

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye congratulates Indian Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug - Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Mohammad Hamid Ansari, on his election as the Vice-President of the Republic of India on 10 August 2007. — MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Curriculum Vitae of Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug— His Excellency Mr Nguyen Tan Dung was born on 17 November 1949 at Ca Mau City in Ca Mau Province of Vietnam. He joined the Vietnamese People's Army in 1961 and served until September 1981 as Major, Commander of Infantry Battalion and Regiment. He obtained his LLB Degree in Advanced Political Studies from Ho Chi Minh Political Academy. From October 1981 to December 1994, he served up to the post of Secretary of Kien Giang Party Committee, Secretary of Kien Giang Military Party Committee and Member of the Party Committee of the Military Zone 9. From January 1995 to May 1996, he served as Vice-Minister of Public Security and Member of the Central Public Security Party Commission. He was Member of the Politburo (See page 2)



Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.



Madame Tran Thanh Kiem

National Convention continues Political parties make suggestions on the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer

YANGON, 13 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, here, at 9 am today.

Political parties of the Delegate Group of Political Parties made suggestions 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 Na-

tional Convention.

Present on the occasion were members of the National Convention Convening Commission, members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, members of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, chairmen and officials of sub-committees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Demo-

cratic 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), (See page 9)



Plenary Session of National Convention in progress at Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 14 August, 2007

Uplift of health care services through Myanmar traditional medicine

Myanmar traditional medical science possesses effective treatments and potent medicines. Myanmar traditional medical practitioners have been providing health care services to the people in the successive periods.

The government is giving special priority to uplift the standard of Myanmar traditional medicine and its development. It has also opened the University of Traditional Medicine, traditional medicine hospital and clinics and produced potent medicines and conducted research and promoted public health care services.

The government is now launching the pilot project to distribute traditional medicine kits to the people in rural areas. The kit includes medicines for common ailments, bandage and reference manual.

At present the kits are being distributed to 13 villages in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Townships. In the future, these kits will be distributed to all parts of the nation through proper programmes combined with experiences gained.

With the cooperation among the Ministry of Health, authorities concerned, related ministries, social organizations and wellwishers, the distribution of traditional medicine kits will surely contribute towards the uplift of health standard in rural areas.

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

Curriculum Vitae of Mr Nguyen Tan Dung...

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Standing Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Chairman of the Party's Central Committee for Economic Affairs as well as in charge of the Party's financial affairs from June 1996 to August 1997. During the period from September 1997 to June 2006, he served as Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Deputy Secretary of the Party Affairs Committee of the Government and Permanent Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. He was Chairman of the National Financial-Monetary Policy Council from 1998 to 1999 and served as Governor of the

State Bank of Vietnam and Secretary of the State Bank of Vietnam's Party Affairs Committee until June 2006.

He was also member of the Party's Central Committee of the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth National Party Congresses and Politburo Member of the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth tenures, and Deputy to the 10th and 11th National Assemblies.

From June 2006, he has been serving as Member of the Politburo and Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

He is married to Madame Tran Thanh Kiem.

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Singapore Association of Myanmar organizes 14th Charity Golf Tournament

YANGON, 13 Aug — The 14th Charity Golf Tournament organized by Singapore Association of Myanmar was held at Pun Hlaing Golf Estate in Hlinethaya Township on 11 August.

Zaw Win Naing stood first, Mr Wichart, second and Kyaw Paing, third at the Division (A), and Mr Chaing Puat Soon secured first, Mr Sigi Bierbaumer, second and Mr William Chew, third at the Division (B) of the tournament. At the Ladies' Division competition, Ms Danathorn bagged first and Ms Angeline Tun, second.

The prize presentation ceremony and dinner took place at the Traders Hotel on the same day,



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence, Minister U Nyan Win and special guests seen at 14th Charity Golf Tournament.— SAM

attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, senior military officers, guest and members of the association. Officials presented awards to winners

of the tournament. Next, SAM presented provisions worth K 500,000 each to Aung Parahita Pariyatti school, St August Church Youth Group and Mary Chapman's deaf and dumb school, and

materials worth K 350,000 to Yangon General Hospital. The association have planned to donate cash and kind to other social organizations. Later, those present were served with dinner. — MNA



U Kyaw Soe, Daw Hla Kyi and family of Hline Township donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi recently.— H

Two members quit NLD

YANGON, 13 Aug — Two members of Sagaing Division National League for Democracy Party of Sagaing Division resigned from the party of their own accord on 25 July.

U San Lwin and U Win Bo of Sagaing Township NLD resigned from the party and sent their resignation letters to the NLD (Headquarters) and Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission. In the letters, they said the NLD (Central) is lack of definite political programme. The leaders of the party are disunity and they are focusing on coming to power with self-interest. The party leaders are opportunists without political experience and the party never participate in carrying out regional development tasks. They no longer stand as members of the party, and that is why they resigned from the party, they said.

MNA

Gold foil offering ceremony at Shwezigon Pagoda on schedule

YANGON, 13 Aug — The Pagoda Board of Trustees is making arrangements for offering gold foils to Shwezigon Pagoda in NyaungU. So far, over K 73 million has been funded.

The gold foil offering ceremony will be held in January 2008 and the merit sharing ceremony in February.

Those wishing to offer gold foils to the pagoda may donate K 23,000 for 100 gold foils measuring 2" by 2" each, K 10,000 for one 12-inch square gold foil and K 7,000 for one 9-inch square gold foil at the Secretary of District Peace and Development Council in NyaungU, Tel: 061-60261, the chairman of Pagoda Board of Trustees, Tel: 061-60825, Patron U Soe Win (Singu Soe Win) of Buddha Pujaniya Lights 9,900 (Oil Lamps) Association in Insein, Tel: 01-642858, 01-640487, 01-640489 and 01-643826. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

First day of Lunar autumn brings heatwave to Beijing

BEIJING, 12 Aug—Beijing citizens suffered from sweltering heat on Thursday, the first day of autumn in the Chinese Lunar calendar.

The temperature hit 39 degrees Celsius in southern areas at noon while the Tian'anmen Square and western regions registered a peak

of 38 degrees, according to the municipal meteorological station.

The average peak temperature could hit 37 degrees Celsius, six degrees higher than forecast, possibly making Thursday the hottest day this summer.

The station issued an orange temperature warn-

ing at 11:30 am, the third this summer. The last alert was issued in late June when the maximum temperature was 37.6 degrees Celsius.

Meteorologists advised people to stay indoors and avoid exposure to strong sunlight.

The heatwave may not last long as thunderstorms are expected in the next two days.

MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lanka unhappy with UN envoy's remarks

COLOMBO, 13 Aug—Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake said Saturday that the remarks of the top United Nations humanitarian official on Sri Lanka's humanitarian situation was unbecoming.

John Holmes, the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under Secretary General of Humanitarian Affairs said here Thursday that "there is a concern about the safety of humanitarian workers themselves and the record here is one of the worst in the world."

"This is most unbecoming because when he met the President (Mahinda Rajapakse) or when he attended the Press conference he did not make such comments," said Wickramanayake in addressing a public gathering at his Horana constituency, about 40 kilometres east of here.

He said that the government was baffled by Holmes' action to make the comments at a private Press interview.

Echoing the Prime Minister's views the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a release said that Holmes during his meetings with officials had taken the view that despite initial concerns on the safety of aid workers in the island the things were getting better.

The ministry blamed Holmes for his "indiscreet and irresponsible comment."

During his three-day visit to the island country, Holmes visited the northern town of Jaffna and parts of Eastern Province to assess the situation and the relief work.

MNA/Xinhua



Russia's President Vladimir Putin, left, walks with Monaco's Prince Albert II during their meeting at the 18th century czarist summer estate Peterhof on the shore of the Gulf of Finland, outside St Petersburg, Russia, on 12 Aug, 2007. Albert II Sunday hailed growing cultural and scientific ties between Russia and Monaco, adding that he highly appraised his contacts with Russian scientists who assisted in his polar expedition last year. —INTERNET

Iran slams Bush for comments over Teheran's ties with Iraq

TEHERAN, 12 Aug—Iran on Saturday criticized US President George W Bush's negative comments over Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's close ties with Teheran, saying the US needs a "wise" leader to regain its damaged global image, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Wrong policies and incorrect decisions of the

US Government caused the instability in Iraq, even the American people don't like the illogical approach of their government, the US Congress election was a proof," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini was quoted as saying.

Hosseini was referring to Bush's Republican Party's defeat in the US

Congress last November by the Democrats. "The Americans need a wise leader to regain its global images," he added.

During Maliki's visit to Teheran, Iranian top leaders in the past two days have vowed to help Iraq recover its peace and security while telling Maliki that the withdrawal of the American forces from that war-torn country

was vital to its security and stability.

For his part, Maliki said Iran was "positive and constructive" in helping his government to bring security in the war-torn country, underlining that "Iran, Iraq and other countries in the region must fight against terrorism."

However, US President George W Bush Thursday showed his disagreement over Maliki's statement of Iran's "constructive" role in Iraq. "I will have to have a heart to heart with my friend (Maliki) the Prime Minister if Iranians are constructive, since I don't believe they are," Bush said at a Press conference at the White House.

MNA/Xinhua

British oil services manager abducted in Nigeria

PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 12 Aug—Gunmen seized a British manager from oil services firm Hydrodive in the anarchic Nigerian city of Port Harcourt in the Niger Delta on Friday,

authorities said.

"The man was on his way to work when some gunmen in a car overtook his vehicle and blocked it before snatching him," said Felix Ogbaudu, commissioner of police of Rivers State where Port Harcourt is located.

Ogbaudu initially gave the man's nationality as American, but the British Embassy in Abuja later said he was a Briton.

"We can confirm he is a British national," said an embassy spokesman.

Abductions for ransom are frequent in the oil producing delta. Friday's incident raises to at least five the number of foreigners being held captive by various armed groups.—MNA/Reuters



Residents wait to be rescued after being stranded due to heavy rain in Leizhou, south China's Guangdong province, on 11 Aug, 2007.

INTERNET

A visitor takes pictures of the skyline in Hong Kong, on 8 Aug 2007, as rains hit the territory.

INTERNET

A political party shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy



U Tun Yi reads out the suggestion of National Unity Party.

MNA

YANGON 13 Aug—*The following is the suggestions of National Unity Party on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention.*

I wish health and happiness for all the esteemed Chairman and members of the Panel of Chairmen, the esteemed Chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the esteemed Chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, the esteemed Chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, and delegates.

I am U Tun Yi of National Unity Party.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added, transferred and repealed. The Work Committee Chairman invited suggestions on the matter. In this regard, the NUP compiled and presented this paper.

Mr Chairman,

The State will carry out the legislative and executive functions in accord with the fundamental principles. 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. 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.

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 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.

We agree that the para (50) of the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” 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,

To ensure a harmonious context and to prevent against occurrence of disputes in the future, the detailed basic principle 11(c)(ii) for the formation of judiciary in connection with the qualifications of judges of the High Court of the Region or State should be amended as **“a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”**.

Mr Chairman,

The 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.”** The expression emphasizes in all seriousness that the democracy Myanmar will practise in the future is a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system. In our view, there should be a contextual uniformity in drafting the Constitution. Hence, the usage **“discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”** should be used in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Mr Chairman,

In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, 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,

In adopting the detailed basic principles for the formation of executive the subpara (h) of para 22 has the expression which states **“The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit in the State Constitution”**. 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 occurrence of constitutional disputes in the future, the expression **“may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”** should be substituted with the expression **“shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”**.

Mr Chairman,

To ensure a contextual uniformity and to have a clear definition in drafting the Constitution, 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

Mr Chairman,

Concerning the formation of Hluttaw, the plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 September 1994, the following detailed basic principle was adopted:

“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.”

If the election of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives is based on population, Regions will be able to elect 237 representatives and the States will be able to elect 93 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. The original aim can be realized as greater number representatives of national races will be able to take part in the Pyithu Hluttaw.

It will not be in a position to elect one representation each from every township, if the total number of townships exceeds 330. 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.

To ensure an enduring detailed basic principle, the given para should be amended 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 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 of townships exceeds 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, detailed basic principles for the formation of Amyotha Hluttaw were adopted. In our view, the word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” of the subpara (a) for the usage to be more precise. 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.

Hence, 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.

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It is State Constitution that can remove the doubts, suspicions among national races



U Aung Khin reads out the suggestion of Union Pa-O National Organization.
MNA

YANGON 13 Aug—*The following is the suggestions of Union Pa-O National Organization on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention.*

The following is a translation of the Union Pa-O National Organization's proposal paper on National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe's clarification to the basic principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added or repealed among the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted.

Esteemed chairman and members of the panel of chairmen, the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the chairman and members of the Work Committee, the chairman and

members of the Management Committee, and delegates, I extend my greetings to you.

I am National Convention delegate U Aung Khin of the Union Pa-O National Organization of the delegate group of political parties of the National Convention.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said that the National Convention had successfully adopted the chapter-wise fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that are to be included in the Constitution; and that these principles were the ones on which the Constitution was to be based. He also explained matters to amend, repeal, transfer or add some adopted basic principles and detailed basic principles as necessary to make sure that there is contextual uniformity in the
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- (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 principle para 5 (a), (b) and (c). The subpara (a) states, "(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." The plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 August 2007, has designated Nay Pyi Taw as the Capital. Hence, the expression "Yangon is the Capital is Union" should be amended. 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. 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.

Concerning the designating of Union territories, the following detailed basic principles should be adopted:

"(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"

Mr Chairman,

If we agree to the 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, we made a suggestion that 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**".

We agree that 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**".

After the designation of 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, the 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,

Of the 15 Chapter headings to be included in formulating the Constitution, some of the detailed basic principles of the Chapter "**State Fundamental Principles**" were transferred to the respective chapters. It is appropriate that the two fundamental principles that have been transferred to the Chapter "**Head of State**", the 11 fundamental principles, transferred to the Chapter "**Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens**", and the two fundamental principles, transferred to the Chapter "**General Provisions**" totalling 15 will no longer be stated in the Chapter "**State Fundamental Principles**".

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**".

Moreover, 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. We agree that it is more appropriate that the detailed basic principle should be prescribed in the Chapter "**Transitory Provisions**". Therefore, we also agree that the 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,

It is appropriate that 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.

The holding of the National Convention began in 1993 to adopt fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to draft the Constitution, really required for the nation. Now the NC has already adopted the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles chapter heading wise. We have found that the National Convention Convening Commission and the NCC Work Committee complied and laid down the said principles in conformity with our traditions and culture and customs after thoroughly studying the 1947 Constitution, the 1974 Constitution and constitutions of some world nations.

It is appropriate that the Work Committee explained 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, to define the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles more clearly, to draft the Constitution more precisely and clearly, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence constitutional disputes in the future.

Esteemed Mr Chairman and delegates,

The National Convention began in 1993 with the aim of drafting a constitution for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state. The NC will successfully conclude soon. It is a prestige for the delegates to serve the interest of nation and people while sacrificing their own interest for the success of the NC.

The National Unity Party too has continuously taken part in the National Convention from the stage of making preparations to convene the NC till its successful completion to lay down and adopt the objectives, fundamental principles and detailed basic principles.

Of the seven points of the Road Map, the successful completion of the National Convention is the most basic part for the emergence of a democratic state in the future. Hence, based on the already-achieved sound foundations, the entire nation should take part in implementing the remaining stages.

The NUP always places in the fore the national interest while harmoniously implementing the party politics and national politics. Hence, we have made a serious pledge to join hands with the people and to play a part in implementing the remaining stages.—MNA

Detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 no longer needs to be prescribed



U Khaung Daing reads out the suggestion of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party. MNA

YANGON, 13 Aug—*The following is the suggestions of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party 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 National Convention.*

The following is a translation of the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party’s proposal paper on the basic principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added or repealed among the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted.

Esteemed chairman and members of the panel of chairmen, the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the chairman and members of the Work Committee, and delegates, may you be all blessed with physical and mental well-being.

I am National Convention delegate U Khaung Daing of the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party.

Mr Chairman,

Of the basic principles and the detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, the Work Committee chairman explained some principles that should be amended, added or repealed. I would like to make a suggestion that the expression **“The application of these principles shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court of law”** should be adopted as a detailed basic principle prescribing it under

the third of the points for Chapter “General Provisions”:

“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”.

Mr Chairman,

In the Chapter ‘Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens’, the 50th point “In this Chapter, the term “State” means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution as the context may require” should be “In this Chapter and Chapter 1 ‘State Fundamental Principles’, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution as the context may require”.

Mr Chairman,

In connection with the qualifications of the judges of the High Court of the Region or State prescribed in Formation of Judiciary, para 11 (c) (ii) states “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years”. It should be “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”.

The expression “genuine multiparty democracy system” contained in para (b), sub-para 4 (c) and (d) should be “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”.

The term Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw (Supreme Court of the Union) prescribed in the sub-paras 1, 2 and 3 of para (i) of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttawgyoke (Supreme Court of the Union).

Esteemed Mr Chairman,

The expression “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit in the State Constitution” prescribed in sub-para (h) of para 22 should be “The President of the State shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit in the State Constitution”.

Mr Chairman,

We support the amendment of sub-para (f) of para 28: “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is responsible:

- (1) to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned,
- (2) to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned”,

and sub-para (e) of para 31:

“The Auditor-General of the Region or State is responsible:

- (1) to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned,
- (2) to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned”.

Mr Chairman,

To ensure an enduring principle, concerning the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw, the detailed basic principle should be:

“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 the number of townships or population; if the number of townships is more than 330, the new township shall be combined with a suitable adjacent township to form a constituency in accordance with the law,
- (b) not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”

Regarding the adoption of the detailed basic principles for Formation of Legislature, detailed basic principles were adopted 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.”

States and divisions have significant characteristics. So, it will be more meaningful and more comprehensible by adding a word “the respective” to the expression “Union territories” for ensuring more exact expressions for the regions designated as Union territories by law. Therefore, the detailed basic principles should be:
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It is State Constitution that can remove ...

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basic principles and detailed basic principles, the definitions of the adopted basic principles and detailed basic principles are more comprehensible, and the Constitution is drafted more precisely and clearly.

Mr Chairman,

Sovereignty is eternal truth. Discovering the truth should not be based on violent acts or the wish of the majority, but on reasoning. Error is man. It is absolutely impossible that a man has never made a single mistake. According to a political scientist, there will turn out a perfect and appropriate constitution only through such kinds of basic principles that are based on consideration. It is needed to respect the freedom of each person. No one has the right to oppose the government, and the sovereignty is something formed politically in the interests of the entire people. The Constitution plays a crucial role in ensuring stability of a country. Without a constitution, there cannot be a stable government. The Constitution is the basic law of laws of the State, so it can be said the mother law. If necessary, the State Constitution is to be adopted and exercised and some of the basic principles are to be amended. Some countries’ incidents have revealed that defects and loopholes of their constitutions caused political, economic and social

crises. When the crises were reinforced by alien instigation, the countries faced a variety of havoc ranging from civil war to collapse of the nation concerned. There have been changes in the social-economic system and social political science based on passage of time and region. Therefore, it is required to prescribe necessary laws that are in conformity with the changes.

It is State Constitution that can remove the doubts and suspicions among the national races and guarantee their secure life. Only when the State Constitution is drafted completely and exactly without mistakes and can guarantee justice, freedom and prosperity, will there be no defects and loopholes in it. The term “legislation” covers enacting, revoking, adding, amending or transferring the laws. All the State constitutions are designed to ensure prosperity, development, stability and peace of the nation concerned. We witness that the National Convention Commission and the National Convention Convening Work Committee are working hard day in, day out in their tasks to ensure that the forthcoming State Constitution can guarantee national reconsolidation, help national races join hands in harmony and keep check and balance among themselves, and turn out a State Constitution with no weaknesses that can serve the public interests.

Of the basic principles and detailed basic principles, the Work Committee chairman explained eight points for addition, five points for amendment, one point for

repeal, and one point for transfer totalling 15 points. The Work Committee thoroughly studied these 15 points and presented them to the delegate groups to get their opinions about the sentences and word order of the expressions of the points and their views that if there is some weakness in the points and if need arises to make some amendments or add some expressions to them.

Mr Chairman,

When the points about addition, amendment, repeal and transfer the Work Committee chairman has presented are approved, the National Convention will adopt the basic principles and detailed basic principles for 15 chapters to be included in the State Constitution. Then, necessary measures will be taken for step-by-step implementation of the State’s seven-step Road Map. And the State Constitution will be drafted based on the basic principles and detailed basic principles. I think the present Work Committee should be vested with the duties to draft the State Constitution in accordance with the objectives and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles.

I would say that we are in support of the fact that the 15 points should be added, amended, repealed or transferred among the basic principles and detailed basic principles the Work Committee has explained. And we would like to suggest that the tasks to draft the State Constitution should be assigned to the present Work Committee.—MNA

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

YANGON, 13 Aug—*The following is the suggestions of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention.*

I wish health and happiness for the esteemed Mr Chairman and members of the Panel of Chairmen, the esteemed Chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the esteemed Chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, the esteemed Chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, and delegates.

I am U Sein Tun of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization.

Mr Chairman and delegates,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “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 have a uniformed context, to define the adopted objectives and detailed basic principles more clearly

and to draft the Constitution more precisely and clearly.”

Mr Chairman,

The State will carry out the 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.

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 detailed basic principle concerned.

Mr Chairman,

National Convention adopted the detailed basic principles including the para (50) for the Chapter **“Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”**. According to the para, 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”**. We on our part have agreed to amend the given detailed basic principle as follows:

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

Mr Chairman,

In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, it is stated **“have been an advocate of**

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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, it is stated **“a person who has served as advocate for 15 years”**.

We agree that the expression **“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,

In laying down the State Fundamental Principles, it is stated **“flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”**; and **“the State practises 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 (See page 8)**

Detailed basic principle para 15, sub-par 5 ...

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“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 sub-paras (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,

At the National Convention plenary session held on 9 April 1994, Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe laid down detailed basic principles as follows:

Regarding the designation of Union territories,
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.”

Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices of the central government are based in Nay Pyi Taw. So, the designation of Yangon and Cocogyun Township as Union territories should be revoked, and they should remain in Yangon Region.

Mr Chairman,

I would like to suggest that Capital of the Union of Myanmar should be prescribed as “Nay Pyi Taw” where the central government is based. The term “Capital Yangon” should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw” and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”.

Mr Chairman,

We suggest that the expression “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,

We support the transferring of two of some points

prescribed in Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” from the 15 Chapters to be included in the State Constitution to Chapter “The Head of State”, 11 to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and two to Chapter “General Provisions”.

Mr Chairman,

We are also in support of the fact that 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 said that in adopting detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”, the same expression in sub-para 5 is the same as that prescribed in Article 226, Clause 1, for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”.

We think it is appropriate that detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 no longer needs to be prescribed, and it is to be revoked.

Mr Chairman,

The National Convention has successfully completed the adopting of basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution. It is also found capable of implementing the steps one after another for the emergence of a genuine and disciplined democratic system. So, we express our support for seeking the approval of the National Convention 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.—MNA

The application of these principles...

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genuine multiparty democracy.” We need a uniformed context in drafting the Constitution.

Hence, we would like to suggest 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,

In layind down the State Fundamental Principles, the subpara (b) states **“(b) in the Pyidaungsu is constituted one Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw is the supreme law court of State”**. To have a contextual uniformity in drafting the Constitution, the term should be used **“Supreme Court of the Union”**.

In this regard, we agree that the term **“Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw”** should be substituted with the term **“Supreme Court of the Union”**.

Mr Chairman,

Now, we are going to discuss the term **“may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”**. We have already studied the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the matter.

As the subpara (h) of para 22 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”**.

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, subpara (l) of para 22 states as follows:

- (i) **The Region or 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.**

To ensure a clear meaning and contextual uniformity, 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.**

Mr Chairman,

The delegates have witnessed the daily, monthly and yearly changes in the administrative, economic and social sectors resulting from their rapid development. We will witness more development in the future. In this situation, more townships will have to be formed as necessary. When the total number of townships exceeds 330, the number of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives will also exceed 330.

To ensure an enduring detailed basic principle concerning the formation of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the detailed basic principle concerned should be amended 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 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 of townships exceeds 330**
- (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,

Now we are going to suggest the matter concerning the formation of Amyotha Hluttaw. At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 28 March 1996, the Work Committee Chairman explained the adoption of detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Formation of Legislature.” Concerning the Amyotha Hluttaw, he 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 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. Hence the word **“the respective”** should be added to the word **“Union territories”** as follows for the usage to be more precise.

“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,

Concerning the designation of 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).

As regards the designation of Union territories, the following detailed pasic principle should be adopted:

- “(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”.**

Mr Chairman,

We agree that 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”**.

Mr Chairman,

It is 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”.

Hence, the point “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”**.

The clarification “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” made by Work Committee Chairman is appropriate.

Esteemed Mr Chairman and members and delegates,

Now, we have concluded our suggestion concerning the matter regarding the amendment, the repeal, the transfer and the addition of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles as necessary explained by the Work Committee Chairman at the plenary session of the National Convention.

I wish health and happiness for all the esteemed Mr Chairman and members and delegates.—MNA

National Convention...

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

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

Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, members of NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC, 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 delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

At the plenary session, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons presided over the meeting together with U



The Meeting Chairman and Members of Panel of Chairmen at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA

Intelligentsia and U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel as members of the panel of chairmen. Director U Than Aung of the NCC Work Committee Office acted as MC and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC. The MC declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as 1045 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 97.57 per cent.

First, Meeting Chairman Dr Manan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons made a speech.

Next, U Tun Yi read out the suggestions of National Unity Party 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 National Convention.

(The suggestions is reported separately.)

Afterwards, U Aung Khin read out the suggestions of Union Pa-O National Organization 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 National Convention.

(The suggestions is reported separately.)

Later, U Khaung Daing read out the

suggestions of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party 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 National Convention. The Plenary Session of the National Convention took a break at 10 am.

(The suggestions is reported separately.)

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 10.15 am, U Sein Tun read out the suggestions of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization 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 National Convention.

(The suggestions is reported separately.)

Next, U Kya Shi read out the suggestions of Lahu National Development Party 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 National Convention.

(The suggestions will be reported.)

Afterwards, U Saw San Shwe read out the suggestions of Union Kayin League 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 National Convention. The Plenary Session took a break at 11.15 am.

(The suggestions will be reported.)

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 11.15 am, U Yang Kyint Kang read out the suggestions of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party 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 National Convention.

(The suggestions will be reported.)

Later, U Nyi Palok read out the suggestions of Wa National Development Party 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 National Convention. The Plenary Session went into recess at 11.15 am.

(The suggestions will be reported.)

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues at 9 am tomorrow at the Pyidaungsu Hall.

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Dr Manan Tu Ja of Other Invited Persons presides over the Plenary Session of National Convention.—MNA

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 Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective

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

Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of NCC Work Committee, U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and



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

Advanced Management (Special) Course No 7 of USDA Executives opened

YANGON, 13 Aug — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the Advanced Management (Special) Course No 7 of USDA Executives at Pyidaungsu Hall of the USDA Training School in Hmawby Township this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-General U Htay Oo said that the USDA was formed with patriotic youth so as to take part in the task for the stability of the nation and development process joining hands with the people. The association members won the trust of the people in serving their interests. As a result, the number of association members increased up to 24 million. He said today is the time to build the new nation that the people



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo addresses opening of Advanced Management (Special) Course No 7 of USDA executives.— MNA

aspired.

He continued to say that the association members are to follow the guidance delivered by Patron of the USDA Head of State Senior General Than Shwe at the training courses of the USDA. At the opening ceremony of the USDA Executives' Management Course No 7, the Head of State gave guidance that those who

cherish the nation are to serve the interests of the entire national people. At present, the goal of the State has been set to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. A nation dancing to the tune of other country does not possess genuine sovereignty.

Today, all the people are to be aware of those who want to hand over State power to others.

Hence, the people's desire is to wipe out destructive elements that disturb development process of the nation.

In conclusion, the secretary-general urged the trainees to study lectures of the training courses for applying them with the combination of own experiences in their respective fields, to organize the local people and social organizations

to serve the best interests of the respective regions, to disseminate knowledge on progress of the State to the local people, to make efforts for ensuring perpetual existence of the patriotic spirit, to take part in realization of the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of the State constitution, to guard against destructive acts through strengths of the association and the people

and to strive to understand the task of the association to be able to serve the interests of the people.

Also present on the occasion were CEC members of the association, guests and course in-charge Lt-Col Khin Win and officials.

After the ceremony, the secretary-general cordially greeted the trainees.

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MMCWA provides medical checkups to women in Kyauktan Township

Dr Than Oo of MWAFA and members donate medicine and medical equipment at Kyauktan Township. MNA



YANGON, 13 Aug — Member of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Dr Daw Khin Thet Myaing, In-charge Dr Daw Khin Than Nwe of the clinic of the association and members led by CEC member of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr

Than Oo organized an educative talk at the office of Padagyi model village MCWA (branch) in Kyauktan Township on 11 August.

Members of MMCWA gave educative talks on health and Dr Daw Khin Thet Myaing, on preventive measures against diarrhoea at the office. Next, Dr Than Oo

presented pharmaceuticals worth K 1.1 million to the chairperson of Kyauktan Township MCWA.

Later, they provided medical checkups to 90 pregnant women and 47 women and gave educative talks on preventive measures against HIV/AIDS to 70 men. — MNA

Healthy Shop (Paris) introduces new brand cosmetics

YANGON, 13 Aug — A new product of Healthy Shop (Paris) imported by Shwe Pandaing Trading Co Ltd was introduced in conjunction with the birthday party of three artists at the office of Healthy Shop (Paris), No (199), Anawratha

Street in Lanmadaw Township yesterday.

First, General Manager U Tun Lin of the company explained the new product. Two Coay Powder extracted from natural ginseng is one of 170 kinds of cosmetics distributed by Healthy Shop

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As a special programme, a make-up artist from Thailand will lecture to members of Healthy Shop (Paris) on make-up and cosmetics course on 21 August.

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Healthy Shop (Paris) introduces new brand of cosmetics.



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Chavez pledges to offer Caribbean nations oil for long term

CARACAS, 13 Aug—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Saturday urged the Caribbean nations to unite against the United States and pledged to offer them oil under preferential terms for “this century and beyond”.

“If we truly unite ... the Caribbean shouldn’t have problems this century and beyond” with their oil needs, Chavez said at a summit of nations taking part in Venezuela’s Petrocaribe oil initiative, which supplies fuel under

preferential terms.

Chavez reiterated his past promises to share the country’s oil wealth, saying “Venezuela puts this oil wealth at the disposition of our peoples of the Caribbean”.

“We’re going to share it like Christ ... It will be enough for everyone,” Chavez said. He predicted oil prices would soon reach 100 US dollars a barrel. The United States remains as Venezuela’s top oil buyer as Chavez has sought to

diversify his clientele amid tensions with Washington.

Chavez also reinforced support to his ally Cuba, blaming the United States for trying to isolate the island.

“I swear by my mother ... if there is another one of those summits and Cuba doesn’t go, Venezuela won’t go to that summit either because it doesn’t seem fair,” Chavez said.

MNA/Xinhua



Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez (R) and his Bolivian counterpart Evo Morales ride on the back of a pickup truck as Bolivians cheer during their arrival in the village of Entre Rios in the Chapare region, some 372 miles southeast of La Paz, on 10 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Insurgent suspects detained during Thai southern raid

BANGKOK, 12 Aug—Thai security forces during a raid on Saturday arrested eight suspected insurgents believed to have made bombs and blasted soldiers in Narathiwat Province last week that left five soldiers wounded.

About 200 police and soldiers raided more than 20 homes in Rangae District of Narathiwat Saturday morning and spent six hours searching the area.

In addition to eight suspects, security forces found two M-16 guns, 38 ammunitions, a walkie-talkie, two remote controls believed to have been used to detonate

bombs and two passports, local newspaper the *Bangkok Post* reported on its website.

The suspects are taken to Inkayutha Boriarn military camp in nearby Pattani Province for questioning.

Thailand’s three southernmost provinces — Yala, Narathiwat and Pattani have been troubled with insurgency-related violence which has claimed more than 2,400 lives since early 2004.—MNA/Xinhua



Bollywood star Salman Khan poses after receiving the Rajiv Gandhi award for his achievements in the Indian film industry during an award ceremony in Mumbai on 12 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Rain-related mishaps kill 45 in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 12 Aug—The death toll of rain-related mishaps in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi rose to 45, a local TV channel DAWN NEWS quoted official sources as saying on Saturday.

The city was in a state of emergency as the city government was working round the clock to carry out relief operations, DAWN NEWS reported, adding that several districts of the city were submerged

in the water.

The storm water drains over-flooded and the level of the rain water increased in two main rivers of Karachi on Friday due to the heavy rainfall, a local newspaper *The Nation* said.

The intermittent rains started on Thursday night and Karachi received 152 millimetres of rains during a period of 24 hours, according to *The Nation*.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh fishery suffers \$29m losses due to flood

DHAKA, 13 Aug—The current flood in Bangladesh, which has hit

39 out of the country’s 64 districts, has caused huge damage to fishery with a

loss of nearly 29 million US dollars.

According to an preliminary assessment of the Fishery and Livestock Ministry, the monsoon floods cost the fishery sector alone over two billion taka (about 28.9 million US dollars).

Farook Dewan, a spokesman of the ministry told *Xinhua* on Saturday the actual damage might be higher because it is preliminary assessment on the basis of information collected through control rooms in all the flood affected districts.

About fishery damage, he said the flood water washed away 32,620 metric tons of fishes, as 1863 ponds and water bodies were overflowed by the flood water. Shrimps, which were cultivated and exported to different countries, suffered a loss of 583 metric tons alone.

He said the fishery sector contributed to the national economy about 5 per cent and fetches 5.7 per cent of the total export earnings of the country.

Besides the huge damage to fishery sector, the flood also caused a

loss of 150 million taka (about 2.14 million US dollars) to livestock sector, Farook said.

The flood damaged 153,253 poultry farms and 7,048 farms of cattle across the country killing 1,297 domestic animals, mainly cattle and goats, and 13,397 poultry birds.

In a bid to recuperate damage of the fishery sector, the government has planned to bring the poor and marginal fish cultivators under the government rehabilitation programme at a cost of 4.71 million US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



A 14-meter-long (46-foot-long) carbon fibre mock-up of Japan’s next-generation stealth fighter jet sits in Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd’s Komakiminami Factory in Toyoyamacho, Aichi Prefecture (State), central Japan, on 9 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

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Journalist killed in eastern Congo

KINSHASA, 12 Aug—Armed men in military uniform shot dead a Congolese photographer in the eastern city of Goma, the national Press union said on Friday.

Patrick Kikuku, 34, a freelance photojournalist and reporter, was approached on his way home at around 7.30 pm (1730 GMT) on Thursday by several men in military uniform, union officials said.

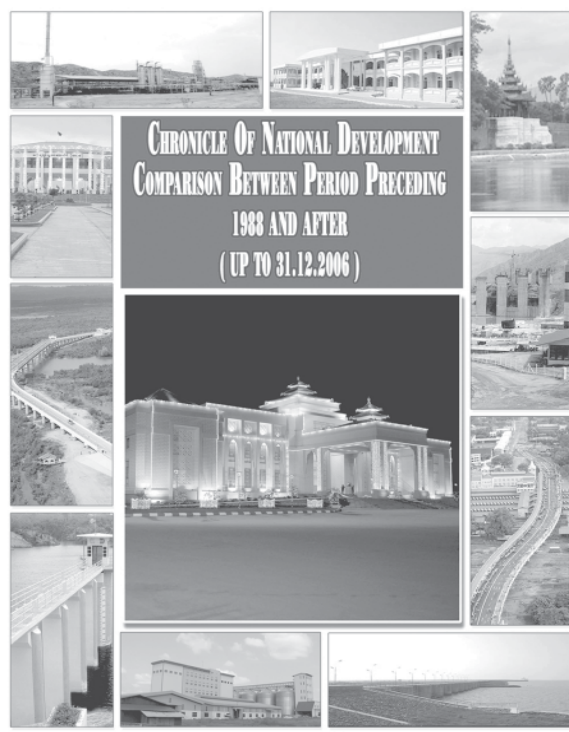
"He was murdered just after getting off work. They shot him once in the head," local union president Gabriel Lukeka said. Kikuku is the latest journalist to be killed in the violence-plagued east of the country.

Many men of fighting age in eastern Congo have at some stage served with one of a plethora of rebel or militia groups and were given military fatigues which they never handed in. This means the identity of the attackers was unclear.

Lukeka said their motive was also unknown. There was 30 US dollars in Kikuku's pocket when his body was found and he appeared not to have been robbed.

The UN peacekeeping mission, which has a base in Goma, said it was investigating.

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China's V-PM urges Inner Mongolians to create better future

BEIJING, 13 Aug—Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu encouraged people in Inner Mongolia to boost the development of ethnic culture during a recent visit to Chifeng City.

While in Chifeng City after attending the ceremony to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of Inner Mongolia, Hui praised the achievements made by local people in the past 60 years and encouraged them to take a scientific approach to development and turn the city more prosperous.

At the home for the aged of Manchu nationality in Songsan District, Hui toured their rooms, recreation centres and the clinic and enquired their daily life, calling for better care for senile people. The Vice Premier also urged workers at a zinc mining

company to make efficient use of resources, save energy and reduce production cost.

Liu Yandong, vice chairwoman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, called on local government to speed up industrialization of agriculture and animal husbandry and continue to increase farmer's income to improve their living standard during a visit to Bayanur City of the region.

Farmers should share the achievements of economic development, Liu said. — MNA/Xinhua

New airlines flock to Nepal as tourism booms

KATHMANDU, 13 Aug—Nepal is fast turning into a hot destination for international airlines while the national flag carrier is reeling under lack of aircraft.

According to *The Kathmandu Post* Sunday's report, three foreign airlines are on the verge of beginning operations, while five more already operating in Nepal are planning to increase frequency.

Orient Thai Airlines, a Thailand based airline, is preparing to fly between Kathmandu and Bangkok from 19 August.

Etihad Airlines, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, and Silk Air, a subsidiary of Singapore Airlines have already announced commencement of flights to Kathmandu from October.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia plans to build new low-cost carrier terminal

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Aug—A new low-cost carrier terminal (LCCT) which can cater up to 30 million passengers a year will be built close to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Malaysia, local media reported on Friday.

Details would be announced in a month, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Razak said on Thursday in Putrajaya, administrative centre of the country.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the Cabinet committee meeting on public transport, he said that the construction of the terminal proposed by Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd would take between three and four years.

"Action is being taken and we can confirm the details within one month.

"We need a bit of time to study the request, including the facilities to be made available such as aprons and parking facilities.

"AirAsia will operate at the LCCT which will have expressway links as well," the *New Straits Times* quoted Najib as saying.

The present LCCT, which is operated by AirAsia, would be converted for "some other uses".

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Aerobatics European champion Zoltan Veres flies his Extra 300 plane over the spectators of the annual Hungarian International Air Show at the Kecskemet Air Base in Kecskemet, 90 km (56 miles) south of Budapest, Hungary on 12 Aug, 2007. 21 nations with more than 100 aircraft were participating in the air show and military display.—INTERNET

Malaysia holds first Food Festival

KUAKA LUMPUR, 12 Aug — The first-ever Malaysia Food Festival (MFF2007) opened on Friday to celebrate Malaysia as “A Melting Pot of Cuisine and Culture” at the Suria KLCC here.

Organized by Reed Exhibition, MFF2007 presents contemporary culinary delights comprising international cuisine flavoured with Malaysian influences and

Malaysian traditional fare. MFF2007, among others, aimed to capture the interest of some 20 million tourists forecast to visit the country this year, its general manager Michelle Lim said.

“It is also a unique way to assist the government

in achieving its goal of generating 8.3 million ringgit (2.4 million US dollars) from the retail business together with the food and beverage industry,” the national news agency *Bernama* quoted Lim as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Illegal Guatemalan foster home raid finds 46 babies

ANTIGUA, 12 Aug — Guatemalan police found 46 children, some just three days old, in an illegal foster home in the tourist city of Antigua on Saturday, the latest scandal for the country’s corruption-riddled adoption system.

Carlos Azurdia, an official from the country’s adoption regulator, said two women were arrested in the raid.

“There are newborns and children up to three-year-olds,” Azurdia said. “None of them had the proper paperwork to be given up for adoption.”

Guatemala has the highest per-capita adoption rate in the world, a lucrative business for private lawyers who run the trade and are

sometimes accused of forging papers or paying mothers to sell their children.

Close to 5,000 babies and children were adopted from the small Central American nation last year. Adoptive parents say some lawyers charge up to 40,000 US dollars to handle adoptions.

Police and soldiers who stormed into the house on the outskirts of Antigua, a colonial tourist town an hour’s drive west of the capital, found babies and children kept in three rooms divided by their age.

After the raid, children could be heard crying through the windows as officials and doctors examined their health.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese newspaper vow to crack down on fake news reports

BEIJING, 13 Aug — Leaders of more than 60 Chinese local newspapers have signed a declaration on cracking down on fake news reports and upholding authenticity of journalism.

The declaration says that all newsmen should persist in seeking truth from facts, guard against fabricated news stories, and insure authenticity of news sources. It also calls for a long-term accountability system in this regard, according to the State Press and Publication Administration.

The declaration aims to root out fabricated news in all newspapers and rebuild credibility of media, said sponsors of the declaration.

The declaration came after the exposure of a fabricated TV news programme about “cardboard buns” last month. The news story was made up by a Beijing Television reporter who, according to police, instructed four vendors of stuffed buns to add chopped waste cardboard in the fillings.

MNA/Xinhua



Actress Dary 1 Hannah is interviewed as she arrives at the Odd Molly spring, Summer 2008 fashion show in West Hollywood, California on 12 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Lockheed Martin opens Network Centric Operations Centre in India

GURGAON (India), August 13 — Lockheed Martin, one of the world’s largest defence contractors, and India’s top software company Wipro Technologies announced on Saturday the opening of its Network Centric Operations Centre here in India.

This centre, dubbed Ambar Jyoti (meaning “light from the sky”), is the third one set up by Lockheed Martin in the world, which will develop, demonstrate and experiment with emerging network-enabled capabilities

and applications.

The two companies will utilize cutting-edge technologies and real environment emulation to develop net-enabled capabilities and solutions to employ against current real-world problems, including civil and military applications, according to information released from the Press conference.

Rick Kirkland, President of Lockheed Martin South Asia, told *Xinhua*, “The reason why the company choose to establish the lab in India is that India has world-level technical expertise and

brains.”

“This experiment and demonstration centre is the first of its kind in India. We are certain that as a result of this project, the Indian Market will get easier access to such advanced network centric based architecture and concepts,” said Dr A L Rao, Chief Operating Officer of Wipro Technologies. At Ambar Jyoti, defence, homeland securities and civilian network centric capabilities can be explored in technology-driven, realistic operational environment.

MNA/Xinhua



A local walks past a huge wave as tropical storm Wutip approaches at a bank in Lianyungang, east China’s Jiangsu province on 12 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Sunderland stun Spurs, debut win for Eriksson

LONDON, 12 Aug — Roy Keane’s promoted Sunderland snatched a last-gasp 1-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur and Sven-Goran Eriksson’s Manchester City beat West Ham United 2-0 when the new Premier League season opened on Saturday.

Sam Allardyce’s first game in charge of Newcastle United ended with a 3-1 victory at former club Bolton Wanderers, with Nigerian striker Obafemi Martins scoring twice.

Sunderland had new signing Michael Chopra, who netted in the fourth minute of stoppage time, to thank for their winning start.

Chopra, who joined Keane’s side from Cardiff City last month, came off the substitutes’ bench to rifle home a low shot from inside the penalty area at the Stadium of Light.

Keane, who steered Sunderland from the relegation zone to the Second Division title after taking over last season, told Sky Sports News: “I thought the best team won.

MNA/Reuters



England’s Simeon Williamson, left, sprints to the finish line ahead of China’s Zhang Peimeng, center, and Egypt’s Amr Seowd at the men’s 100m final at the 24th World University Games in Pathumthani province, Thailand, on 12 Aug, 2007. The race was won by Williamson on Saturday but was ordered to rerun due to a timing malfunction. He won the Sunday’s race with a time of 10.22 seconds.—INTERNET

Ivanovic sees off Jankovic to reach LA final

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Ana Ivanovic fought off two match points to beat Jelena Jankovic 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the semifinals of the Los Angeles Classic on Saturday.

The world number five, who beat her fellow Serbian for the fourth time in five meetings, won the last three games in majestic fashion to book her place in the final.

Jankovic controlled much of the action early on, adeptly moving her taller foe around the court by mixing drop shots and short angled winners.

But in the second set, Ivanovic began to serve much better and took more risks on her groundstrokes. She broke Jankovic to 4-2 when her opponent missed an easy forehand.

After fighting off three break points with scorching winners, Ivanovic won the set 6-3 on her fourth set point when Jankovic missed a forehand.— MNA/Reuters



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia celebrates her win over Nadia Petrova of Russia during the final of the Los Angeles Classic WTA tennis tournament in Carson, California on 12 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET



Birmingham City’s Frank Queudrue (R) clears the ball from Chelsea’s Shaun Wright-Phillips during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 12 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Newcomers Klose, Toni help Bayern to 3-0 win

BERLIN, 12 Aug — Germany striker Miroslav Klose scored twice and Italy’s Luca Toni got another on their debuts for Bayern Munich in a one-sided 3-0 victory over Hansa Rostock at home on Saturday. Bayern, championship favourites after their record 70-million-euro (96-million-US-dollar) spending spree in the close season, lived up to pre-season expectations with an entertaining attacking style not seen in Munich for years.

It took just 14 minutes for Italy striker Toni, a transfer from Fiorentina, to get his first Bundesliga goal with his very

first shot. Klose broke through to the left and unselfishly slotted the ball for Toni to tap in as Rostock keeper Stefan Waechter came out to challenge Klose, who joined from Werder Bremen.

Klose doubled the lead against promoted Rostock by pouncing on a loose ball in the 66th minute when Waechter mishandled a Philipp Lahm shot. Klose then outjumped two Rostock defenders five minutes from time to head in a Lahm cross at the far post.

Toni missed the last two weeks of the pre-season with a knee injury and only resumed training on Thursday.—MNA/Reuters



Arsenal’s Robin van Persie (R) passes Fulham’s goalkeeper Moritz Volz but fails to score during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London, on 12 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Gerrard gives Liverpool 2-1 victory at Aston Villa

LONDON, 12 Aug — A stunning 87th-minute free kick by captain Steven Gerrard gave Liverpool a 2-1 victory at Aston Villa when the new Premier League season opened on Saturday.

Liverpool’s opener seemed destined to end in frustration when their 31st-minute lead, courtesy of an own goal by Villa’s Danish defender Martin Laursen, was cancelled out by Gareth Barry with an 85th-minute penalty. But Gerrard curled home an inswinging free kick two minutes later, dipping the ball into the top right-hand corner after deftly bending it around the Villa wall.

Premier League action was continuing on Sunday with champions Manchester United, FA Cup holders Chelsea and Arsenal all in action. — MNA/Reuters



Manchester United’s Nani (L) challenges Reading’s Nicky Shorey for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match in Manchester, northern England on 12 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Juve storm back to beat Roma in friendly

ROME, 12 Aug — Juventus put their pre-season back on track with a stunning 5-2 comeback win over AS Roma in a friendly in Cesena on Saturday.

Mirko Vucinic and Philippe Mexes gave last season’s Serie A runners-up Roma a 2-0 lead before a David Trezeguet brace and second half goals from Vincenzo Iaquinta, Alessandro Del Piero and Marcelo Zalayeta gave Juve victory.

Claudio Ranieri’s Juve, promoted from Serie B last term following their demotion for match-fixing, had stuttered in their other friendlies and lost out to Inter Milan in a mini-tournament on Wednesday also involving Napoli.

MNA/Reuters

Sevilla spoil Schuster’s Real debut in Super Cup

SEVILLE (Spain), 12 Aug — King’s Cup winners Sevilla beat league champions Real Madrid 1-0 to spoil Bernd Schuster’s competitive debut as coach in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup on Saturday.

The traditional curtain-raiser to the new season swung Sevilla’s way when Brazilian striker Luis Fabiano converted a penalty in the 27th minute.

Juande Ramos’ side were stronger throughout and denied Schuster once again, having condemned him to a 1-0 defeat at the King’s Cup final in June when he was coach of Getafe.

The home side were quicker out of the blocks and Luis Fabiano forced Iker Casillas into a sharp save in a one-on-one after three minutes.

Sevilla goalkeeper Andres Palop was soon in action at the other end, pushing the ball away from the feet of Raul after he dispossessed new loan signing Khalid Boulahrouz.

But it was a rare moment of danger for Sevilla, who took the lead when Renato set Duda through on goal and the Portuguese midfielder was brought down from behind by Sergio Ramos.

MNA/Reuters

Poll shows Australian PM faces election defeat in own seat

CANBERRA, 13 Aug — Australian Prime Minister John Howard faces a crushing electoral defeat which could see him lose his own Sydney-based seat, a poll showed on Sunday.

Howard, 11 years in power and facing re-election in a national vote tipped for 10 November, trailed high-profile former television presenter Maxine McKew, 46 per cent to 53 when votes were distributed to the two major parties, a Galaxy poll for *The Sunday Telegraph* newspaper and SBS television showed.

McKew, recruited to the rival Labour Party to take on the conservative Howard, was also level with the veteran prime minister when voters were asked who would do the best job for the seat of Bennelong,

held by Howard since 1974.

The poll was conducted after Australia's central bank lifted interest rates last week to a decade high of 6.50 per cent to head off inflation fuelled by strong domestic demand, unemployment at a 32-year low and rapid global growth.

Interest rates have been hurting Howard, who secured his fourth election victory in 2004 on the slogan "Keeping interest rates low". The central bank has since lifted rates five times.

Rates are also biting into support for Howard's Liberal-National coalition in key fringe suburbs where voters are struggling with large mortgages and a credit binge fuelled in part by the low-interest climate, successive polls show.

Also hurting Howard is a charge of boundaries in his own seat, which now has a large Asian community and is in the top 20 electorates for residents who speak a language other than English at home, according to census figures.

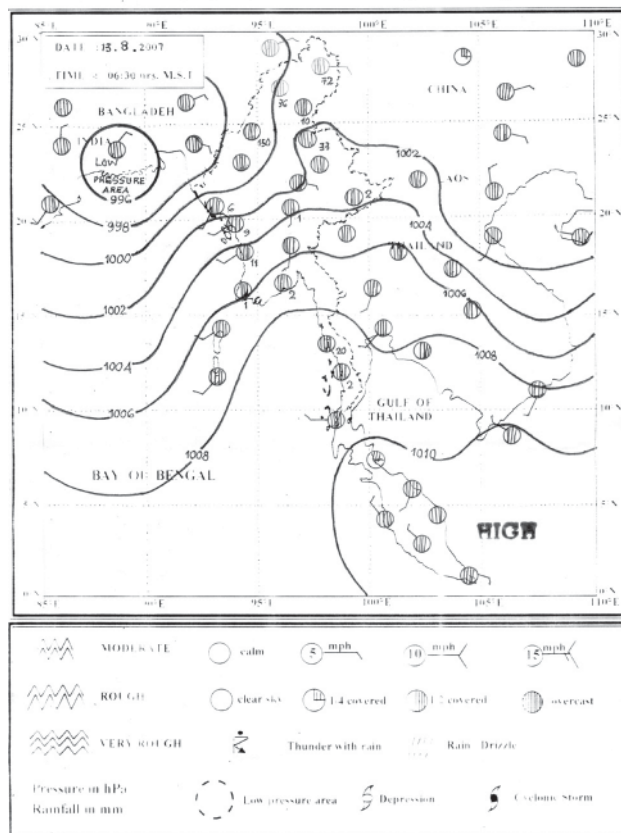
Howard has angered some immigrant families

with policies making it harder for new arrivals, requiring them to adopt vague Australian values of "mateship" and "fair go" equality, while learning English to speed their assimilation into society. Senior Labour lawmaker Bob McMullan cautioned it would be hard to unseat Howard regardless of poll indications.

"We're very near the end of this three-year term and people are open to the idea of change. But I think their voting intention isn't set in concrete at all, it's quite fluid," he told Australian television.

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Howard's wisdom and experience would carry him over the line and youthful opposition leader Kevin Rudd, a Mandarin-speaking former diplomat, lacked a plan for Australia's future. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 13 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kayin State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin and Kayah States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.20) inch, Homalin (6.50) inches, Putao (4.69) inches, Kyauktaw (4.45) inches, Machanbaw (2.32) inches, Hkamti (2.28) inches, Shwegyin (2.13) inches, Pinlaung (1.57) inches, Yamethin (1.38) inches and Chauk (0.51) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-8-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 13-8-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hour MST on 13-8-2007 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 12-8-2007 was (3.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-8-2007 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.24) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (89.49) inches at Mingaladon, (91.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 12-8-2007.

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

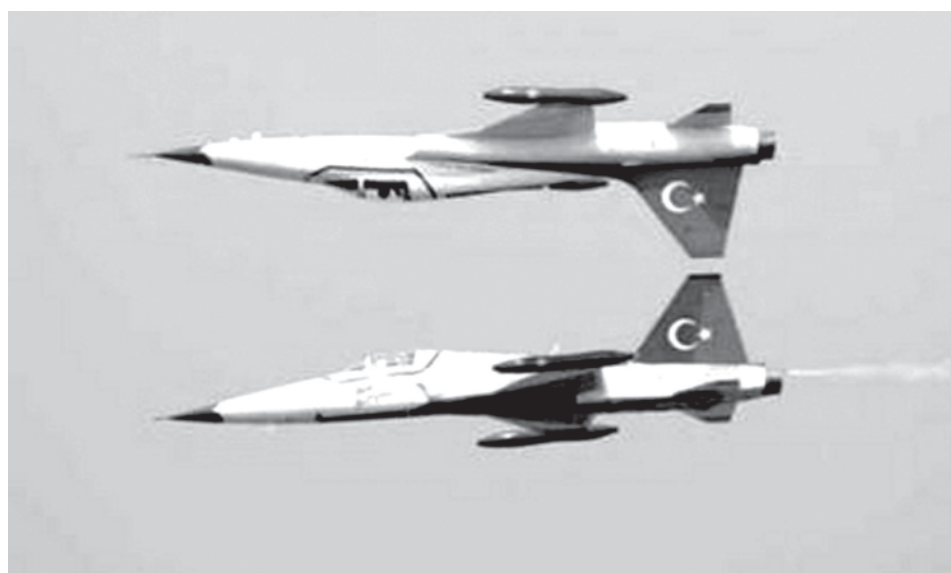
Forecast valid until evening of 14-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea will be experienced 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 14-8-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-8-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



The Turkish Stars, an acrobatic formation team of the Turkish Army, perform during an air show in Kecskemet, 90 kilometres (56 miles) south of Budapest, on 11 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

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View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

6. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. Song of yesteryears

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song for uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for everyday use

4:40 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)

4:55 pm

5. Dance of national races

5:00 pm

6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်

5:25 pm

7. "စပါးကရွှေ၊ ငါးကငွေ" (ညီကျော်၊ မိုးဒီ၊ သက်ဦးကို၊ ဆုဝတ်မိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-နိုင်ငံ)

5:35 pm

8. ဆိုကြမယ်လျှင်ကြမယ်

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

12. The Mirror Images of the Musical Olides

7:05 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောရွှေနေပြည်" (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)

18. The next day's programme

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects agricultural activities in Myeik Township**Locals to grow rubber in vacant and virgin lands to meet target of 200,000 acres in Taninthayi Division***Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence visits growing of rubber in Myeik.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended cultivation of rubber, broadcasting of fertilizer and weeding at monsoon paddy plantations and nurturing of physic nut saplings in Myeik Township yesterday.

Accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended the ceremony to grow rubber plants at Shwedu Rubber Farm in Myeik Township.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that all the townships and villages are to grow rubber in vacant and virgin lands to meet the target of 200,000 acres in Taninthayi Division. As the government is implementing the five rural development tasks to narrow the gap between rural and urban socio-economic life, cultivation of rubber can contribute to development of rural economy. Hence, local farmers

are to apply agricultural method for growing rubber at today's ceremony.

They viewed nurturing of rubber saplings at the farm.

Taninthayi Division grew 21,973 acres of rubber last year. So far, 25,499 acres of land have been put under rubber.

Next, they viewed the broadcasting of fertilizer and weeding at monsoon paddy plantation in Kanthaya Village of Myeik Township. In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that Taninthayi Division is to strive for growing 500,000 acres of monsoon paddy and 50,000 acres of summer paddy. In addition, it is necessary to extend cultivation of seasonal crops including edible oil crops and beans and pluses. Departmental personnel, social organizations and local farmers are to make concerted efforts for ensuring local food sufficiency of the division and for meeting the target of agricultural sector.

Near Myeik Airport, they attended the ceremony to nurture physic nut saplings, organized by oil palm entrepreneurs of Myeik District.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged entrepreneurs to distribute physic nut saplings to other growers and plant the

saplings as mixed cropping in oil palm plantations in September.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented physic nut saplings to representatives of social organizations. The commander also gave the saplings to oil palm growing companies.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander planted physic nut saplings. Oil Palm Entrepreneurs Association of Myeik District has grown physic nut on 208 acres in 2006-07. Today's ceremony is to produce quality physic nut seeds and saplings for cultivation of 1,000 acres physic nut in 2007-08. — MNA

Suggestions to be published

YANGON 13 Aug—The suggestions of Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention will be published in the dailies.— MNA

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 13-8-2007)

According to the (11:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (752) cm is exceeded (2) cm above its danger level. The water level may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Weather forecast for (14-8-2007)**Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas**

Likelihood of isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas

One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

Significant Rainfall recorded on 13-8-2007

Nay Pyi Taw (0.20) inch,	Hkamti (2.28) inches,
Homalin (6.50) inches,	Shwegyin (2.13) inches,
Putao (4.69) inches,	Pinlaung (1.57) inches,
Kyauktaw (4.45) inches,	Yamethin (1.38) inches,
Machanbaw (2.32) inches,	and Chauk (0.51) inch.