikaw University being seen on 5 August. (News reported)— MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects...

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At the construction site of the retaining walls along Bilu Creek near Lawdama Ward, Chairman of Kayah State PDC Col Nyunt Tin and officials reported on progress of the retaining walls.

The Secretary-1 and party left Loikaw by Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw in the morning.

Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, CEC members Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, who accompanied the Secretary-1, met Kayah State USDA Secretary U Kyaw Swe and executives, secretaries of Township USDAs and executives at Kayah State USDA Office on 4 August evening.

The Secretariat Member and CEC members explained efforts to be made for realization of the aims



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hands over K 5 million through Medical Superintendent of Loikaw People's Hospital.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Loikaw People's Hospital (200-bed) in Loikaw.—MNA

Water level of Aphyauk Dam rises above its danger level

Preventive measures taken of possible flood victims

YANGON, 6 Aug — According to the observation at 6 am yesterday, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Aphyauk Dam in Taikkyi Township of Yangon Division rose one foot and four inches above its danger level of 33 feet. Therefore, officials and

social organizations took preventive measures against possible floods along the embankment round the clock.

In addition, other emergency measures are being taken after setting up of water sentry posts. As water level of the river was rising from three

inches to five inches, nine schools in the region were temporarily closed. Furthermore, water levels of Ayeyawady River rose above the danger levels at Yesagyo, Pakokku, Seikpyu, Chauk, Magway, Minbu and Aunglan in Magway Division yesterday. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects Loikaw exchange office.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min visits Loikaw railway station.—MNA

Foreign Minister participates in ASEAN meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here by air this morning after attending the 40th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), 14th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers Meeting and Post Ministerial Conferences (PMCs) held in Manila, the Republic of Philippines, from 29 July to 2 August.

Minister U Nyan Win attended the 40th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on 30 July; ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers Meeting, ASEAN Minister Meeting and Mekong-Ganga Ministerial Meeting on 31 July and 1 August and 14th ASEAN Regional Forum on 2 August.

The minister attended the Meeting of the SEANWFZ Commission and the AMM Informal Working Dinner on 29 July 2007. At the AMM Informal Working Dinner, he briefed the Ministers on the latest developments in Myanmar. He participated in the Opening Ceremony of the 40th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting which took place on 30 July. The report of the High Level Task Force on drafting the ASEAN Charter was held before the ASEAN Ministers' Lunch. Minister U Nyan Win, accompanied by members of delegation, attended the Plenary Session of the 40th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. At the ministerial meeting, ASEAN ministers adopted the statement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion Rights of Migrant Workers, and the Guidelines for the Provision of Emergency Assistance by ASEAN Mission in Third Countries to Nationals of ASEAN Member Countries in Crisis Situations.

The minister participated in the East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Lunch and ASEAN plus Three Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 31 July.

The ASEAN Post Ministerial Conferences were held on 1 August. ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference+1 Session with New Zealand was chaired by Minister U Nyan Win as Myanmar is the country coordinator for ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue



Minister U Nyan Win, Ministers of ASEAN and ASEAN+3 pose together with President of the Philippines.— FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Relations. The minister also attended the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference+1 Session with Australia, Canada, EU, Russian Federation and the United States of America. Then, the Post Ministerial Conferences Foreign Ministers Working Lunch was held after Post Ministerial+Sessions.

Minister U Nyan Win also participated in the Forth Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Ministerial Meeting along with foreign ministers of ASEAN nations. At the meeting, they discussed tourism, cultural cooperation, human resource development, transport and communications being implemented under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Scheme and projects under Hanoi Plan of Action. The minister took part in the 14th ASEAN Regional Forum Retreat followed by ARF Foreign Ministers Lunch and the Plenary meeting. Regional and international issues such as Korea Peninsula, Timor Leste, South Chain Sea, Middle East, counterterrorism, energy security, climate change and sustainable development were discussed.

During the meeting, the minister called on the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Foreign Minister of Australia and Foreign Minister of New Zealand on 29 and 30 July and discussed promotion of bilateral cooperation. On 1 August, the minister attended the singing ceremonies for the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Partnership, the Accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and by the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and signed together with other ASEAN Foreign Ministers.

While in Manila, the minister paid courtesy call on Mrs Gloria M Arroyo, President of the Philippines, together with Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and attended the dinner hosted by the President of the Philippines.

During his stay in Manila, Minister U Nyan Win went to the embassy of the Union of Myanmar and met with the ambassador and members of staff and family.

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Loikaw University being seen at night. (News reported) — MNA

Information Minister addresses meeting on keeping records of National Convention

YANGON, 6 Aug — A meeting on keeping records of the National Convention took place at the meeting hall of the National Convention Convening Work Committee at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township with an address by Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Addressing the meeting, the minister said it is the final session of the National Convention since it has been reconvened in May 2004 in accord with the seven-step Road Map. It will, therefore, be complete soon. As the tasks for the



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses meeting on keeping records of National Convention.— MNA

National Convention are national duties, it plays a pivotal role in Myanmar history. So, it is necessary to keep every detailed records of the NC. Next, he stressed the need for

National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee and other related subcommittees to send their records to

departments and organizations concerned. N C C W C Secretary U Thaung Nyunt gave a brief account of the NC and keeping records of the

previous sessions of the National Convention and sending records to departments concerned. Afterwards, members of the commission, work committee and manage-

ment committee and subcommittees reported on compilation and keeping of their respective records. Later, the minister gave a concluding remarks. — MNA

Two delegate groups of National Convention meet



U Khin Maung Aye addresses group meeting of Delegate group of workers.

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YANGON, 6 Aug — The meetings of Delegate group of political parties and Delegate group of workers were held at the designated places of Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township this afternoon, attended by members of the panel of chairmen of group-wise and NC delegates. Before the meetings, members of the panel of chairmen of group-wise and delegates signed in the attendance book.

Delegate group of political parties

The meeting of delegate group of political parties was held at the meeting hall-1 this

afternoon. U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with U Le Kwe Chin and U Tun Yin Law as members of panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Khin Maung Phyu of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director Daw Htay Htay Win as co-MC. The meeting chairman declared the start of the meeting valid as there accounted 96.55 per cent in attendance.

Next, U Saw Philip

made an opening speech on the occasion and delegates of Political Parties and members of panel of chairmen discussed compiled proposals of the

respective political parties to be scheduled.

Afterwards, the alternate chairman made concluding remarks and the meeting went into recess.



U Saw Philip speaks at group meeting of Delegate group of political parties.— MNA

Delegate group of workers

The meeting of the delegate group of Workers was held at the meeting hall-5 this afternoon. U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Division presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division and U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division as members of the panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Zaw Win of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director U Aung Win as co-MC. The meeting chairman declared the start

of the meeting valid as there accounted cent per cent in attendance.

Next, the alternate chairman made an opening speech on the occasion. Members of the panel of chairmen Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division and U Bo Thein of Shan State (East) explained clarification made by Chairman of the NCC Work Committee U Aung Toe regarding already-adopted basic principles, amendments, additions and repeals of basic principles and detailed basic principles. Next, the alternate chairman made concluding remarks and the meeting was adjourned. — MNA



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Chinese command for joint drill kicks off in Russian mily base

CHELYABINSK (Russia), 5 Aug—The Chinese command, established for a joint drill of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, started operation on Saturday in a Russian military base where the anti-terrorism exercise will be carried out this month.

The exercises, dubbed “Peace Mission 2007” and scheduled to run on 9-17 August, will launch in Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, northwest China, and later move to the Urals Mountain city of Chelyabinsk. The six-member countries of the SCO — China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — will all send troops for the drills.

About 6,500 troops and 80 aircraft are expected to take part in the drills, including 2,000 troops and 36 aircraft from Russia. Part of the 1,600 Chinese troops have kicked off training programme in the Chebarkul range after they arrived at the military base on Friday, sources of the command said.

MNA/Xinhua

Probe lifts off for journey to Mars

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 5 Aug—An unmanned *Delta* rocket blasted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force station early on Saturday, sending a water-analyzing science probe on its way to Mars.

The *Phoenix* spacecraft, which lifted off at 5:26 am (0926 GMT), is expected to reach the northern polar region of Mars on 25 May.

“The *Phoenix* bird has risen. We’re on our way to Mars,” said the mission’s lead scientist Peter Smith, with the University of Arizona. He was not just speaking in metaphor. *Phoenix*, like the mythical bird that rises from its ashes, was pieced together from spare parts of predecessor Mars probes that never reached the red planet.

Less than six hours after liftoff, the spacecraft had nearly reached its cruising speed, soaring through space at 12,300 mph and about halfway to the moon. It is to travel some 420 million miles on a round-about route to Mars.

“By our assessment, *Delta* really nailed it for us,” said Ed Sedivy, *Phoenix* programme manager at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co, which built the spacecraft.

Upon reaching Mars, *Phoenix* will use a heat shield, parachutes and thruster rockets to gently lower itself onto frozen soil, which is believed to cover a thick layer of water ice. The probe has a 7.7-foot long (2.3-metre) robotic arm, equipped with a drill and other instruments, to bore down into the ground and retrieve soil and ice samples for analysis. The work will be done on site, within the body of the lander itself. *Phoenix*’s lab includes eight ovens to bake samples so that a gas analyzer can detect vaporized gases.

The experiment should tell scientists several things about Mars’ water, including whether it once was liquid and whether it contains any organic molecules. Both conditions would substantially increase the chances that Mars was suitable for life to develop.

Unlike the *Viking* missions of the mid-1970s, *Phoenix*’s goal is not to search for life directly, but rather to ascertain if the conditions on Mars were or are suitable for indigenous microbial life to take root.

MNA/Reuters

Death toll rises to 78 from flash floods in Henan Province

ZHENGZHOU, 5 Aug—The death toll from flash floods in a county in central China’s Henan Province, has reached 78 and 18 are still missing, local authorities said on Friday.

Lushi County, in western Henan, was hit by continuous torrential rains from Saturday till Monday, which triggered flash floods and damaged transport, power, communications and other facilities in ten townships, said a spokesman with the provincial department of civil affairs.

The floods destroyed more than 6,000 houses and more than 6,667 hectares of cropland, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Sniffer dogs help Malaysia nab disk pirates

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Aug—Malaysian investigators have shut down a factory capable of churning out thousands of pirated movie DVDs every day and detained four men in their biggest such bust in two years, a national newspaper said on Saturday.

Aided by Lucky and Flo, the world’s first sniffer dogs trained to smell out the chemicals used in the disks, anti-piracy officials raided the factory after more than a week of surveillance, the *New Straits Times* said.

The pirates had used more than 500 bags of strong-smelling urea-based fertilizer to try to mask the odour of the disks, but even this failed to throw the dogs off the scent, it said. Ahmad Dahuri Mahmud, an official of Malaysia’s domestic Trade Ministry, estimated the pirates had produced 54 million ringgit (15.6 million US dollars’) worth of illegal disks during the three months they had operated in an industrial area just outside the capital.

“The disks had been packed in boxes and made to look as if they were goods being couriered,” he said.

The raiders seized six German-made machines capable of stamping out 60,000 disks a day, along with 750 kilos (1,650 pounds) of the polycarbonate material used to make the disks, and two trucks, the paper said. The raid was the latest in a series of dramatic seizures by authorities in Malaysia, which figures on a US watchlist on piracy, after they boosted efforts to rein in copyright pirates during negotiations for a free-trade pact with the United States.

MNA/Reuters

DRIVE WITH CARE

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Study shows Nicoya Peninsula sinks 25mm annually

SAN JOSE, 6 Aug — Movement of Coco Island plate is causing Costa Rica's Nicoya Peninsula to sink 25 millimetres annually, Costa Rica's National Seismological and Volcanology Observatory said on Sunday.

A 26-year study by the observatory on the plate of Coco Island, about 500 kilometres southwest of the Nicoya Peninsula, has shown that the plate not

only collides with the peninsula, but the peninsula is incapable of stopping this movement.

Twelve GPS (Global Positioning System) units in different regions of the peninsula are being used to register its precise position to determine its sinking rate, observatory geologists Marino Protti and Victor Cordero said.

Protti said not all of the coastline sinks at the same

rate, since "the western coastline rises, while the eastern coastline sinks".

Protti's and Cordero's study is backed by the United States' universities of Santa Cruz, California, and Miami.

These organizations work jointly with Costa Rica's National Emergency Commission, which has been trying to avoid an eventual disaster on the peninsula. —MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 3 Aug, 2007 shows Chinese "Feibao" fighter bombers at the Shagol airbase in Russia. The Chinese aircraft will take part in the joint anti-terrorism drill sponsored by the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

from 9 to 17 Aug. — XINHUA

LA police officers to be followed by camera crews

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug — Los Angeles police Chief William Bratton has decided to deploy camera crews to follow officers through major incidents to avoid police violence, it was reported on Friday.

The move was designed to avoid a repeat of the excessive use of force that occurred in the May Day melee, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

"Every 15 minutes or 30 minutes, the incident commander will narrate what is occurring at the event," Deputy Chief Mike Hillman, the new head of the department's critical-incident training bureau and the man who developed the idea, told the paper.

Officials hope the camera, which will follow officers through major incidents, recording their actions from the early roll call to the after-incident report, will provide a solid record of what happened and keep officers on their best behaviour, *The Times* reported.

During the 1 May immigration rally in downtown Los Angeles, TV cameras recorded officers swinging batons and firing less-than-lethal weapons at protesters and journalists.

Bratton expressed concerns over the police actions and demoted two commanders who oversaw the incident. Investi-

gations by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and FBI are still under way.

MNA/Xinhua



A combo picture shows Liu Jing before and after a surgery to reconstruct his deformed skull at a hospital in Xiamen, East China's Fujian Province, on 2 Aug, 2007. Liu Jing, 9, suffering from hydrocephalus at his birth and later the deformed skull, received a 13-hour surgery on 15 July, 2007 and is in stable situation now, Xinhua said. — XINHUA

China bans sale of hair gel products

BEIJING, 5 Aug — China's Ministry of Health has banned the sale and use of eight hair gel

products that contain excessive and harmful methanol content.

The ministry conducted a sample survey on hair gel products sold on wholesale markets and in cosmetic and barber shops, and found that eight hair gel products, manufactured by five companies in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, and three companies in north China's Tianjin Municipality, containing higher than allowable methanol levels.

Those companies on the blacklist are Guangzhou Lairun Cosmetic Co Ltd, Tianjin Xinli Factory,

Guangzhou Darong Co Ltd, Tianjin Miaoli Factory, Guangzhou Boqian Co Ltd, Guangzhou Fage Co Ltd, Tianjin Xingfa Co Ltd and Guangzhou Yibeishi Cosmetic Factory.

The names of the companies and their problematic products were disclosed on the website of the Ministry of Health, www.moh.gov.cn.

People repeatedly exposed to methanol can experience several adverse effects ranging from headaches to sleep disorders and gastrointestinal problems to optic nerve damage, said experts.

MNA/Xinhua



Bruce Willis performs with his band "The Bruce Willis Blues Band" during the Netflix Live On Location concert and movie series at the Kennedy Space Centre Visitors Complex in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 2 Aug, 2007.

XINHUA

Whale stranded in Scottish harbour, rescuers hopeful

LONDON, 5 Aug — A young minke whale has been trapped in a Scottish harbour for two days but rescuers said on Friday that, despite several failed attempts, they are hopeful it can be coaxed back to sea.

Hundreds of well-wishers have gathered on the edge of Fraseburgh Harbour in northeast Scotland to watch efforts to save the five-metre mammal, the latest in a series of whales to become stranded on the British coastline.

"The animal appears to be in reasonable condition although it won't be feeding where it is, which means slowly it will lose condition over a period of days," said Tony Woodley of British Divers Marine Life Rescue, which is leading the rescue team. —MNA/Reuters

Eagles putting finishing touches on new album

BEIJING, 5 Aug — American rock band the Eagles, most famous for their "Hotel California," have almost completed their first studio album since 1979's "The Long Run," and plan to tour

extensively next year, guitarist Joe Walsh says.

"We're just finishing vocals and mixing it. We're all finally signing off on it," Walsh told *Billboard.com*.

All of the band members — Don Henley, Glenn Frey, Timothy B Schmit and Walsh — wrote songs for the album, which he said "go in some really, really new, different directions. It's hard to compare to anything that I hear out there now."

For his songs, however, Walsh "went rock 'n' roll ... I didn't want us to be too ballad-y here. We need some stuff we can play live, so I made sure there was that element in the record."

Internet



The Eagles.

SPORTS

Marseille draw at Strasbourg in Ligue 1 opener

PARIS, 5 Aug — Ambitious Olympique Marseille managed only a 0-0 draw at promoted Racing Strasbourg in the opening match of the Ligue 1 season on Saturday.

Last season's runners-up, regarded as the only side with a real chance of stopping Olympique Lyon winning a seventh successive title, showed little initiative during a match played in stifling heat.

The best chance for the visitors was a shot from outside the box by Dutch winger Boudewijn Zenden that required a great save from Strasbourg goalkeeper Stephane Cassard.

There were two other

Pachuca begin Mexican title defence in style

MEXICO CITY, 5 Aug — Mexican champions Pachuca began their title defence with a 4-1 win away to Tecos UAG.

Colombian striker Andres Chitiva fired the Beavers in front when he pounced on a rebound in the 33rd minute and striker Rafael Marquez Lugo added a second six minutes later in the Apertura championship game on Friday night.

Argentine forward Damian Alvarez scored the third, converting a penalty in the 64th minute after a foul on Joel Sanchez.

MNA/Reuters



South Korea's Jee Young Lee plays a shot off the 1st fairway during the Women's British Open golf tournament on the Old Course at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St Andrews, Scotland, on 5 Aug, 2007. INTERNET

St Pauli upset Leverkusen in German Cup

BERLIN, 5 Aug — Second Division St Pauli beat Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 to provide the first shock of the German Cup on Saturday.

Energie Cottbus became the second Bundesliga side to fall in the first round, losing 6-5 to Third Division Rot-Weiss Essen on penalties. Bundesliga champions VfB Stuttgart survived a scare as they needed two penalties from Roberto Hilbert, the second a minute into stoppage time, to scrape a 2-1 win over SV Wehen Wiesbaden in a match that saw both sides reduced to nine men.

Six other Bundesliga clubs won their first round matches against teams in lower divisions on the first weekend of competition in the new season after a three-month break.

In the biggest upset of the first round, Fabian Boll scored in the 87th minute for St. Pauli, regular giantkillers who reached the semifinals two years ago. For Leverkusen, who finished fifth last season in the Bundesliga and qualified for the UEFA Cup, it was their first Cup exit in the first round in 11 years in a match played in front of a crowd of 15,000 in Hamburg.

"It's fantastic to beat a team of millionaires," said Boll.

Werder Bremen avoided embarrassment when a Boubacar Sanogo goal in the 90th minute gave them a 1-0 win over Third Division side Eintracht Braunschweig. — MNA/Reuters



St Pauli's Bjoern Brunnemann (L) fights for the ball with Leverkusen's Gonzalo Castro during their German soccer cup DFB-Pokal match in Hamburg on 4 Aug, 2007. — XINHUA



Lokomotiv Moscow goalkeeper Ivan Pelizzoli looks at the ball in back of the net during a penalty shoot out in the Russian Railways Cup soccer match between Lokomotiv Moscow and AC Milan's at Lokomotiv stadium in Moscow, on 5 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Veron on target as Estudiantes make winning start

BUENOS AIRES, 5 Aug — Midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron put a difficult week behind him by inspiring Estudiantes to a 3-0 win away to Banfield in their opening Argentine championship match.

Veron, who briefly walked out on the team in a contract row on Thursday, pulled the strings in

midfield and converted a 90th minute penalty in Friday night's game.

Ezequiel Maggiolo had put Estudiantes ahead in the 74th minute. Banfield defender Javier Sanguinetti put through his own goal eight minutes later before Veron put the finishing touch to the win. Velez Sarsfield, under former Mexico coach Ricardo La Volpe, also got off to a winning start despite playing almost the entire match away to Colon with 10 men. — MNA/Reuters

Sharapova beats Chakvetadze to reach San Diego final

SAN DIEGO, 5 Aug — Top seed Maria Sharapova ended Anna Chakvetadze's 12-match winning streak and powered into the San Diego Classic final with a 6-3, 6-2 victory on Saturday.

Holder Sharapova had little trouble defeating her fellow Russian, who appeared to be cramping late in the second set due to playing for three consecutive weeks.

Chakvetadze had played Fed Cup and won titles in Cincinnati and Stanford before coming to San Diego.

After playing for more than 2-1/2 hours in beating Wimbledon champion Venus Williams in a three set quarterfinal on Friday night, she had lost some of her speed around the court.

MNA/Reuters



Maria Sharapova of Russia serves to Sania Mirza of India during their quarter-final match at the Acura Classic tennis tournament in Carlsbad, California on 3 Aug, 2007. — XINHUA

Rangers win 3-0 at Inverness in season opener

GLASGOW, 5 Aug — Captain Barry Ferguson scored twice to help Rangers to a 3-0 win away to Inverness Caledonian Thistle in their opening match of the Scottish Premier League season on Saturday.

Ferguson struck left-footed from 25 metres to give Rangers, last season's runners-up behind Celtic, the lead in the 16th minute.

Spanish striker Nacho Novo came off the bench to make it 2-0 in the 65th minute and Ferguson rounded off the scoring two minutes from time after taking advantage of a dreadful mistake from defender Ross Tokely.

Celtic begin the defence of their title at home to Kilmarnock on Sunday. Elsewhere, Dundee United beat Aberdeen 1-0 with a late goal from David Robertson. — MNA/Reuters

Van Persie goal sinks Ajax, gives Arsenal tournament win

AMSTERDAM, 5 Aug — Robin van Persie struck from close range four minutes from time to seal Arsenal's 1-0 win over Ajax at the Amsterdam tournament on Saturday.

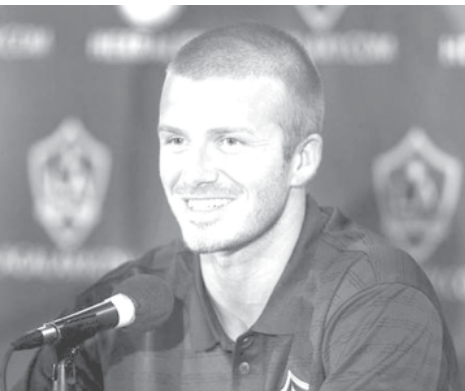
Arsenal completely dominated the first half hour but the hosts fought back after an early tactical substitution by coach Henk ten Cate who brought on Dennis Rommedahl.

In a poor match, van Persie gave Arsenal the win in the tournament when he hit the net from five metres following an impressive run by Gael Clichy.

Arsenal finished top with nine points, three for each win and one for each goal scored. Atletico Madrid finished second with six points following a comfortable 3-1 win over Lazio, while Ajax were third with five points.

Braulio Rodriguez opened the scoring for Atletico from close range after 38 minutes, while Luis Garcia doubled the lead midway through the second half.

Stefano Mauri pulled one back for the Italians but Jose Antonio Reyes registered his first goal for Madrid two minutes later to settle the match. — MNA/Reuters



LA Galaxy midfielder David Beckham smiles during a news conference in Toronto on 4 Aug, 2007. Beckham stated that he would not play in Sunday's game against Toronto FC due to an ongoing ankle injury. — XINHUA

Fighting rages in Lebanese northern camp

BEIRUT, 6 Aug — Lebanese soldiers on Saturday continued fierce fighting with Islamist militants inside the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr al-Bared in northern Lebanon, local Future TV reported.

The Army launched heavy shelling on Fatah al-Islam militants strongholds inside the camp, which set off several fires, said the report.

An Army spokesman was quoted as saying that the soldiers advanced deeper inside the camp and seized

several buildings where Fatah al-Islam militants were holed up.

Meanwhile, fresh Katyusha rockets fired by the militants fell near the Deir Ammar power plant, inflicting more damage on its facilities.

The Lebanese Army have been battling with the militants of Fatah al-Islam in the Nahr al-Bared camp since 20 May. The bloodiest internal violence since the Lebanese 1975-1990 civil war has killed more than 200 people.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia seeking UNESCO's recognition for batik

JAKARTA, 6 Aug — Indonesia is to host an International Batik Week in the Central Java town of Pekalongan on 1-5 September as part of its efforts to gain UNESCO's acknowledgment that the painted material is an indigenous Indonesian product, national Antara news agency reported Sunday.

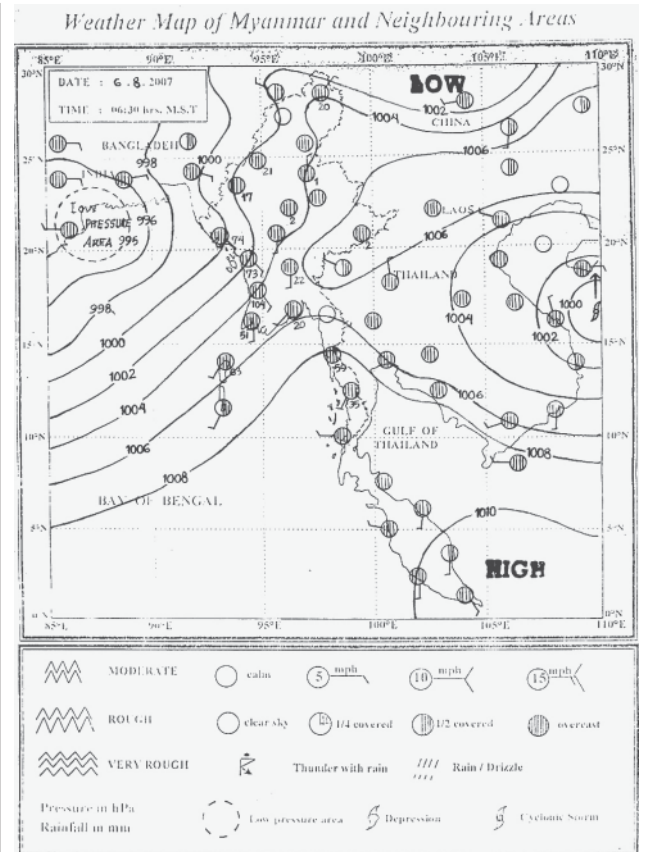
"We have already met with the UNESCO ambassador who said the UN body fully supported our efforts to make batik an icon of Indonesian culture," Indonesian Batik Foun-

dation chairman Iman Sucipto Umar said.

Iman said batik could be categorized as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO. To obtain UNESCO's acknowledgment, he said, the Indonesian Government should first ratify the UNESCO convention on intangible cultural heritage which was adopted in October 2003.

Meanwhile, director-general of small and medium enterprise affairs Sakri Widhiyanto said over 800,000 people in Indonesia were working in the batik industry which turns out 2.9 trillion rupiah (315 million US dollars) a year. The batik industry, he said, had contributed 138 million US dollars to the state coffers in 2006.

Pekalongan City was selected as the venue of the International Batik Week as it has become one of the country's batik production centres. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 6 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.20) inch, Thandwe (5.00) inches, Sittway (3.59) inches, Kyaukpadaung (3.19) inches, Dawei (2.99) inches, Haka (2.91) inches, Patheingyi (2.68) inches, Thabon (2.56) inches, Hpa-an (2.52) inches and Co Co Island (2.48) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-8-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 6-8-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-8-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 5-8-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 6-8-2007 was (0.83) inch at Mingaladon, (0.79) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (83.94) inches at Mingaladon, (85.59) inches at Kaba-Aye and (86.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 5-8-2007.

Bay inference: According to observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday low pressure area over the Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and vigorous in the Bay of Bengal.

Special features: According to observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over South China Sea is centred at about (430) miles Southeast of "HANOI" (Vietnam) and moves Northward slowly.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States and Tanintharyi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-8-2007:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-8-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Possibility Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 6-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (710) cm. It is possible to reach its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



Santiparb Tejavanija(C), director of the Athletes Village Management Office of Universiade Bangkok 2007, answers questions in a Press conference at the main press centre (MPC) of the 24th Universiade in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 4 Aug, 2007.— XINHUA

		
Tuesday, 7 August		
View on today		
7:00 am	8:30 am	5:35 pm
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara	9. International news	8. Sing and Enjoy
7:25 am	8:45 am	6:00 pm
2. To be healthy exercise	10. Let's Go	9. Evening news
7:30 am	4:00 pm	6:30 pm
3. Morning news	1. Martial song	10. Weather report
7:40 am	4:15 pm	6:35 pm
4. Nice and sweet song	2. Song to uphold National Spirit	11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
7:55 am	4:30 pm	6:50 pm
5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်	3. English for Everyday Use	12. ခြုံငုံသုံးကြိမ်ဆူ
8:05 am	4:45 pm	6:55 pm
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ	4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)	13. The mirror images of the musical oldies
8:10 am	5:00 pm	7:05 pm
7. Song of yesteryears	5. Dance of national races	14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောရွှေနေ့ခြည်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
8:20 am	5:15 pm	8:00 pm
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ	6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်	15. News
	5:25 pm	16. International news
	7. "ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါး - - - တို့မစား"(ဧရာ၊ နိုင်ငံခြားကြည့်၊ မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိန်၊ မြသက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ရဲဝင်းနီ)	17. Weather report
		18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေညာမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်"(အပိုင်း-၃၄)
		19. The next day's programme

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects regional development tasks in Kayah State



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects construction task of Loikaw Technological University in Loikaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by SPDC member Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, left Nay Pyi Taw by air on 4 August afternoon and arrived at Loikaw of Kayah State at 2 pm.

They were welcomed at the airport by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Chairman of Kayah State PDC Col Nyunt Tin and officials.

On 5 August morning, the Secretary-1 attended the opening ceremony of the main building of

Loikaw University of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar).

Next, they arrived at Kayah State General Hospital (200-bed) in Loikaw where they were welcomed

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The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of State Constitution and of other laws

YANGON, 6 Aug — *The following is the clarification made by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on the amendment, the repeal, the transfer and the addition at the Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.*

Mr Chairman and National Convention delegates,

Now, the National Convention has successfully adopted the chapter-wise fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that are to be included in formulating the Constitution. The National Convention delegates have unanimously adopted the said fundamental principles and detailed basic principles taking time in holding discussions on them from various angles. Hence, they are the principles that should

be actually based in writing the Constitution. The National Convention Convening Work Committee will now explain the matter concerning the amendment, the repeal, the transfer and the addition of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles as necessary after assessing them to be in accord with the time and situation, for the adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be in proper serial order, to define the adopted objectives and detailed basic principles more clearly and to draft the Constitution more precisely and clearly.

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 adopted the 104 State fundamental principles for the Chapter—The State fundamental principles. Based on the given adopted fundamental principles, the detailed basic principles for the remaining chapters were laid down and adopted. In other words, the fundamental principles have been adopted as the general guidance of the State to be observed and followed. The State will carry out the

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The principles set forth in the Chapter are intended for the general guidance of the State. The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law.



Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

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Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung reads out the clarification of Chairman of NCCWC.—MNA