

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

National Convention continues

Compilation of suggestions on the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer presented

YANGON, 17 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Members of the Panel of Chairmen presented compilation on suggestions of Delegate Groups 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.

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 Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of

National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, 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, 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 ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) Breakaway (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group who have returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye

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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 18 August, 2007

Extend rubber cultivation

There is an increased demand for rubber in the international market. Personal and consumer goods have been produced using industrial raw material rubber and chemicals. So, rubber should be grown on a commercial scale as perennial and industrial crop.

In Myanmar, the cultivation of rubber has been carried out in Mon State for years. Rubber has been cultivated most in Mon State as the state is blessed with fertile land and favourable weather.

As rubber can thrive in Taninthayi Division, Kachin State and Shan State in addition to Mon State, efforts are being made for cultivation of rubber on a commercial scale in those regions.

In 2006-2007, over 700,000 acres were put under rubber in the states and divisions. At present, work is well under way to put over 200,000 acres under rubber.

As rubber has been highly sought after in the international market, it turned out to be a commercial crop. In the meantime, Myanmar rubber has strong markets for it is in high demand in neighbouring countries. Therefore, farmers and national entrepreneurs are urged to engage in extended cultivation of rubber, in the interest of the State and their own.

Four members of Mohnyin, Kawlin Township NLDs quit They lose interest in acts of NLD

YANGON, 17 Aug — Member U San Win of Mohnyin Township National League for Democracy of Kachin State on 8 August, U Tun Shein on 10 August and U Sein Nyo on 12 August, member U Aung Gyi of Kawlin Township NLD of Sagaing Division on 8 August resigned from the NLD of their own volition, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and respective local authorities.

In their letters sent to Mohnyin and Kawlin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said that they lost interest in acts of the party and they no longer wished to stand as a party member. That was why they resigned from the party of their own accord, they said. — MNA

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

Free medical treatment given to 114 patients with eye complaint

YANGON, 17 Aug — Organized by Ministry of Health and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, a group of eye specialists provided free medical treatment to patients with eye complaints from Paungde Township in Bago Division (West) at North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital on 15 and 16 August.

A total of 11 eye specialists including Professor and Head of Ophthalmology Department of University of Medicine-2 Dr U Ko Ko Than, Prof Dr U Kan



Patients receive medical checkups from eye specialists. — MNA

Nyunt and Dr Daw Nilar Thein led by Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, head of

administration department of MWAF, performed eye surgeries to

114 patients.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials viewed giving medical treatment to patients. Medical Superintendent Dr U Chit Ko Tin and staff gave necessary assistance. Managing Director U Than Shwe of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, wife Daw Khin Win and family and Managing Director U Aung Myat of Mother Trading Co Ltd sponsored pharmaceuticals and cost for patients. — MNA



Eye specialists brief on dos and don'ts to patients. — MNA

Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course concludes

YANGON, 17 Aug — Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association organized the concluding ceremony of the Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No 2 at UMFCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 10 August morning.

Vice-Chairman of the association U Nyunt Tin and Secretary Dr Saw Hla Tun gave speeches.

Course in-charge Dr Mie Mie Ko explained matters related to the training course. Chairman of the association Dr Maung Maung Lay and executives presented certificates of honour to the instructors and completion certificates to 55 trainees.

The course lasted one month. — MNA



Chairman of MPMEEA Dr Maung Maung Lay presents a certificate to Course Coordinator Dr Mie Mie Ko. — UMFCI

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Castro receives int'l congratulations on 81st birthday

HAVANA, 15 Aug—Cuban leader Fidel Castro turned 81 on Monday with congratulatory messages pouring in from many nations. He did not appear for official celebrations.

In late July last year, he handed power to Raul Castro, his younger brother and the nation's Defence Minister, in order to undergo surgery for intestinal bleeding. He has not been seen in public since then, but writes regularly in the nation's newspapers on current affairs.

Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko, in

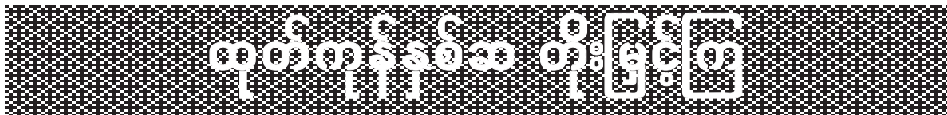
his message, said that year after year Castro has strengthened political dialogue and friendship between the two nations.

An organization called the Latin American and Caribbean Voluntary Work Brigade congratulated Castro, saying he has been "a vivid example of the most noble of causes: the fight against injustice." The message was signed in the name of 250 brigade members across 11 nations.

From Buenos Aires, the First Ernesto Che Guevara Museum and Cuban Solidarity School sent a

message of congratulations expressing immense happiness at having Castro as their "angel of tutelage". In Bolivia, leading newspapers published messages of congratulations praising Castro for surviving attacks by the US Central Intelligence Agency.

Dominica's *El Mundo* newspaper praised him as a symbol of "dignity in the Americas" and wished him a full return to health.—MNA/Xinhua



A handout photo shows the ramparts of the Red Fort in New Delhi from which Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh delivered a speech on the occasion of India's 60th anniversary of independence. India celebrated six decades as an independent nation, as the prime minister warned against over-confidence from the rising power's booming economy.—INTERNET

60 feared dead in landslide in Indian Himalayas

CANDIGARH (India), 16 Aug—Around 60 people are thought to have died in the Indian Himalayas after a cloudburst caused a landslide that buried an entire village, officials said on Wednesday.

The Army has been called in to look for bodies after Tuesday night's cloudburst in Dharla Village in the northern state of Himachal Pradesh. But heavy rain was hampering rescue work.

"There is so much debris which has fallen on the houses that nothing except few lanterns are visible," local police officer Vidya Chand Negi told *Reuters*. "Huge boulders 20 to 25-feet high have completely crushed the houses."

Negi said five bodies had been recovered and around 55 people were missing, with 14 houses and a primary health centre buried.

MNA/Reuters

Crocodiles chase Australian up a tree for a week

SYDNEY, 15 Aug—An Australian man tumbled into a bed of crocodiles and was forced to scurry up a tree where he stayed for seven days before being rescued by a military helicopter.

"Every night, I was stalked by two crocs who would sit at the bottom of the tree staring up at me," David George, 53, an outback cattle farmer told *Reuters*. "All I could see was two sets of red eyes

about six metres away from the tree."

George said he survived on two sandwiches and tied himself to the tree so he would not fall out while sleeping.

MNA/Reuters



In this photo provided recently by Japanese mountain guide Hiroyuki Kuraoka, 71-year-old Japanese mountain climber Katsusuke Yanagisawa, left, looks from atop the summit of Mount Everest after becoming the oldest person to scale it.—INTERNET

Detainees held by US in Iraq at record high

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug—The US "troop surge" in Iraq have boosted the number of detainees held in US facilities in Iraq to roughly 23,000, up 5,000 from four months ago.

Army Colonel Mark Martins, the top military lawyer in Iraq confirmed it to Wednesday's *The Washington Post*.

That number represents an all-time high since the US occupation began in 2003. Meanwhile, Iraqi forces during the "surge" have picked up 4,052 more detainees, bringing the overall number of security detainees held in Iraqi prisons to 60,000.

MNA/Xinhua

British farm sealed off, FMD suspected

LONDON, 16 Aug—Britain set up controls around a farm in southern England on Tuesday because of a suspected case of foot and mouth disease, raising fears an outbreak of the livestock disease may not have been contained.

Animal health experts were investigating the suspected case as reported in Kent, to the east of Surrey where hundreds of animals were culled earlier this month after the highly infectious animal disease was found there, officials said.

Authorities hope they have contained the outbreak in Surrey but confirmation of a case in Kent would be a blow to Britain's agriculture industry.

"We are setting up a new temporary control zone for foot and mouth disease in Kent," said a spokeswoman for the Agriculture Ministry Defra.

"This is not unusual. We are being ultra-cautious in our response to the disease and this new temporary control zone demonstrates the need for relentless vigilance."

MNA/Reuters



A student embellishes a road painting in Sagunto, Spain, on 11 Aug, 2007. Two roads were painted white in Sagunto as the municipal government held a road painting contest for the students who were on their summer vacation. The contest attracted lots of students to show their artistic talents.—XINHUA



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) shakes hands with Russian President Vladimir Putin during their meeting in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan, on 16 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

Britain’s biggest lottery win claimed

LONDON, 16 Aug— Someone in Britain is a lot richer on Tuesday after claiming the country’s biggest ever lottery win — 35,425,411.80 pounds (71.64 million US dollars).

The winner matched all five main numbers and both lucky star numbers, 23, 40, 42, 43, 49, plus 2 and 6, to claim the entire EuroMillions jackpot from the August 10 draw.

Camelot, which operates the British arm of the trans-European lottery, said the lucky ticket holder had now come forward and the prize had been paid out.

“It is the largest jackpot won by a British person,” a spokesman said. Camelot said no further details would be given out unless the person agreed to publicity.

The amount dwarfs the previous biggest British EuroMillions win by Marion Richardson, from Gateshead, northeast England, who netted 16.8 million in April 2004.

The largest jackpot the game produced was 126 million pounds, shared between two winners from France and one from Portugal in February last year.

The previous biggest-ever non-rollover lottery win in Britain went to Paul Maddison and Mark Gardiner in June 1995 when they scooped 22.5 million pounds on the Lotto game. —MNA/Reuters



A hazy day with heavy traffic flow along a major highway in Beijing, China, on 15 Aug, 2007. Beijing will conduct a four day test starting Friday to reduce 1.3 million cars from the streets as a test of the city’s ability to clean its dirty air for next year’s Olympic Games. —INTERNET

Russian hunter may be world’s oldest person

Moscow, 16 Aug— A hunter and herdsman from Arctic Russia hopes to claim the title of the world’s oldest living person following new research, *Interfax* news agency reported on Tuesday.

Staff in the national archive in Russia’s remote province of Yakutia have found church records proving that Varvara Semennikova was born in May 1890, which makes her 117, reported

Interfax.

If proven to be true, Semennikova would be older than Japan’s Yone Minagawa, who was recognized by Britain’s *Guinness Book of World Records* as the world’s oldest person.

She died on Monday at the age of 114.

Another title rival is a former Ukrainian shepherd, Hryhory Nestor, who national researchers there say, is 116.

Semennikov belongs

to a local indigenous tribe, the Evenks and for a long time lived their traditional life, migrating with herds of deer and hunting, said *Interfax*.

Semennikova has brought up four adopted children, all of whom later left home to receive an education.

“The oldest resident of Yakutia has no complaints about her health and enjoys good memory,” *Interfax* said.

MNA/Reuters

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Pakistan warns US on damage to relations

ISLAMABAD, 16 Aug— A US law linking aid to Pakistan to progress in the fight against militancy and some comments from US politicians were detrimental to cooperation between the countries, Pakistan said on Wednesday.

The warning on relations between the United States and one of its most important allies in the fight against

terrorism came in talks in Islamabad between Foreign Minister Khur-sheed Mehmood Kasuri and US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher.

“The Foreign Minister ... stressed that certain recent US statements were counter-productive ... (and) also expressed concern regarding the recent US legislation,” the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry did not elaborate on the statements but relations with Pakistan have become a hot topic in the US presidential election campaign.

Democratic candidate

Barack Obama said this month that if elected, he would be willing to attack al-Qaeda militants inside Pakistan without the approval of its government.

US President George W Bush described talk of such action as “unsavoury” and said he respected Pakistan’s sovereignty.

But Bush also signed into law a bill on implementing the recommendations of the 11 September commission, which contained the provision tying aid to Pakistan to its progress in cracking down on al-Qaeda and Taleban militants.—MNA/Reuters

Five US personnel killed in Iraq helicopter crash

BAGHDAD, 15 Aug — Five US service personnel were killed when a military transport helicopter crashed during a routine flight west of Baghdad on Tuesday.

The crash takes the death toll for the US military to 10 in the past two days. The US military said the CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed near its al-Taquddum Air Base outside Fallujah, 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of Baghdad, while conducting a “routine post-maintenance check flight”.

There was no indication whether it was shot down. An investigation is under way. The deaths of the five on board the helicopter takes the total number of US military personnel killed in Iraq since the 2003 invasion to topple Saddam Hussein to at least 3,699. So far in August at least 41 US service members have died, compared with a total of 71 for July. — MNA/Reuters



A woman places a yellow ribbon with her wishes on it for the safe return of the 21 Korean hostages kidnapped by Taliban, at an event in Seoul recently. —INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Indian to invest \$6b in agriculture

NEW DELHI, 16 Aug—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Wednesday that the government will invest six billion US dollars in the rain-dependent agriculture in a bid to promote the country's economy.

"We will also focus on the needs of our farmers in dry and drought prone regions. I am touring a few states to personally review the agricultural

situation across the country," Singh said.

Singh, popular as the architect of India's economic reforms as its Finance Minister in the 1990s, warned against over-confidence from the booming economy as pointed to numerous challenges facing the nation. "India cannot become a nation with islands of high growth and vast areas untouched by

development, where the benefits of growth accrue only to a few," he said.

Singh spoke about the need for sustained growth as he pledged six billion US dollars to bolster the country's ailing farm sector. "Our growing economy and population need more food grains. I am confident as we roll out our ambitious agricultural development programme. We will see a boost in food grain production in all parts of the country, particularly in regions untouched by the first green revolution," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

CNOOC signs sharing contracts with US Newfield in S China Sea

BEIJING, 16 Aug—China National Offshore Oil Company Limited (CNOOC Ltd) announced Wednesday that its parent China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) has signed two production sharing contracts (PSC) with US-based Newfield Exploration Company. The two contracts are for blocks numbered 22/15 and 16/05, both in the South China Sea.

Block 22/15 in the Beibu Gulf Basin in the western South China Sea covers 5,228 square kilometres, with water depth of 10 to 60 metres.

Newfield will reprocess the two-dimensional seismic data, a technical survey containing geological clues for hidden oil fields, and conduct drilling operations.

Located in the Pearl River basin, block 16/05 covers 2,064 square kilometres.

CNOOC and Newfield had signed a geophysical survey agreement on this block in 2005, under which Newfield committed to exploration drilling.

MNA/Xinhua



Students from Hualin Middle School watch a Maglev train model on 16 Aug, 2007, at the new Shanghai Maglev Museum, which features models of the super-fast train.—INTERNET

Thailand, Laos agree to boost trade

BANGKOK, 16 Aug—Thailand and Laos have joined forces to double their total trade value by 2010 and will organize an expo to promote their

products at the beginning of next month.

Thai Commerce Minister Krirkkrai Jirapaet and Nam Viyaket, Lao Minister of Industry and

Commerce recently endorsed an agreement to boost the level of economy, trade, and investment between the two countries, the *Thai News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

The two sides plan to double the value of their mutual trade within 2010 and triple the value of Lao exports, including electricity to Thailand, in 2010.

The Thai Ministry of Commerce also plans to organize a Thai-Indo-China Trade Fair 2007 beginning 31 August through 9 September at the city hall in Thailand's northeastern province of Ubon Ratchathani to promote trade between the Mekong countries.

MNA/Xinhua



People wade through floods in Manila on 15 Aug, 2007. Landslides and floods triggered by typhoon Pabuk killed a boy in northern Philippines and injured five people, disaster officials said on Wednesday, as schools in the capital were shut down.

INTERNET

Vietnam mulls more rice exports

HANOI, 16 Aug—The Vietnamese Government is considering allowing additional rice export contracts to be signed next month due to the surging commodity prices in the world, local media reported Wednesday.

The government put a halt on rice exports after

official targets were met earlier this year, but the rising global commodity prices have driven the Vietnam Food Association (VFA) to ask the government to reconsider the policy, *Vietnam News* reported. The government has targeted a rice export volume of 4-4.5 million tons this year to ensure domestic food security. As of the end of July, the country has signed export contracts of 4.5 million tons of rice, including 1.85 million tons which will be delivered early next year, said the VFA. Vietnamese rice is now being exported at about 292-312 US

dollars per ton, up 30-40 dollars compared to two months ago. The VFA predicts the rice prices to continue climbing as global supply declines. The Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development estimates that the output of paddy rice in Vietnam will reach 36 million tons this year, of which 4.9 million tons will be commercial rice for export. Asia is the main export market of Vietnamese rice, accounting for 76.6 per cent of total volume, while Africa and the United States consume about 14.3 per cent and 5.9 per cent, respectively.—MNA/Xinhua

In this photo released by China's Xinhua news agency, two foreign travellers pose with an Olympic poster at Olympic Park near Qingdao Olympic Sailing Centre in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 15 Aug, 2007. The Qingdao city holds a series of events to promote Olympic spirit and let the citizens enjoy the Olympic Games during the Qingdao International Regatta 2007.

INTERNET



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, 17 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of National Convention Convening Work Committee on suggestions made by Delegate Groups 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 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.

Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman explained fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added and repealed as necessary.

The delegate groups have already presented their suggestions at the plenary session held from 13 to 15 August 2007 after holding discussions and making compilations on the Work Committee Chairman's clarifications.

At the plenary session, the delegate groups presented their suggestions as follows:

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| (a) The Delegate Group of Political Parties | eight papers |
| (b) The Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect | four papers |
| (c) The Delegates Group of National Races | one paper |
| (d) The Delegate Group of Peasants | one paper |
| (e) The Delegate Group of Workers | one paper |
| (f) The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia | one paper |
| (g) The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel | one paper |
| (h) The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons | one paper |

All the delegates have already listened to the presentations of the delegates groups in connection with their suggestions. Now, I will present the compilation of the Panel of Chairman of the NC plenary session on the suggestions of the delegate groups.

Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee said, "The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 adopted the 104 State fundamental principles for the Chapter—The State fundamental principles. Based on the given adopted fundamental principles, the detailed basic principles for the remaining chapters were laid down and adopted. In other words, the fundamental principles have been adopted as the general guidance of the State to be observed and followed. The State will carry out the legislative and executive functions in accord with the fundamental principles. In doing so, the State will implement the functions in accord with the nation's prevailing situation and time. The running of the legislative and administrative machinery may face disturbances and obstacles if a lawsuit is filed against the State while taking advantage of its failure to implement the task in accord with said principles as time and situation is not ripe yet. In our view, it is necessary to adopt a detailed basic principle that will protect the State. The section 32 of the Chapter IV of



U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of National Convention Convening Work Committee. MNA

the 1947 Constitution stated "The principles set forth in this Chapter are intended for the general guidance of the State. The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law". A similar statement is also stipulated in the constitutions of some neighbouring nations."

My opinion is that if a detailed basic principle regarding the matter should be adopted an addition should be made to the para (3) of the Chapter—General Provisions, which says "The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws."

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

Esteemed delegates,

Concerning the matter, National Unity Party presented a suggestion, saying, "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."

Union Pa-O National Organization said, "When we study the Work Committee Chairman's clarification, we found that the eight amendment-cum-additions, the five amendments and one transfer altogether 15 are appropriate.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said the compilation (3) which said, 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 it is appropriate to add 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" to the said detailed basic principle.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said concerning the detailed basic principle that will protect the State against lawsuit, 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.

Lahu National Development Party said, "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 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" is appropriate.

Union Kayin League said 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 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" is appropriate.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said we agree to the amendment, addition and revocation of a few number of detailed basic principles as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

Wa National Development Party said it is appropriate to add 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" 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".

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four papers presented the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the representatives of the NUP and Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization presented the papers same as those of the respective parties.

Independent Representatives-Elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) agreed to the addition of 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" to the detailed basic principle concerned.

Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency 2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency 1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency 2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township Constituency 2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency 1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency 2 agreed to add the expression "The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be (See page 7)

The term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require

YANGON, 17 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties on suggestions made by Delegate Groups 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.*

Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “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 term “State” means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”** for the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”. According to the statement, it is as if that the term “State” contained in the detailed basic principle concerns only with the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”.

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

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

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

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

“In this Chapter and Chapter 1 State Fundamental Principles, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”

Esteemed delegates,

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“In this Chapter and Chapter 1 State Fundamental Principles, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”

Esteemed delegates,

Union Pa-O National Organization agreed to the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification concerning the para 50.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, the para (50) of the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”—**“In this Chapter, the term “State” means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”** should be amended as follows:

“In this Chapter and Chapter 1 State Fundamental Principles, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization agreed to the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the said matter.

Lahu National Development Party is in favour of adopting the following detailed basic principle:

“In this Chapter and Chapter 1 State Fundamental Principles, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”

Union Kayin League agreed to the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the said matter.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, we agree to

the amendments, additions and repeals made to few detailed principles and facts as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

Wa National Development party is in support of amending the para 50 as follows:

“In this Chapter and Chapter 1 State Fundamental Principles, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four papers presented the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the representatives of the NUP and Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization presented the papers same as those of the respective parties.

Independent Representatives-Elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) said in connection with the chapter — “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” the detailed basic principle **“In this Chapter and Chapter 1 State Fundamental Principles, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require”** should be adopted.

Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency 2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency 1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency 2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township Constituency 2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency 1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency 2 agreed to add the said para (50) as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races said, the para (50) of the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”—**“In this Chapter, the term “State” means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”**—should be amended as follows:

“In this Chapter and Chapter 1 State Fundamental Principles, the term “State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers by this Constitution according as context may require.”

Esteemed delegates,

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Esteemed delegates,

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The Delegate Group of National Races agreed to add 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”** 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”**.

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The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said 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 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”. Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel is in favour of adding 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”** 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”**. Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons is in support of adding 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”** 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”**.

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Para 11 (c) (ii) — “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” — should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”

YANGON, 17 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect on suggestions made by Delegate Groups 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. Esteemed delegates,*

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 30 March 1996, I explained the matter concerning the adoption of detailed basic principles for the formation of judiciary. In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, the para (3) (c) (iii) states “have been an advocate of a High Court of at least 20 years’ standings”. The statement was to indicate the least required period for the said matter.

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

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

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

Regarding this explanation, the National Unity Party suggested that “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”.

Union Pa-O National Organization in its suggestion said, “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. We support that these 15 points should be added, amended, repealed or transerrred”.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “In connection with the qualifications of the judges of the High Court of the Region or State prescribed in Formation of Legislature, 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”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, “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



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Lahu National Development Party said, “Concerning the qualifications of the Region or State high court judges, we agree that the detailed basic principle 11 (c) (ii) “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”.

Union Kayin League said, “In connection with the qualifications of the chief justices of the High Court of Region or State and the judges of the High Court of the Region or State prescribed in 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”.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, “We are in support of amending, adding suitable words to, and repealing some necessary basic principles and detailed principles the Work Committee chairman explained”.

Wa National Development Party said, “In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State and judges of the High Court of the Region or State, the para 11 (c) (ii) states “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years”. The stipulation does not state the word “at least”. It is our opinion that in drafting the Constitution, it should be stated “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years” to ensure a harmonious context and to prevent against occurrence of disputes in the future”.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parites discussed the stances of the representative of the National Unity Party, and the representative of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization. Respective representatives held similar discussions.

Independent Representatives-Elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect said, “In order to ensure contextual

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uniformity in drafting the State Constitution, and avoid possible disputes in future, the expression prescribed in para 11 (c) (ii) — “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” — should be “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”.

Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency 2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency 1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency 2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township Constituency 2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency 1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency 2 form the same group said, “The expression “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” of the detailed basic principle 11 (c) (ii) should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”.

Exteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of National Races said, “In connection with the qualifications of judges of the High Court of the Region or State, the para 11 (c) (ii) “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”.

Exteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Peasants said, “To ensure contextual uniformity in drafting the State Constitution and to avert possible future constitutional disputes, the expression “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” in para 11 (c) (ii) in connection with the qualifications of judges of the High Court of the Region or State, should be “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”.

Exteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Workers said, “In connection with the qualifications of judges of the High Court of the Region or State, the para 11 (c) (ii) states “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years”. It should be “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”.

Exteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “In drafting the Constitution, it should be stated “at least” to ensure a harmonious context and to avert possible future disputes. So, the words “at least” should be added to the point. And “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years” should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

Exteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “The detailed basic principle “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” prescribed in 11 (c) (ii) 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”.

Exteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “Regarding the qualifications set for the judges of the High Court of the Region or State in Formation of Legislature, para 11 (c) (ii) — “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” — should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”. — MNA

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

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, 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, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect presided over the meeting together with U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of NCC Work Committee, U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, 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 Intelligentsia, U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons 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 1047 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 97.76 per

cent.

The Panel of Chairmen presented compilation on suggestions of Delegate Groups 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. First, U Myo That (Maung Hsu Shin) of NCCWC presented the compilation.

Chairman and members of Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention.

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(The presentation is reported separately.)

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 9.50 am, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races and U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants presented compilations on suggestions of Delegate Groups on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at 10.55 am. U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers and Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia presented compilations on suggestions of Delegate Groups on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and



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(The presentation is reported separately.)

Next, U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties presented the compilation and the Plenary Session took a break at 9.35 am.

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 10.40 am.

(Presentation of U Maung Gyi is reported separately and presentations of U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint and U Kan Nyunt will be reported.)

detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention. The Plenary Session of the National Convention went into recess at 11.30 am.

(The presentations of U Kyaw Win Tun and Dr Maung Maung Wint will be reported.)

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues at 9 am on 20 August (Monday) at the Pyidaungsu Hall. —MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister meets Singaporean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met Mr Tan Ching Khoo of Bashan International Pte Ltd and party of Singapore at the minister's office, here, on 15 August.

Present on the occasion were Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Electric Power Department, Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise and officials.

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Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint being welcomed by Charge d'affaires of Embassy of Indonesia Mr Philemon Arobaya at a ceremony to mark the 62nd Anniversary of Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia in Yangon on 17 August. — MNA

Mayor inspects sanitation tasks in Tamway, South Okkalapa Tsp

YANGON, 17 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win and committee members and heads of department inspected maintenance task for East Horse Race Course Road near the junction of East Horse Race Course and Laydaunkkan

Roads in Tamway Township and gave necessary instructions this morning.

Next, they looked into dredging and construction of ditches for proper flow of water at Thitsar Road near the crossroads of Thitsar and Thanthuma Roads in South Okkalapa Township and attended to the needs.

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201 drug related cases exposed in July

YANGON, 16 Aug — The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 201 drug related cases in July.

They seized 29.760 kilos of opium in 36 cases, 0.3906 kilo of heroin in 70 cases, 0.4744 kilo of opium oil in six cases, 10.5404 kilos of law grade opium in 10 cases, 16.0584 kilos of marijuana in 14 cases, 26,198 stimulant tablets in 41 cases, 1.205 kilos of speciosa in five cases, 13,400 capsules of tramadol in one case, 750 bottles of tramadol injection, 15 cases of failure to register and three other cases.

Action was taken against 320 persons—263 men and 57 women in 201 cases. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw presents souvenir to Political Commissar General Liu Dongdong. — MNA

Minister for Forestry inspects wood-based factories in Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung heard reports on timber extraction presented by officials of Myanma Timber Enterprise at Mindaunt Raft Jetty in Monywa on 13 August morning. The minister viewed operating of saw mills and sawn timbers at No 75, No 39 and No 41 Saw Mills in Monywa.

In the afternoon, the minister and party visited Sagaing Raft Jetty and Shwekyetyet Raft Jetty. Mandalay Division Deputy General Manager U Win Chein and officials reported on functions of the jetties. In Amarapura Township, the minister inspected production process of No 103 Saw Mill.

While in Amarapura Township, the minister looked into functions of factories. General Manager U Tin Soe of Wood-based Industry Division and entrepreneurs reported on progress in production process of the factories. Managing Director U Win Tun of MTB gave a supplementary report. The minister inspected production of sawn timbers and plywood.

On 14 August, the minister viewed operating of machines and production of plywood at Shwe Wut Hmon Wood-based Factory at Mandalay Industrial Zone-2. The factory exports value-added wood products to Singapore, Thailand, China and the Netherlands.

At the Plywood Factory of Jewellery Luck Co at the industrial zone-2 in Mandalay, the minister oversaw production process and generating of electricity with the use of wood gas. — MNA



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luncheon to the Chinese General and party. After visiting the Nanmyint Tower and natural scenic beauty of the gardens, the Chinese General and party left for Mandalay.

The Chinese General and party visited Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace and Hsutaungpyae Pagoda on Mandalay Hill. After paying homage to the pagoda, they enjoyed scenic beauty of Mandalay. They also visited Kuthodaw Pagoda. In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw hosted a dinner in honour of Chinese General Lui Dongdong and party at the Sedona Hotel in Mandalay. Also present at

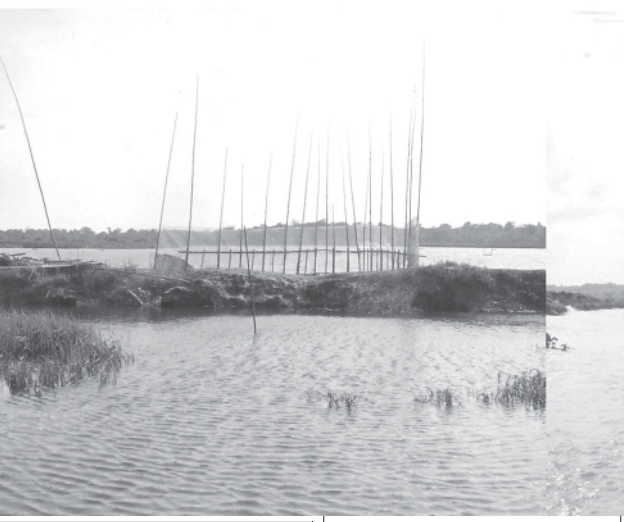
the dinner were Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and senior military officers. After the dinner, the commander and the Chinese General exchanged souvenirs.

At 8.30 am, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, senior military officers, Acting Chinese Consul-General Zhang Yong Jian and officials saw off the Chinese General and party who left for Yangon by air.

On their departure, the commander presented the documentary photo album on goodwill visit to Political Commissar Chinese General Lui Dongdong at the lounge of the airport. — MNA



Rector of Defence Services Technological Academy Brig-Gen Win Myint presents souvenir to General Liu Dongdong. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspects a fish breeding farm (Thebyu) of Phyto Ayeya Fish Breeding Co in Thabaung Township. — L & F

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits a saw mill in Monywa. FORESTRY

CEC member supervises fish breeding farms of USDA in Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected fish larvae and fingerlings at the ponds of No 4 Fish Breeding Farm (Mogok Deedok) of Pyo Ayeya Fish Breeding Co of USDA in Pantanaw Township on 12 August morning.

The CEC member also viewed maintenance of the fish ponds at No 3 Phyto Ayeya Fish Breeding Farm (Thebyu) in Thebyugwin Village of Thabaung Township. Officials reported on annual flood condition and water danger level at the fish pond. The CEC member gave necessary instructions.

At Phyto Ayeya Fish Breeding Farm No 5 (Zeebyugwin), the CEC member heard reports on prevention against flood and tasks to be done. After giving necessary instruction, the CEC member inspected fish ponds.

At the office of Ayeyawady Division Fisheries Department in Patheingyi, the minister met with service personnel under the ministry and instructed them to take preventive measures for minimizing loss and wastage of fish ponds in floods in Ayeyawady Division, and attended to the needs.

On 13 August, the minister inspected inundation of Pantanaw Fish Breeding Farm. At the office of Maubin Township Fisheries Department, the minister heard reports on catching of fish at the ponds and others presented by officials. Next, he viewed the fish ponds.

At Phyto Ayeya Fish Breeding Farm No 2 (Wardaw) in Maubin Township, the CEC member looked into development of fingerlings.

The CEC member also visited fish breeding farm of Minzarni Co in Nyaungdon Wetland and Phyto Ayeya Fish Breeding Farm No 1 (Thazinkyaw).

In the afternoon, the minister inspected construction of the laboratory of Fisheries Department on Maubin-Hsamalauk Road in Nyaungdon.

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Israeli soldiers discover underground tunnel in Gaza

JERUSALEM, 17 Aug — Israeli soldiers have uncovered an underground tunnel leading from the northern Gaza Strip towards Israel, Army sources said on Wednesday.

A spokesperson of Israel Defence Forces (IDF) confirmed to Xinhua that the tunnel shaft was discovered in northern Gaza Strip on Tuesday, adding that it was connected to a Gaza hothouse used to grow tomatoes and situated 700 metres from the border fence.

MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lanka wants UN to clarify dangerous place claim

COLOMBO, 16 Aug— Sri Lankan Government said here Tuesday that its permanent representative in the United Nations has been asked to call for a clarification on a statement made by a top UN official on the safety of the aid workers in the country.

“We will take up the issue with the UN”, Keheliya Rambukwella, the government’s defence spokesman and the Minister of Foreign Employment told

reporters.

The government has taken strong exception to a statement made by Sir John Holmes, the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under Secretary-General of Humanitarian Affairs last week to the effect that Sri Lanka was one of the world’s dangerous places for aid workers. He backs his claim citing that 34 aid workers had been killed in the island since 2006.

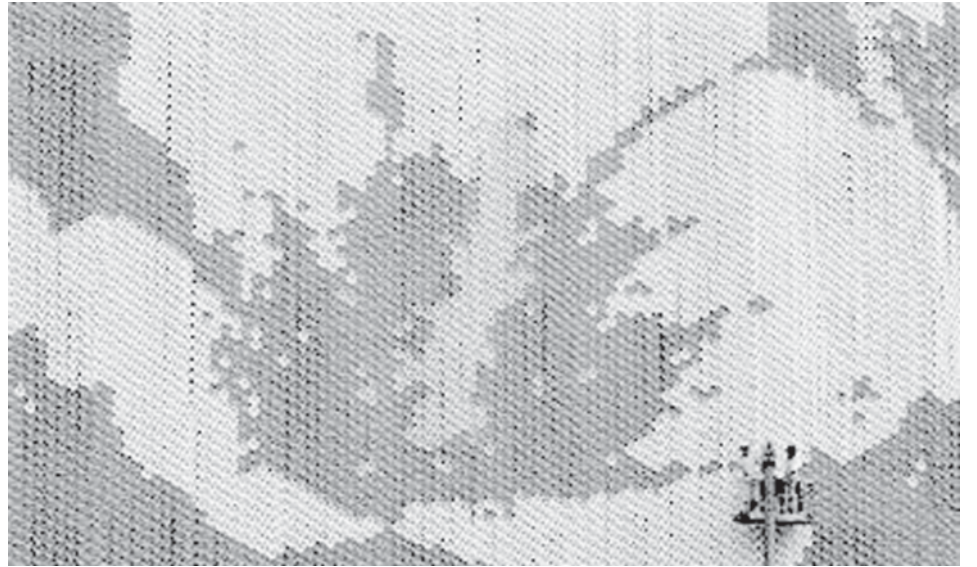
“As for the government we only know of just 19

aid workers being killed. So we want to know how the figure of 34 had been arrived at”, Rambukwella asserted.

Holmes was in the island on a three-day visit where he visited the northern Jaffna Peninsula and parts of the island’s eastern province.

Holmes Press comments have drawn an angry reaction from the government.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers complete a large rose of Sharon sign, which covers the Seoul city hall and consists of about 34,000 mock plastic roses of Sharon on 14 Aug, 2007. The decoration was made to commemorate the Independence Day of Korea from the 1910-45 Japanese colonial rule which falls on 15 Aug. The rose of Sharon is the national flower of South Korea.— INTERNET

Roadside bombing attacks convoy of German Embassy in Kabul

KABUL, 16 Aug — A roadside bombing attacked a convoy of German Embassy to Afghanistan on Wednesday morning in Kabul and caused some casualties, Brenda Steele, a Press officer of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), told *Xinhua*.

The explosion killed three persons and injured one in eastern Kabul, Alishah Paktiawal, deputy Kabul police chief, told *Xinhua*.

He said the bombing was attacking a German convoy, but he did not say the casualties were foreigners or Afghans.

An official from the German Embassy, told *Xinhua* that there was “an incident” related to the embassy.

A *Xinhua* reporter saw that Afghan police and ISAF have blocked the road leading to the explosion site. — MNA/Xinhua



A model wears a dress made of leaves during a fashion show held as part of Indonesia’s Independence Day celebration in Surabaya, East Java, on 14 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Appeal to burglars’ bellies backfires in Germany

BERLIN, 16 Aug — A cottage owner in Germany tried to ward off burglars by leaving canned foods on her doorstep, but robbers found the offerings so tasty that they broke into the house to get second helpings, German police said on Tuesday.

The woman who owns the cottage and adjacent garden in Brunswick, western Germany, had left a note for potential burglars not to bother breaking into her cottage but to help themselves to the canned foods on her doorstep, police said.

“The polite appeal that they treat themselves apparently just increased the appetite of the hoodlums,” the police said in a statement.

“The perpetrators not only took the canned foods but broke open the door and took cucumber salad and sausages.” Petty robbery of summer cottages in Germany is not uncommon since the owners often visit them only weekends. — MNA/Reuters

US Army records highest suicide rate in 26 years

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug— The US Army’s suicide rate is at the highest level in 26 years, a latest military report has found.

The report, obtained by US media on Wednesday, said 99 active-duty Army soldiers killed themselves in 2006, the highest number since 1991.

Among the soldiers who committed suicide last year, nearly one fourth were serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

The report pointed to an apparent link between soldiers’ suicides and the days they were deployed in war zones.

“Multiple deployments are a risk factor for suicide behaviour,” it said.

Previous reports also found more and more US soldiers developed symptoms of mental disorders after returning from Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

Suspected militant leader nabbed in Thai south

BANGKOK, 15 Aug— A suspected leading militant was arrested Monday after a 500-man combined government force raided his house and seized a number of guns and ammunition in Thailand’s far southern province of Pattani.

Government forces before noon surrounded a village house owned by Hama Buenae in Pattani’s Mayo District and seized eight guns, ammunition, electric wire and an iron pipe from his house, according to the *Thai News Agency*. Authorities believed that Hama was a key militant leader operating in the village and had taken him for interrogation at an Army camp, the report said. —MNA/Xinhua

Italian journalist dies after Paris mugging

PARIS, 16 Aug— An Italian sports journalist died in a Paris hospital from a serious head injury suffered when he was mugged at a Paris metro station, police said on Wednesday.

Sergio Vantaggiato, 40, who was pronounced brain dead shortly after his admission to St Louis Hospital on Sunday, was officially declared dead at 2155 GMT on Tuesday, a police official said.

Police are hunting two men who snatched the Italian’s back pack at the Bir-Hakeim metro station near the Eiffel Tower. — MNA/Reuters



Smoke billows from the World Financial Centre in Shanghai, China, on 14 Aug, 2007. Fire broke out Tuesday at the site of China’s future tallest building, although there were no immediate reports of injuries or deaths. —INTERNET

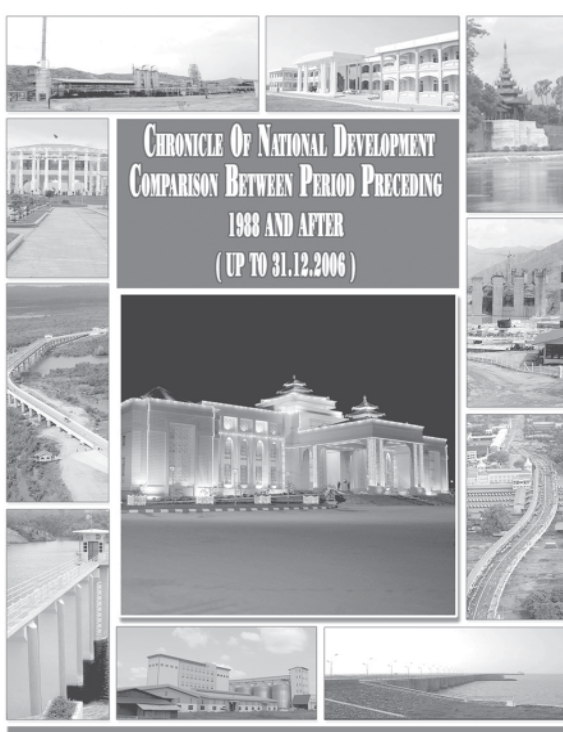
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500 houses get waterlogged in flood in mid-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 16 Aug—At least 500 houses got waterlogged in some villages in Bardiya District in mid-western Nepal as the Karnali River overflowed due to downpours since last week, local media reported on Wednesday.

According to acting Chairman of Nepal Red Cross Society, Mahesh Gautam, more than 300 families of Khairechand Village and Bhismapur Village were forced to take shelter at relatives' houses and local schools. Around 100 households of Chediya Village encircled by the river, were inundated, a leading website, eKantipur.com reported.

The only water-route to 11 villages of Rajpur to the other parts of the district, some 390 kilometres west of Kathmandu, has been obstructed.—MNA/Xinhua



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Traders work at the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York, the United States, on Aug. 15, 2007. The Wall Street traded lower Wednesday morning with the Dow Jones industrials average dropping more than 160 points to lower than 13,000 benchmark after steep losses in the Asian and European markets on concerns of a credit crunch. —XINHUA

Polish soldier killed in Afghanistan

WARSAW, 16 Aug—Second Lieutenant Lukasz Kurowski, 28, from Poland's forces died Tuesday in Afghanistan from wounds contracted in an ambush, Polish PAP news agency reported.

Kurowski is the first Polish soldier who died in Afghanistan.

The man was wounded by mortarfire while on patrol near his home base Gardez near Afghanistan's border with Pakistan. He died underway to hospital. Polish troops have been coming under attack more often in recent weeks in Afghanistan.

"Polish soldiers will die in Afghanistan. But we will not back down. We have become a serious enemy of the Taleban and we will fight back," Polish Defence Minister Aleksander Szczyglo said in an interview on Tuesday morning.

Poland has more than 1,100 troops as part of NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

The League and Self-defence (LiS) alliance formed by Self-defence and the League of Polish Families called on the Cabinet Tuesday for a pullout of Polish troops from Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll from suicide bombings in N-W Iraq rised to 500

MOSUL (Iraq), 16 Aug—The death toll from four apparently coordinated suicide car bombings near Iraq's north-western town of Sinjar late Tuesday rose dramatically to 500, while 375 others injured, hospital official told Xinhua on Wednesday.

"We have received 500 corpses and 375 others injured people," said Dr Kifah Muhammad, the manager of the hospital in Sinjar, a town in western Nineveh Province.

He added that the death toll could rise further as rescue workers continue to ferry the victims to the hospital.

The newly obtained figure from the hospital doubled the death toll Xinhua earlier got from a local police source, which said that 250 people were killed and 300 others injured.

Late Tuesday, four suicide car bombs, apparently targeting residents from Iraq's Yazidi religious minority, ripped through Yazidi residential compounds in Kahtaniya and al-Jazeera near Sinjar.

The Yazidis are primarily ethnic Kurd and mostly live near Mosul, capital of Nineveh Province.—MNA/Xinhua

Kidnapped Belgians freed in Iraq

BRUSSELS, 16 Aug—A Belgian man and woman kidnapped in south-eastern Iran at the week-end have been released, a Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday.

An Iranian official was quoted on Monday as saying they had been abducted by a bandit group led by a man named Ismael Shabbakhsh who demanded that his jailed brother be freed in return for their release.

"The mother of one of the two people was in contact with her son this afternoon. He said he was safe and in good health, and it was the same for the other person," the Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said an envoy from the Belgian Embassy in Teheran would be sent as soon as possible to the city of Bam to help the two Belgians.

Iranian news reports had said the two had been travelling by car in an area between Bam and Iran's border with Afghanistan and Pakistan when they were seized.

The man's mother said the two were now in a safe location some 150 kilo-metres (90 miles) south-west of where they were kidnapped, the Belgian spokesman added.

Iran signalled before the release that it would not give in to the demands of kidnappers and had tightened border controls to prevent them from being taken out of the country, Iranian media reported.

MNA/Reuters

Argentine climber dies in fall on Peruvian mountain

LIMA, 16 Aug—Argentine mountain climber Guillermo Harry, 30, died in a fall while climbing the 5,800-metre-high Artesonraju Mountain, in Huaylas, in Ancash department, 350 kilometres northeast of Lima, Peru's National Police told media on Wednesday.

Harry's climbing buddy told police and mountain rangers of an accident on Tuesday. The authorities found his body in a 150-metre gorge. Harry is the third climber who die on Peru's mountains in the last two months.

MNA/Xinhua

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Polish parties call for troops pullout from Iraq, Afghanistan

WARSAW, 16 Aug— The League and Self-defence (LiS) alliance formed by Self-defence and the League of Polish Families called on the Cabinet Tuesday for a pullout of Polish troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We call for an immediate decision on ending the Polish presence in “both coun-

tries”, Self-defence’s Press spokesman Mateusz Piskorski told reporters Tuesday.

“This is not our war, a war for Polish interests,” Piskorski was quoted by Polish PAP news agency.

Piskorski stressed that no more Polish contingents should be sent there in future.

The Polish society also

deemed Polish presence in the two countries unnecessary, he added.

“Our troops can become cannon fodder in Afghanistan,” Piskorski warned.

He said that his party and the League of Polish Families opposed sending troops to Iraq and Afghanistan “from the very beginning”.

MNA/Xinhua



Spacewalkers Clayton Anderson (L) and Rick Mastracchio work on the International Space Station’s P6 truss relocating two crew equipment translation aid (CETA) carts with the earth in the background in this view from NASA TV on 15 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA



A keeper of the zoo Tierpark, presents a new born Chinese Reeve’s turtle (*Chinemys reevesii*) also known as the three-keeled pond turtle, to media in Berlin on 14 Aug, 2007. In the last two weeks seven Reeve’s Turtles were born in the former east Berlin zoo. —INTERNET

Lunar calendar festival proposed as China’s Valentine’s Day

BEIJING, 16 Aug — A Chinese lunar calendar festival celebrating a romantic tale has been proposed as the “Chinese Valentine’s Day” to promote awareness of traditional culture.

China’s Qixi festival on the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar, which falls on Saturday this week, is based on an ill-fated love story involving a cowherd and a fairy seamstress.

Niulang, the cowherd, and Zhinv, the fairy, fell in love and later ascended to the heavens becoming two stars separated by the galaxy.

They could only meet once a year on the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar, when thousands of magpies form a bridge to allow them to cross the galaxy.

Chinese started to pray for good lives and love on the festival in the middle of Han Dynasty (202 BC to AD 220).

The proposal was made by scholars and business people at a conference held by the Chinese Folk Literature and Art Society in Beijing.

“With the rapid development of China’s economy, traditional Chinese festivals such as Qixi have faded from the memories of many Chinese,” said Professor Zhang Yiwu, of Peking University. —MNA/Xinhua



People try to make phone calls in Lima following a strong earthquake, on 15 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

Bangladesh flood death toll nears 500, thousands ill

DHAKA, 16 Aug— At least 38 more people died overnight in Bangladesh, including two from water-borne diseases, raising the death toll in the low-lying country’s worst floods in recent years to nearly 500, officials said on Wednesday.

The flood waters that have also inundated large

parts of eastern India have since receded, but millions remain homeless and vulnerable to disease, aid officials said.

More than 53,000 people have contracted diarrhoea in Bangladesh, mostly caused by eating stale food and drinking impure water.

A field hospital has

been opened in the capital, Dhaka, to treat diarrhoea patients.

“The overall diarrhoea situation is grim. Everyday there is a rush of patients,” said Ayesha Khatoon, a senior official at the government’s health directorate. “We are trying to cope with it.”

MNA/Reuters

Lindsay Lohan sued over car chase by LA woman

BEIJING, 16 Aug— Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan was sued Tuesday for assault and negligence by a Los Angeles woman who said

Lohan, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, chased a car she was in July, US media reported Thursday.

Tracie Rice, the accuser, was in the car driven by Michelle Peck, the mother of Lohan’s personal assistant who quit working for the troubled actress only hours earlier.

Lohan “put me through one of the most frightening experiences of my life,” Rice said in a statement released by her Los Angeles attorneys.

“What Miss Lohan did that night was extremely dangerous and reprehensible.

Someone could easily have been killed or seriously hurt because of her irresponsible deci-



Lindsay Lohan

ons,” Rice said.

Rice was seeking unspecified damages for assault, payment of medical and other expenses related to emotional distress. The lawsuit described a high-speed car chase during which Rice and Peck believed they could be carjacked or shot at.

Internet

SPORTS



Los Angeles Galaxy David Beckham passes during their SuperLiga semi-final soccer match against D.C. United in Carson, California on 15 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Beckham ready for another lead role in New York

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug — David Beckham is eager to deliver another command performance for Los Angeles Galaxy in a Major League Soccer (MLS) match against New York Red Bulls on Saturday before linking up with the England squad next week.

The 32-year-old midfielder showed scintillating form in his first Galaxy start on Wednesday, scoring from a free kick and creating a second goal, and wants to get at least 45 minutes of action at the Giants Stadium in New York.

"I did get a knock on my ankle which is slightly swollen but it feels great, a lot better than it did after the previous match,"

Beckham told reporters after masterminding the Galaxy's 2-0 win over DC United in a SuperLiga semifinal.

"Hopefully I will get a half a game or maybe more (on Saturday) but we will have to see how it reacts after travelling to New York."

Beckham, who was due to fly to New York on Thursday, faces a hectic schedule over the next eight days.

After Saturday's match, he will join his England teammates in London for a midweek friendly against Germany before returning to Los Angeles for an MLS encounter with Chivas USA the following day.

MNA/Reuters

Nancy join Le Mans on top of Liguee 1

PARIS, 17 Aug — Nancy moved alongside Le Mans at the top of Ligue 1 thanks to a 2-1 home win over Nice on Thursday.

Central defender Sebastien Puygrenier opened the scoring for the hosts with a 51st-minute volley after Moroccan midfielder Youssouf Hadji had struck the crossbar.

Nice levelled 10 minutes later with a penalty from Habib Bamogo before Pascal Berenguer nodded Nancy back in front in the 66th minute.

MNA/Reuters

Sven Says no problem with Fergie



Sven Goran Eriksson

LONDON, 17 Aug — Sven Goran Eriksson is looking forward to pitting his wits against Sir Alex Ferguson in Sunday's Manchester derby.

During his time as England boss Ferguson had a number of disagreements

with Ferguson about how he should use Manchester United players in friendly games.

But Eriksson is eager to move on and is relishing the prospect of managing Manchester City against their fierce rivals at the weekend.

"There's no problem between me and Alex," the Swede said in The Sun.

"We might have had different opinions regarding United and the national team, especially concerning friendly games, but we also had a lot of dinners together, so there's nothing personal there at all.

"One thing is for sure. I

won't be taking Alex's players like I used to."

Cristiano Ronaldo is suspended for the clash with City and Wayne Rooney is out injured, but Eriksson is not overly pleased the pair are missing.

Eriksson is still anticipating a very difficult game against a United side that is four points below City after two games of the season.

"It is a pity, as fans want to see the best players performing," he said of Rooney and Ronaldo.

"United still have plenty of other players though." — Internet

Drogba happy with lead

LONDON, 17 Aug — Didier Drogba feels Chelsea's early lead over Manchester United could prove to be an important advantage.

Chelsea's efforts to reclaim the Premier League have started with two straight wins, while the champions have drawn their opening two matches.

Those results have given The Blues a four-point cushion over their title rivals, which Drogba concedes may be crucial come next May.

But last season's top scorer also stressed the need for Chelsea to focus on maintaining the early momentum, which has



Didier Drogba

brought wins over Birmingham City and away to Reading.

"Yes, it is important, but the season will be long and we need to take all the points we can," said Drogba in the Sun of his team's advantage.

"Of course, it is always a good result when you win away." — Internet

Federer scrapes through, Roddick beaten in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, 17 Aug — Top seed Roger Federer survived a scratchy performance to beat Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 7-6, 7-5 on Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the Cincinnati Masters.

But holder Andy Roddick went out, losing 7-6, 6-4 to 16th seed David Ferrer of Spain.

In stifling humidity with the on-court temperature more than 100 degrees (37.7 Celsius), Federer saved four set points at 6-5 down in the opener.

The Cypriot spurned two set points with double-faults before Federer eventually took the tiebreak 7-5.

Baghdatis was broken in the third game of the second set. He drew level at 5-5, only to lose his serve in the next game as Federer went on to clinch a meeting with Spaniard Nicolas Pietrangeli, a 6-2, 6-2 winner over Finn Jarkko Nieminen.

"I am just really happy I got through."

Roddick looked in control early on but was frustrated by brilliant retrieving from Ferrer, who forced him further and further back behind the baseline. The American was made to pay for missing three set points in the 10th game as Ferrer took the tiebreak and then broke in the 10th game of the second set. — MNA/Reuters

Resurgent Moya sets up Hewitt clash in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, 17 Aug — A resurgent Carlos Moya set up a quarterfinal clash with Lleyton Hewitt at the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday.

World number 19 Moya battled past Argentine Juan Martin Del Potro 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 in their third-round match, while Hewitt, ranked 20, eased to a 6-3, 6-3 win over Austrian Juergen Melzer.

World number 78 Del Potro saved four match points in the third set against Moya but the Spaniard clinched victory at the fifth time of asking after a successful Hawk-Eye challenge.

The 18-year-old Argentine, who had led by an early break in the third set, let a Moya backhand go

and the ball was called out by the baseline judge but the replay showed the ball was in. — MNA/Xinhua



Shuai Peng, from China, returns to Justine Henin, from Belgium during their match at the Rogers Cup in Toronto on Thursday 16 Aug, 2007. Henin won 7-5, 6-2. — INTERNET

Hasselbaink teams up with Fowler at Cardiff

LONDON, 17 Aug — Former Dutch international striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink has joined Cardiff City, the Second Division team said on Thursday.

The 35-year-old has been without a club since he was released by Charlton Athletic at the end of last season.

Hasselbaink will link up with former England striker Robbie Fowler, who joined the Welsh side in July following his release by Liverpool.

"I do not think anyone would have believed going into the close season it would be possible to get players like them," chairman Peter Ridsdale told the club's Website (www.cardiffcityfc.premiumtv.co.uk). — MNA/Reuters

Henin makes wining return at Toronto Cup

TORONTO, 16 Aug — World number one Justine Henin kicked off her US Open preparations with a routine 6-3, 6-1 win over Slovenia's Andreja Klepac at the Toronto Cup as Ana Ivanovic's title defence came to an abrupt end on Wednesday.

Back in action for the first time since a semifinal loss at Wimbledon, Henin showed no signs of rust as she ruthlessly dispatched the 141st-ranked Klepac in 69 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

DON'T SMOKE

Report says Iran guards brush off US threat

TEHERAN, 17 Aug — Iran’s Revolutionary Guards will grow in strength despite US efforts to isolate the force, a Guards official said in remarks published on Thursday after Washington’s threat to brand it a “terrorist” group.

US officials said on Wednesday the United States might soon name the Guards a foreign terrorist group, a move that would enable Washington to target

the force’s finances. Washington is leading efforts to isolate Iran for refusing to rein in its nuclear programme and comply with UN demands.

The United States says Iran is seeking atomic bombs, a charge Teheran denies, saying it wants only to make electricity.

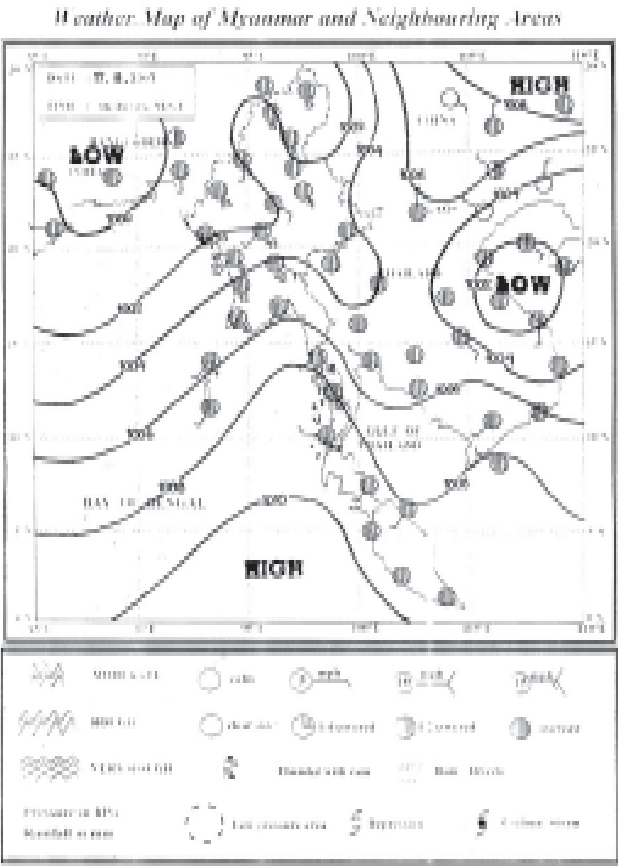
“Not only would the Revolutionary Guards not be isolated but rather it would actively continue its trend of growth with strength,” the head of the political office of the Guards, named only as Javani, was quoted by the daily *Jam-e Jam* as saying. “Americans have been fighting the Islamic system for 27 years and create plots against it. But the

Revolutionary Guards have made defending the Islamic system its duty and will increase its capabilities in this regard day by day,” he added.

Iran experts and diplomats said the squeeze on financing for the Guards also was aimed at pacifying hardliners within and outside the Bush Administration who want military action against Tehean and are frustrated that diplomatic pressure has not worked either on curbing the nuclear programme or over Iraq.— *MNA/Reuters*



A building is on fire because of an earthquake, in Lima, capital of Peru, on 15, Aug, 2007. INTERNET



WEATHER

Thursday, 17 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon State, isolated heavyfall in Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.14) inches, Ye (7.80) inches, Thaton (5.90) inches, Dawei (5.47) inches, Bago (5.10) inches, Kyaukpyu (4.25) inches, Hpa-an (2.32) inches and Meiktila (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-8-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 17-8-2007 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 17-8-2007 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 16-8-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 16-8-2007 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (90.51) inches at Mingaladon, (92.72) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.27) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southeast at (08:30) hours MST on 16-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 18-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Chin and Rakine States and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 18-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 18-8-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 18-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for forth weekend of August 2007: During the coming weekend, widespread rain in Yangon Division, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

Saturday, 18 August
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာ ရဒဂျာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercises

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
6. Musical programme

8:30 am
7. International news

8:45 am
8. Grammar made easy

11:00 am
1. Martial song

11:15 am
2. Musical programme

11:30 am
3. News

11:40 am
4. Games for children

12:05 pm
5. Round up of the week’s TV local news

12:35 pm
6. “ကျောင်းသို့မသွေ သွားရဲ့လေ”(ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ဖိုသောကြာ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မင်းအောင်သူ၊ နေယံ၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး၊ ခင်သန့်ဝင်း၊ ဝမ်းပုံကြီး၊ ချောနုဝင်း၊ သဉ္ဇာ၊ သိမ့်သိမ့်ထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ချစ်ချစ်ဇော်)

1:10 pm
7. ခြံစည်းရိုးကြက်ဆူ စံပြကျေးရွာ(ပင်ငိုကျေးရွာ)

1:15 pm
8. Dance of national races

1:30 pm
9. သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေးလှုပ်ရှားဆောင်ရွက်မှု

1:45 pm
10. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

2:00 pm
11. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:15 pm
12. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းပေါင်းလင်း (ငမိုးရိပ်ရေကူ)ရေလှောင်တစ်

2:30 pm
13. “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါး- - - တို့မစား”(ဧရာ၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ မေရိုးအိ၊ ဥပုဇိမိမိ၊ မြသက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရဲဝင်းနီ)

2:45 pm
14. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. English for everyday use

4:45 pm
4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သန့်ရာအထူးပြု) (သန့်ရာ)

4:55 pm
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

5:05 pm
6. Musical programme

5:15 pm
7. Games for children

5:35 pm
8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm
9. Evening news

6:30 pm
10. Weather report

6:35 pm
11. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်”(အပိုင်း-၅၂)

8:00 pm
13. News

8:15 pm
14. International news

8:30 pm
15. Weather report

8:45 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာနောင်ကြိုး” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

9:00 pm
17. The next day’s programme

Saturday, 18 August
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -Kissy Kissy

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -Do your thing

8:50 am National news/ Slogan

9:00 am Music: -Alive

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: -Jump for my love

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Music at your request -Knife -Let’s live for today

9:00 pm ASEAN news Exchange news from ASEAN membercountries

9:20 pm Myanma culture ... Dr Khin Maung Nyunt “Ordination hall consecrated Shin Ahrahan”

9:30 pm Souvenirs -Hay baby -Crying in the rain

9:45 pm News /Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Political Commissar of Jinan Military Region Command visits DSA, DSTA

YANGON, 17 Aug — The visiting Chinese delegation led by Political Commissar General Liu Dongdong of Jinan Military Region Command of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China, accompanied by Chinese Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fang Liang Feng and officials, left Nay Pyi Taw Airport by air yesterday morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport at 8.30 am.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Brig-Gen Hla Win of the local station, Acting Consul-General Mr Zhang Yong Jian of the Chinese Embassy and officials.

Accompanied by officials, the Chinese delegation proceeded to Defence Services Academy in PyinOoLwin. They were welcomed by Rector of DSA Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe. At the convocation hall, Rector Brig-

Gen Kyaw Swe extended greetings and a military officer explained the brief history of the academy. General Liu Dongdong and the Rector exchanged souvenirs.

At Defence Services Technological Academy, Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials welcomed them. The rector extended greetings and an officer explained matters related to the DSTA.

The Chinese General exchanged gifts with Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint. Afterwards, the Chinese General and Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint had photo taken together with officials.

Accompanied by Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint, the Chinese General and party arrived at the National Kandawgyi Gardens where they were welcomed by DSA Rector Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials.

At the hall of the gardens, Rector Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe hosted a

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Progress of hydropower projects supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min together with Deputy Minister U Myo Myint inspected installation of lower brackets, and prestressed steel pipelines for building the turbine at Unit 1 and Unit 2 Power Stations and construction of Switch Yard, the sluice gate and flow of water at Khabaung Hydropower Project in Ottwin Township on 13 August.

So far, the implementation of the project has completed by 86.1 per cent. On completion, the hydropower plant equipped with two 15-megawatt generators will generate 117 kwh million yearly.

The minister and party proceeded to Pathi Hydropower Project site, 10 miles from Toungoo and inspected progress in construction of the power plant.

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Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Khabaung Hydropower Project. — ELECTRIC POWER NO 1

Engineer U Thein Zaw and Managing Director U Kyi Tha of Hydropower Generation Enterprise reported on installation of generators and future plans. Deputy Minister U Myo Myint gave a supplementary report.

Pathi Hydropower Plant will be installed with two one-megawatt generators and

it will generate about eight kwh million yearly.

In his instructions, the minister urged service personnel to make efforts for completion of the projects earlier than the schedules, to practise preventive measures against floods and natural disasters and to ensure worksite safety.

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Compilation of Panel of Chairmen to be published

YANGON, 17 Aug—The presentations of 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 and Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia on compilations of suggestions of the respective Delegate Groups on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention will be published in the dailies.

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