

#### 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 amendments, additions, repeals and transfer presented



*Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, commission members and delegates attend Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA*

YANGON, 20 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

The Panel of Chairmen presented compilation on suggestions of 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.

Present on the occasion were National Convention Convening Com-

mission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, National Convention Convening Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen and officials of 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 Soli-

darity 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-elect, 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

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### Suggestions to be published

YANGON, 20 Aug—The presentations of U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representative-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants and U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers 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 National Convention will be published in the dailies.— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 21 August, 2007

### Turning out national race technicians

The government has been building social and economic infrastructures for development of border areas. At the same time, it is implementing plans for development of human resources.

The government is nurturing students to become intellectuals and intelligentsia with high efficiency in the border areas. Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges were opened in Yangon and Mandalay in 2000. The colleges have now produced over 500 graduates.

Twenty seven border areas national race youth technical training schools were opened for youths in the border areas to possess technical know-how and to turn out skilled workers needed in the implementation of urban and industrial projects.

Now youth technical training schools have been opened in Sittway, Laukkai, Pangsang and Mongla. Food and accommodation are provided free of charge to the national race youths who can study with the aid of modern equipment.

The youths can earn their living with the knowledge of carpentry, masonry, mechanics, welding and maintenance of motor vehicles learned at the schools.

It is believed that in the future national race youths will become national technicians with high efficiency with the training of the technical schools and the government's encouragement.

### 18 NLD members quit

YANGON, 20 Aug— Eighteen members including U Wite, U Tin Win, U Khin Maung Myint, U Kyaw Yan and U Nyunt Tin of Myaung Township National League for Democracy and Maung Myo Min Thant of Sagaing Township NLD, Sagaing Division, resigned from the party of their own accord by sending their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 10 August.

In the letter sent to Myaung and Sagaing Township Multi-party Democracy Election Subcommissions, they said they quit the NLD of their own volition as they no longer wished to take interest in party's political activities and remain as NLD members. —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

### Information Minister receives Bureau Chief for Asia-Pacific Region of Xinhua News Agency

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YANGON, 20 Aug—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Xue Yongxing, Bureau Chief for Asia-Pacific Region of Xinhua News Agency of the People's Republic of China and party at the Central Press of Printing and Publishing Enterprise here this evening.

Also present at the call were Director-General U

Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Radio and Television, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and officials.

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### Workshop on 3rd and 4th Report on Convention on the Right of the Child held



*Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint delivers an address at the workshop on 3rd and 4th Report on Convention on Right of Child. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — The Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a workshop on the 3rd and the 4th Report on Convention on the Right of the Child at Kumudra Hotel of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Vice-President Daw Aye Aye of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of the Committee for the Right of the Child, work committee members, work committee members of States and

Divisions, members of the social organizations and guests. First, President of the Work Committee for the Right of the Child Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint made a speech on the occasion and so did resident representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha.

Next, officials concerned held discussions such as undertakings in general, terms, general rules and regulations, rights and freedom, family and care, basic health and education, and activities on education, holidays, relaxation and culture, and prevention and care for the children.

Afterwards, Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department made concluding remarks. — MNA

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## US foreign policy experts oppose Bush's surge

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—More than half of top US foreign policy experts oppose President George W Bush's troop increase as a strategy for stabilizing Baghdad, saying the plan has harmed US national security, according to a new survey.

As Congress and the White House await the September release of a key progress report on Iraq, 53 per cent of the experts polled by *Foreign Policy* magazine and the Centre for American Progress said they now oppose Bush's troop build-up.

That is a 22-percentage point jump since the strategy was announced early this year.

The survey of 108 experts, including Re-

publicans and Democrats, showed opposition to the so-called "surge" across the political spectrum, with about two-thirds of conservatives saying it has been ineffective or made things worse in Iraq.

*Foreign Policy*, published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said the experts polled on 23 May to 26 June included former government officials in senior positions including Secretary of State, White House National Security Adviser and top military commanders.

The findings were published in the form of a Terrorism Index in the magazine's September/October issue, to be released on Monday. The

magazine published similar indices in July 2006 and in February.

Bush has deployed 30,000 additional US forces in and around Baghdad to quell sectarian violence in a bid to foster political reconciliation between Iraqi's Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish communities.

The strategy was announced early in the year but US forces did not reach their intended strength in Baghdad until mid-June.

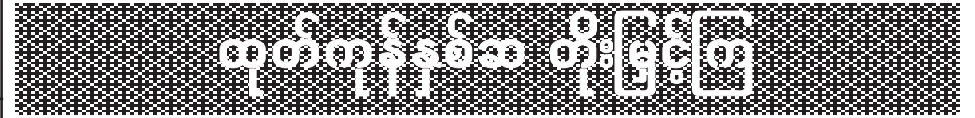
US Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker and the top US Commander in Iraq, General David Petraeus, are due next month to provide Congress with a progress report that could prove vital in determining how long US troops stay.

MNA/Reuters

### Carbon monoxide leak near Virginia Tech sends 17 to hospitals

BLACKSBURG, 19 Aug—A carbon monoxide leak in an apartment building near Virginia Polytechnic Institute sent 17 people to the hospital Sunday as the school scarred by an April massacre prepared to start a new semester, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Montgomery Regional Hospital spokesman Suzanne Barnette said two of the patients were transferred to the University of Virginia Hospital and three to



The Indian Air Force (IAF)'s micro light aircraft flown by Wing Commanders Rahul Monga and Anil Kumar, arrives at the Air Force Station Hindon, outskirts of New Delhi, India, on 19 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

## Missing miners' families blast rescue effort

HUNTINGTON, 19 Aug—Families of the six miners trapped for nearly two weeks in the collapse of a Utah coal mine blasted officials in charge of the rescue effort Sunday, accusing them of having "given up" on the missing men. In a statement read by a spokesman, the families urged the mine's owner and federal officials

to drill a hole into the mine large enough to send down a rescue capsule.

"Precious time is being squandered here, and we do not have time to spare," the spokesman, Sonny Olsen, said on behalf of dozens of relatives who faced cameras Sunday

evening. The families expressed their sorrow for the loss of three rescuers who were killed in a rescue effort Thursday. But they said they still held out hope "that our loved ones are still alive and are waiting to be rescued." —Internet

## More remains found Sunday from bridge collapse

MINNEAPOLIS, 19 Aug—More human remains were recovered Sunday from the site in the Mississippi River where a bridge collapsed this month, bringing the confirmed death toll to 12, authorities said.

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, which is leading recovery efforts, said water recovery teams recovered human remains and a vehicle at the site of the I-35W bridge collapse at 8:30 am (9:30 am ET).

The Medical Examiner identified the remains as Scott Sathers, 30, from Blaine, Minn. —Internet

## Israeli troops kill two Palestinians in West Bank raid

JENIN (West Bank), 19 Aug—Israeli troops killed two Palestinians and wounded six others during a raid near the West Bank city of Jenin on Friday, Palestinian sources said.

Palestinian security officials said that a gun battle broke out between Israeli troops and local gunmen in the village of Kafr Dan. One gunman and a 16-year-old boy were killed. —MNA/Reuters



A fire-fighting helicopter flies over the Politia suburb north of Athens during a forest fire on 16 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

## NATO soldier killed while escorting convoy in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Aug—A NATO soldier escorting a convoy in southern Afghanistan was killed on Sunday, a statement from NATO's International Security Assistance Force said.

The statement did not specify the exact location where the soldier was killed or how the death

occurred. In addition, ISAF withheld the announcement of the soldier's nationality pending notification of next of kin.

"Our thoughts and condolences go out to the friends and family of the soldier who has been killed today," said ISAF spokeswoman Lt Col Bridget Rose. —Internet

Policemen guard the sea wall at the Yuhuankanmen Port in Yuhuan, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 Aug, 2007. The Southeast China provinces are girding for the imminent Typhoon Sepat with cancellation of flights, evacuations of ships, boats and more than half a million people. —XINHUA



# The Hluttaw to be formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population

YANGON, 20 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel on suggestions made by 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.*

**Esteemed delegates,**

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman adopted the detailed basic principles regarding the Formation of Pyithu Hluttaw laid down at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 28 March 1996. They are:

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

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

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

If the election of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives is based on population, Regions will be able to elect 237 representatives and they will have 31 more representatives; and the States will be able to elect only 93 representatives and they will have 31 less representatives.

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

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

When the total number of townships exceeds 330, the number of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives will also exceed 330, if one representative from each township is elected.

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

Here, concerning the formation of the Pyithu Hluttaw:

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

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

If the above-mentioned detailed basic is adopted

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the usage “the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population” should be substituted with the usage “the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”.

**Esteemed delegates,**

Regarding the explanation, the National Unity Party said, **“If the abovementioned detailed basic is adopted the usage “the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population” should be substituted with the usage “the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”.**

Union Pa-O Natioal Organization 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 should be added, amended, repealed or transferred”.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said the points the Work Committee chairman had explained in relation to formation of Phyithu Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Lahu National Development Party suggested the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained regarding the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Union Kayin League said the points the Work Committee chairman had explained in relation to formation of Phyithu Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

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 that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

**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 that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

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 that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The Delegate Group of National Races said that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The Delegate Group of Peasants said that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The Delegate Group of Workers said that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles. In order to be in conformity with If the abovementioned detailed basic, the expression **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”** should be replaced with **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population”.**

**Esteemed delegates,**

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles. In order to be in conformity with If the abovementioned detailed basic, the expression **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”** should be replaced with **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population”.**

**Esteemed delegates,**

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said that regarding formation of Pyithu Hluttaw the points the Work Committee Chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles. In order to be in conformity with If the abovementioned detailed basic, the expression **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”** should be replaced with **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population”.**

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# The word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” for the usage to be more precise

YANGON, 20 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons on suggestions made by 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.*

## Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 28 March 1996, I have explained the adoption of detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Formation of Legislature.”

Concerning the Amyotha Hluttaw, I have explained as follows:

“Amyotha Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows: (a) 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone

(b) 56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of Union territories.”

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

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

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

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



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**state or division or the region or state they are included in.”**

## Esteemed delegates,

Concerning the matter, National Unity Party said, “In our view, the word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” of the subpara (a) for the usage to be more precise. The expression “inclusive of Union territories” means areas that were included in the present states and divisions but have been designated as Union territories and the areas proclaimed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as Union territories because of their significant characteristics after the promulgation of this Constitution.”

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, one repeal and one transfer altogether 15 are appropriate.”

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “As explained by the Work Committee Chairman, the word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” of the subpara (a) for the usage to be more precise.”

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, “As explained by the Work Committee Chairman, the word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” of the subpara (a) for the usage to be more precise and comprehensive.”

Lahu National Development Party said that the detailed basic principle concerning the formation of Amyotha Hluttaw should be adopted in accord the clarification of the Work Committee Chairman.

Union Kayin Leagues agreed to the adoption of the detailed basic principle concerning the formation of Amyotha Hluttaw in accord the clarification of the Work Committee Chairman.

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 said, “In our view, the word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

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

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

## Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Groups of National Races said, “The subpara (a) states ‘equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone’. The word “**the respective**” should be added to the word “**Union territories**” for the usage to be more precise.”

## Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Peasants said, “The word “**the respective**” should be added to the word “**Union territories**” for the usage to be more precise.”

## Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group pf Workers agree to the addition of the word “**the respective**” to the word “**Union territories**” for the usage to be more precise.

## Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Intellectual and Intelligentsia is in favour of adding the word “**the respective**” to the word “**Union territories**” for the usage to be more precise.

## Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “The word “**the respective**” should be added to the word “**Union territories**” for the usage to be more precise.”

## Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons agrees to the amendment of the said detailed basic principle as explained by the Work Committee Chairman. — MNA

# The designation of Yangon as a Union territory under direct administration of the president should be revoked

YANGON, 20 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 and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.

**Esteemed delegates,**

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “ Regarding the designation of Union territories, the National Convention plenary session held on 9 April 1994 laid down detailed basic principles:

5. Designation of Union territories—

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

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

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

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

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

- “(a) **Nay Pyi Taw, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under direct administration of the President of the Union.**
- (b) **if need arises to designate areas that have special situation in connection with national**



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**defence, security, administration and economy etc. as Union territories they may be designated as Union territories after enacting laws” should be adopted.”**

**Esteemed delegates,**

Concerning the matter, the National Unity Party said, “ The designation of Yangon as a Union territory under the direct administration of the president should be revoked. And the municipal area of Nay Pyi Taw, which has become the Capital of the State, should be designated as a Union territory placed under the direct administration of the president. Moreover, the detailed basic principle “Cocogyun Township which has a special situation is designated as Union territory and placed under direct administration of the President of the Union” should be revoked.”

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, “Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices of the central governments are based in Nay Pyi Taw. The designation of Yangon and Cocogyun Township as Union territories is revoked, so, they should remain in Yangon Region.”

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, “The designation of Yangon and Cocogyun Township as Union territories should be revoked.”

Lahu National Development Party said that in connection with the designation of Union territories, the detailed basic principle should be adopted in accord with the clarification of the Work Committee Chairman.

Union Kayin League said that the designation of Union territories should be in accord with the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, “We agree to the amendments, additions and repeals made to a few detailed principles and facts as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.”

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**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 (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) said, “Internationally, the city where the office of the central government is based is designated as the capital of the State. And in some countries, the capitals are placed under direct administration of the President or the Union. Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices of the central governments are based in Nay Pyi Taw. The designation of Yangon as a Union territory under the direct administration of the president should be revoked. Moreover, the detailed basic principle “Cocogyun Township which has a special situation is designated as Union territory and placed under direct administration of the President of the Union” should be revoked.”

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“The designation of Yangon and Cocogyun Township as Union territories is revoked, the detailed basic principle of the sub-para (b) no longer needs to be prescribed. But the sub-para (c) should be stated as the sub-para (b).”

**Esteemed delegates,**

Delegate Group of National Races said, Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices of the central governments are based in Nay Pyi Taw. So, the capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw. The designation of Yangon as a Union territory under the direct administration of the president should be revoked. And the municipal area of Nay Pyi Taw, which has become the Capital of the State, should be designated as a Union territory placed under the direct administration of the president. Moreover, the detailed basic principle “Cocogyun Township which has a special situation is designated as Union territory and placed under direct administration of the President of the Union” should be revoked.”

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Delegate Group of Peasants said, “Internationally, the city where the office of the central government is based is designated as the capital of the State. And in some countries, the capitals are placed under direct administration of the President or the Union. Now, the

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## The term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission should be replaced with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”

YANGON, 20 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 and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.*

### Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “If you agree to my proposal of designating Nay Pyi Taw, the Capital of the Union of Myanmar, as a Union territory placed under direct administration of the President, detailed basic principles to be adopted for Nay Pyi Taw should be the same, as that for Yangon Council.

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

### Esteemed delegates,

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

### Esteemed delegates,

Concerning the matter, National Unity Party said, “The term “**Capital Yangon**” prescribed in the detailed basic principles on administration of Capital Yangon, a Union territory, prescribed in para 35 and the detailed basic principles on designation of the status of the Chairman and members of Yangon Council prescribed in para 36 of the detailed basic principles adopted at the plenary session held from 28 to 30 March 1996, should be replaced with the term “**Nay Pyi Taw**”, and the term “**Chairman of Yangon Council**” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “**Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council**”. It is no longer needed to prescribe the detailed basic principles on administration of Cocogyun Township, a Union territory, prescribed in



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“The term “Capital Yangon” prescribed in the detailed basic principles should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”. Esteemed delegates,

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Delegate Group of Workers said, “Internationally, the city where the office of the central government is based is designated as the capital of the State. And in some countries, the capitals are placed under direct administration of the President or the Union. Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices

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### Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “The designation of Yangon as a Union territory should be revoked. And the municipal area of Nay Pyi Taw, which has become the Capital of the State, should be designated as a Union territory. The designation of Cocogyun Township as Union territories is revoked. The detailed basic principle said that Nay Pyi Taw, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory should be adopted.

### Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “The plenary session held on 3 August 2007 laid down the detailed basic principle — **Nay Pyi Taw is the Capital of the Union**. The designation of Yangon as a Union territory under the direct administration of the president should be revoked. And the municipal area of Nay Pyi Taw, which has become the Capital of the State, should be designated as a Union territory placed under the direct administration of the president. The designation of Cocogyun Township as Union territories is revoked.”

### Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons discussed in support of the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman.

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

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen of the respective subcommittees and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia delegates of workers, delegates of service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

At the plenary session, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races 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 Gyi of Delegate Group of



**Alternate chairman and members of panel of chairmen attend Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA**

Representatives-elect, 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 1046 out of 1,071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 97.67 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 Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel presented the compilation.

*(The presentation is reported separately.)*

Next, Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons and U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of NCC Work Committee presented the compilation and the Plenary Session took a break at 9.50 am.

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When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 10.05 am, U Saw Philip (a)

U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect and U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races 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 detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention. The Plenary Session took a break at 10.55 am.

*(The presentation of U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam is reported separately and the presentation of U Maung Gyi and U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint are to be reported.)*

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at 11.10 am. U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants and U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers 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 detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention. The Plenary Session of the National Convention went into recess at 11.50 am.

*(The presentations of U Kan Nyunt and U Kyaw Win Tun will be reported.)*

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues at 9 am on 22 August (Wednesday) at the Pyidaungsu Hall. —MNA

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the detailed basic principles adopted at the plenary session held from 28 to 30 March 1996, should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw”, and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”.

### Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Peasants said, “We agree to the clarification in connection with the designation of Nay Pyi Taw, the Capital of the Union of Myanmar, as a Union territory placed under direct administration of the President. The term “Capital Yangon” prescribed in the detailed basic principles should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”.

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### Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “The term “Capital Yangon” should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw”, and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”.

### Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said. “The term “Capital Yangon” prescribed in the detailed basic principles on administration of Capital Yangon, a Union territory, prescribed in para 35 and the detailed

basic principles on designation of the status of the Chairman and members of Yangon Council prescribed in para 36 of the detailed basic principles adopted at the plenary session held from 28 to 30 March 1996, should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw”, and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”.

### Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “The term “Capital Yangon” prescribed in the detailed basic principles on administration of Capital Yangon, a Union territory, prescribed in para 35 and the detailed basic principles on designation of the status of the Chairman and members of Yangon Council prescribed in para 36 of the detailed basic principles adopted at the plenary session held from 28 to 30 March 1996, should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw”, and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of detailed basic principle for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”. — MNA



**Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence presents a prize to a distinction winner. — MNA**

## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends award ceremony...

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funds and Shan State (North) Affiliated Education Officer U Khin Maung Htwe on measures taken for enabling the students to pass the matriculation examination with flying colours for 2007 academic year and arrangements to be made for enhancement of education of Shan State (North).

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented prizes and cash awards to distinction winners and Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials to distinction winners, outstanding students and townships and schools that achieved best pass rate.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech on the occasion, saying that Lashio University, Lashio Technological University and Lashio Computer Studies have emerged in the time of the State Peace and Development Council. The number of High schools

have rose to 30 in 2007 from 23 in 1998. The Government has opened another four middle schools and 1,520 primary schools in Lashio. Education standard of Shan State (North) is gradually making progress at present. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged officials to nurture reliable educated persons with added momentum.

Upon arrival at Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan (230) KV and subpower stations construction project in Namtu Township, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party heard a report by the project manager on power generated from Shweli No 1 Power Station jointly implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 and YUPD Co, Ltd.

After giving instructions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected progress in carrying out the project tasks. The project started in 2005 and it will be complete soon.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected thriving cotton plantations on both sides of Mansan-Lashio motorway on their way back to Lashio.

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## Gwaygyo Dam opens in Yesagyo...

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Therefore, 4,497 acres could have been extended. Gwaygyo Dam has become a valuable asset of local people and it can underpin the economy of local farmers. Therefore, local people are to maintain the dams as well as canals of the dams in the region.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint said in his address that Gwaygyo Dam is a small dam and it was implemented under Pakokku District Greening Project. The dam has become the 202nd out of the dams which were opened after 1988 during the time of the Tatmadaw Government, he said. The deputy minister urged local farmers to make better use of the dam to boost



**Col Phone Maw Shwe unveils the stone plaque of Gwaygyo Dam. — A & I**

agricultural production in the region.

Afterwards, a local farmer thanked the government for construction of the dam.

After unveiling the stone plaque of the dam, Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Afterwards, they formally opened and

inspected the dam. At the briefing hall of the dam, Director of Construction-3 of the Irrigation Department U Tun Aung reported on irrigation system of the dam. After hearing reports, Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint discussed with officials supply of irrigation water to rice fields by river water pumping projects.

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## Electric Power No 1 Minister inspects Yeywa Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min inspected progress of Yeywa Hydropower Project being implemented by construction-2 of Hydropower Projects Implementation Department on Myitnge river near Ye-Yaman village, 31 miles south-east of Mandalay in Mandalay Division on 17 August.

After hearing reports on laying of RCC concrete at the stage-8 of main dam and arrangements for laying of CVC concrete at the spillway, the minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister and party inspected construction of Power Station No 1 and No 2 and foundation work and called for meeting the set standards. The

minister looked into installation of steel pipeline and earth work for the construction of Switch Yard. He stressed the need for arrival of materials in time, completion of the project before the schedule and minimizing loss and wastage, and fulfilled the requirements. The project has completed by 37.53 per cent.

At the office of Nawngkhio Township USDA in Kyaukme District of Shan State (North), Joint Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Col Zaw Min met with the secretaries, executives, organizers and members of State/District/Township USDAs and presented uniforms to them.

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## Sanitation tasks for proper flow of drainage inspected in Thingangyun Tsp

YANGON, 20 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win, committee members and departmental heads went to Thingangyun to inspect sanitation tasks for proper flow of drainage in Thingangyun Township this morning, gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements. First, the Mayor on arrival at Thanthuma Street, inspected

sanitation tasks for proper drainage and gave necessary instructions.

Near Thuwunna Park, the Mayor looked into progress in building of Box Culverts and urged officials to take systematic measures in the building of Box Culverts meeting set standards. Next, the Mayor oversaw extension tasks and dredging of drain for proper drainage and gave instructions on accomplishment of the tasks in time.

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**Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint formally open Gwaygyo Dam. — A & I**

# Meetings of delegate groups of National Convention held

YANGON, 20 Aug — The meetings of delegate groups of political parties and workers were held at the designated places of Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, today.

Before the meetings, members of panel of chairmen and delegates signed in the attendance book.

**Delegate group of political parties**

The meeting of the delegate group of political parties was held at the meeting hall-1 this afternoon. U Tun Yin Law of National Unity

Party presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with U Le Kwa Chin of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party and U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of “Wa” National Development Party as members of the panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Khin Maung Phyu of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director Daw Htay Htay Win as co-MC. The meeting chairman declared the start of the

meeting valid as there accounted for 93.1 per cent in attendance.

Next, U Tun Yin Law made an opening speech and explained the clarification made by the chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee regarding the amendments, the additions and the repeals out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention. Participants of the meeting discussed matters related to compiling a paper to be



*Alternate Chairman U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party delivers an address at meeting of delegate group political parties. — MNA*



*Alternate Chairman U Bo Thein of Kengtung Township delivers an address at meeting of delegate group of workers. — MNA*

put forward.

Afterwards, the alternate chairman made concluding remarks.

**Delegate group of workers**

The meeting of the delegate group of workers was held at the meeting hall-5 this afternoon. U Bo Thein of Kengtung Township, Shan State (East), presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with Dr Myo Thant Tin of Ahlon Township and U Kyaw Win Tun of Kyaukpadaung Township as members of panel of

chairmen.

Deputy Director U Zaw Win of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director U Aung Win as co-MC. The meeting chairman declared the start of the meeting valid as there accounted for 95.74 per cent attendance.

Next, U Bo Thein made an opening speech and U Kyaw Myo Win of Kyaukpadaung Township explained the clarification made by the chairman of the National

Convention Convening Work Committee regarding the amendments, the additions and the repeals out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention.

Participants of the meeting discussed matters related to compiling a paper to be put forward.

Afterwards, the alternate chairman made concluding remarks and the meeting ended.

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# Minister provides aids to flood victims in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 20 Aug — Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt went to Ayeyawady Division yesterday and provided aids to villages inundated in Maubin and Hinthada districts due to overflow of Ayeyawady River recently.

On his tour of Nyaungdon, the minister met with departmental officials, social organizations and local people and thanked for their relief efforts for the flood-hit areas. At the meeting, Minister Col Thein Nyunt handed over 20 bags of rice, clothes and water purification materials to victims through the representative of villages.

Afterwards, Minister Col Thein Nyunt proceeded to Tawkyang Village-tract in Pantanaw Township and presented 50 bags of rice, 1,200 sets of clothes and water purification materials to flood-hit households in three villages in the village-tract.

Wellwishers also donated 180 rice bags and

medicines to the victims.

The minister also went to Danubyu Township and provided rice, clothes and water purification

materials to flood victims in two villages which were inundated due to overflow of Ayeyawady River.

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*Minister Col Thein Nyunt meeting with officials, social organizations and flood victims at Thabyu Village in Danubyu Township. — PBANRDA*

## Information Minister meets MWJA CEC members

### Effort to improve public reading should be focused on mass of rural people as target audience

YANGON, 20 Aug — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at the office of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road here this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said new central executive committee members of MWJA were elected at a ceremony on July 2006 and they were entrusted with duties and responsibilities. State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and called for cooperation between the association and literati in serving the interest of the State.

The minister said he also called for concerted efforts for the improvement of national literary world by setting aims and objectives in meeting with the CEC members at the office of MRTV in August 2006. It was found that the association on its part is trying to realize its objectives. He added that the purpose of the present



*Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at meeting of CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association. — MNA*

meeting was to review the accomplishments made during 13 months after the CEC was formed and its strong and weak points and to render necessary assistance.

Next, MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) briefed on functions of the association and Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo on the tasks being carried out by the CEC and subcommittees.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan praised the association for its accomplishments in

serving State's interests as an NGO, its efforts for winning the trust and reliance of the people and successfully realizing the three basic objectives in a year. Then he urged the association to make more effort and more cooperation. The minister continued that it was important for the people to cultivate the good reading habit so as to develop the literary world. If the State is to develop, people need to read a lot and an effort to improve reading should be focused on the mass of

rural people. Moreover, efforts for the development of Myanmar literary world should be exerted both inside and outside the country. That was why MWJA was to endeavour for serving the national interest through the literary might, he stressed. In conclusion, the minister spoke of the need to rebut slanderous accusations of some foreign media.

Later, the minister fulfilled the requirements after hearing reports by the CEC members.

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**It was important for the people to cultivate the good reading habit so as to develop the literary world. If the State is to develop, people need to read a lot and an effort to improve reading should be focused on the mass of rural people. Moreover, efforts for the development of Myanmar literary world should be exerted both inside and outside the country.**

## Sanitation task inspected in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 12 Aug — Mohnyin Township Development Affairs Committee of Mohnyin District is making arrangements for enabling Myoma Market to be

hygienic.

Township DAC Executive Officer U Min Zaw and Deputy Staff Officer (Market) U Tin Ko Lwin supervised sanitation tasks for proper

flow of drainage in the market and tasks for keeping toilet of the market and its environs and selling meat and fish using proper cover.

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*Officials of Mohnyin Township DAC inspect sanitation at Myoma Market.*

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## Kidnapped German woman freed in Afghanistan

KABUL/BERLIN, 20 August — A German woman abducted by gunmen in Afghanistan has been freed, the German Foreign Ministry said on Sunday hours after she appeared in a video asking Berlin to use every effort to gain her freedom.

Christina Barbara Meier, an aid worker, had been seized from a Kabul restaurant while having lunch with her husband on Saturday. Her kidnapping was the first of a Westerner in the Afghan capital for more than two years.

"The kidnapped woman is now at the

German Embassy," a German Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said.

In the video, the blonde aid worker had worn a long headscarf and a red local outfit and read from a note in Dari.

"I am fine I ask my country to urgently help and cooperate for my release," she had said in the video aired by private television station Tolo, adding she was an employee of "ORA International" aid agency.

A bespectacled young man who had covered his face appeared on the video to say the abductors were

not Taleban, adding they belonged to a "special network".

He demanded the release of the group's men held by President Hamid Karzai's government. He did not give any figure or names, adding details would be passed to the government through special channels.

The Afghan Interior Ministry said the abductors were not Taleban guerrillas who have seized more than 30 people, many of them foreigners, in several parts of the country in recent weeks.

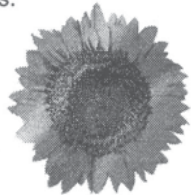
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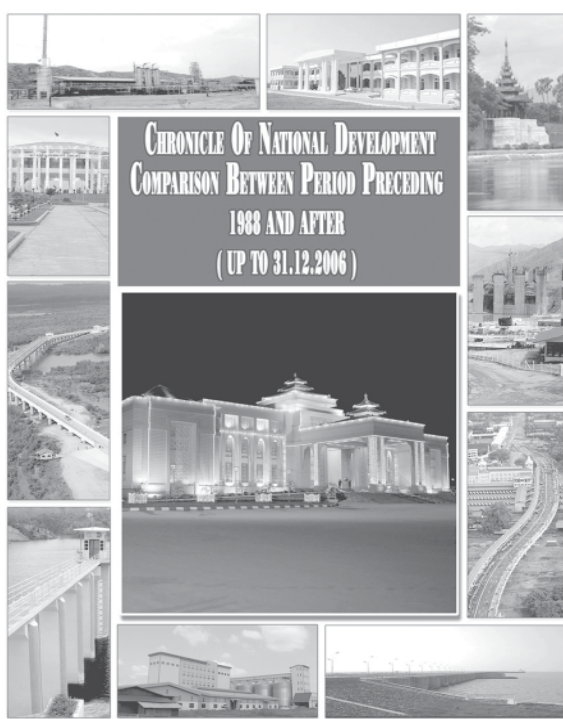
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## Nine killed by tornado in east China

WENZHOU, 20 Aug—Nine people were killed as a tornado hit east China's Zhejiang Province, according to local sources on Sunday.

A gale belt of 800-metre broad and eight-kilometre long swept through the Longgang Township, Cangnan County of Wen-

zhou City at about 11:30 pm Saturday from the sea, according to local meteorological bureau. The tornado toppled down 156 houses. More than 60 local people were injured in the mishap, with eight described as "in serious condition".

"The 'bizarre wind' smashed all the windows of our four-storey building and tore down my mom's old house in no more than one minute, just like a hurricane," recalled 48-year-old villager Zhang Zhongling, who is under medical treatment together with his wife and mother in hospital.

Experts believe that the tornado was formed under the influence of typhoon Sepat that churned ashore in Chongwu Town, Hui'an County of Fujian Province early Sunday morning.

MNA/Xinhua

## Southern Africa launches peacekeeping brigade

LUSAKA, 19 Aug—Southern African leaders launched a peacekeeping brigade on Friday as part of a planned African standby force to be deployed on peace missions and to tackle disarmament and humanitarian crises on the continent.

Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa officially launched the brigade, inspecting troops in front of regional heads of state at a summit of the 14-member Southern African Development Community (SADC) in Lusaka.

Cannons were fired and fighter jets screamed overhead. "The SADC brigade shall ... serve in peacebuilding efforts including post conflict disarmament and demobilization and humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of civilian populations in conflict areas and support efforts on major natural disasters," Mwanawasa, the new SADC chairman, said. The peacekeeping brigade, part of an Africa-wide effort to form an operational standby force by 2010, is expected to deploy in areas for a "limited duration", with a mandate from the United Nations, African Union or SADC.—MNA/Reuters

## UNICEF calls for aid to most affected by DPRK floods

GENEVA, 19 Aug—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) highlighted on Friday the needs of children affected by massive flooding across the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), saying international aid is needed to help the most vulnerable.

Over 350,000 people in DPRK have had their houses destroyed or damaged, with 221 dead, UNICEF said in a statement. "In addition to the loss of life, the damage caused by floods to agriculture and infrastructure is really a big blow to the already precarious situation for most of the population of DPRK," said Michel Le Pechoux, UNICEF's deputy representative to DPRK.

MNA/Xinhua

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Psychologists weigh interrogation ban

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Aug — Stung by reports implicating mental health specialists in prisoner abuse scandals at Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib, the nation's largest group of psychologists is considering banning its members from interrogations of terror suspects.

The American Psychological Association, which is holding its annual meeting in San Francisco, is scheduled to vote Sunday on two competing measures concerning its 148,000 members' participation in military interrogations at Guantanamo Bay and other US military detention centres.

One measure would bar members from any involvement in interrogations at US detention facilities where foreign-

ners are held. The moratorium would not be backed by sanctions, but it would carry the APA's "moral authority," said psychologist Neil Altman, who wrote the proposed resolution.

The other proposal, which is backed by APA's board of directors, would reaffirm the group's opposition to torture and prohibit members from taking part in more than a dozen specific practices, including forced nakedness, mock executions and simulated drowning.

An APA member who violates the torture resolution could be expelled from the Washington-based organization, which could lead to the loss of the professional's state license to

practice, said spokeswoman Rhea Farberman.

A recently declassified Defence Department report said that since 2002, psychiatrists and psychologists have helped military interrogators develop new techniques to extract information from detainees.

Psychologists for an Ethical APA, which supports the moratorium, rallied Friday outside the Moscone Centre, where the conference is being held.

Supporters wore buttons that read "Do No Harm" and carried signs condemning torture.

A person in an orange jumpsuit and black hood stood in the middle of the crowd.

Internet

Report: Rowling writing detective novel

LONDON, 20 Aug — JK Rowling has been spotted at cafes in Scotland working on a detective novel, a British newspaper reported Saturday.

The Sunday Times newspaper quoted Ian Rankin, a fellow author and neighbour of Rowling's, as saying the creator of the "Harry Potter" books is turning to crime fiction.

"My wife spotted her writing her Edinburgh criminal detective novel," the newspaper, which was available late Saturday, quoted Rankin as telling a reporter at an Edinburgh literary festival.

"It is great that she has not abandoned writing or Edinburgh cafes," said Rankin, who is known for his own police novels set in the historic Scottish city. Rowling famously wrote initial drafts of the Potter story in the Scottish city's cafes. Back then, she was a struggling single mother who wrote in cafes to save on the heating bill at home.

Now she's Britain's richest woman — worth \$1 billion, according to Forbes magazine — and her seven Potter books have sold more than 335 million copies worldwide.

British author J K Rowling at the release of her latest Harry Potter book called 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' at the Natural History Museum in London, on 20 July, 2007.—INTERNET



Pet camel kills woman in Australian outback

SYDNEY, 20 Aug — A pet camel given as a birthday present killed a 60-year-old woman in Australia's remote outback in a bizarre attack, police said Sunday.

The young male camel

had been hand-reared by the woman and still drank out of a bottle, but had a history of unusual behaviour and had previously attempted to smother the family's pet goat by sitting on it.

Police said the 10-month-old animal on Saturday knocked the woman to the ground, stomped on her head and then lay on her at her sheep and cattle property near Mitchell in Queensland state, about 600 kilometres (360 miles) west of the state capital Brisbane.

The woman's husband found her body in the evening on returning from feeding stock and was devastated, police said.

"The camel was actually a 60th birthday present that he and his daughter got her in March," said Detective Senior Constable Craig Gregory from the nearby town of Roma.

"She had a love of exotic pets."

Camel expert Paddy McHugh said the behaviour was unusual for such a young animal and was more characteristic of a bull in season, which might use such behaviour to kill its opposition.

The woman's name has not been released.

Internet



File photo shows a feral camel searching for food near Alice Springs, Australia. A pet camel given as a birthday present killed a 60-year-old woman in Australia's remote outback in a bizarre attack, police said on Sunday.—INTERNET

Helicopters pluck flood victims to safety in central Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA, 20 Aug — Remnants of Tropical Storm Erin turned central Oklahoma into a wash basin Sunday, with helicopter-borne rescuers plucking people from flood waters and roof tops and ferrying them to dry land and safety.

Two people died and at least two others were hurt, said Michelann Ooten, a spokesman for the state's emergency operations centre in Oklahoma City.

A middle-aged man who had stopped to help another person wound up drowning in his vehicle near Kingfisher, and an elderly woman in Fort Cobb who had sought protection in her storm cellar was found to have drowned there, Ooten said.

The injuries occurred when either straight-line winds or a tornado destroyed a house in Watonga, she said.—Internet

Scott Riggs car sits covered in the rain prior to the NASCAR 3M Performance 400 auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich, on 19 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET



SPORTS



A Finnish female athlete (R) rides in the mixed zone of Qingdao Olympic Sailing Centre in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 17 Aug , 2007. Female athletes in Qingdao International Regatta 2007 became an unique scenery with their tanned skin, sexy bikini and cool sunglasses. —XINHUA

Benitez, Mourinho in verbal spat after 1-1 draw

LIVERPOOL (England), 20 Aug — Jose Mourinho and Rafael Benitez were involved in a verbal spat on Sunday after Chelsea held Liverpool to a 1-1 draw at Anfield.

Chelsea got a barely deserved point when referee Rob Styles awarded them a second half penalty after Florent Malouda fell into the unlucky Steve Finnan.

Frank Lampard converted the spot kick in the 62nd minute to cancel out Fernando Torres' well-taken first half goal, scored on his home debut.

Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard said he felt the referee had been intimidated by Chelsea's players and had "cracked". Blues manager Mourinho defended his players by calling them "pure" before Benitez questioned that statement.

After being told of Gerrard's comments, Mourinho said: "I think I have a naive team because we don't have divers, don't have violent people, nasty tacklers and don't have people diving in the swimming pool. Chelsea are a pure and naive team." — MNA/Reuters

Henin defeats Jankovic to win Toranto Cup

TORONTO, 20 August — World number one Justine Henin warmed up for the US Open by taming third seed Jelena Jankovic 7-6, 7-5 to capture her second Toronto Cup on Sunday.

Playing her first tournament since losing in the semifinals at Wimbledon, the 25-year-old Belgian was quickly back to her best and lifted her sixth title in 2007. She raced through the 1.3-million-US-dollar event without dropping a set.

A near capacity centre court crowd was treated to a display of high-quality tennis as Henin continued her domination over Jankovic and improved her head-to-head record against the Serb to 7-0.



Serbia's Jelena Jankovic celebrates her win against France's Tatiana Golovin during their semi-final match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto, on 18 Aug , 2007. INTERNET

Sevilla crush Real Madrid to take Super Cup

MADRID, 20 Aug — Sevilla got the new season off to a glittering start when they claimed their fifth trophy in a little over a year after a 5-3 win over Real Madrid in the second leg of the Spanish Super Cup at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

A hat-trick from leading striker Frederic Kanoute and a double from Brazilian midfielder Renato earned Juande Ramos' side a 6-3 aggregate victory over the Spanish champions.

Sevilla have won back-to-back UEFA Cups, the King's Cup and the European Super Cup in the space of the last 15 months.

Real, who have overhauled their squad since Fabio Capello was sacked after steering the team to the league title last season, looked ragged throughout and new coach Bernd Schuster will have plenty to do before the league begins next week. It was the second time that Schuster has fallen victim to Sevilla at the Bernabeu in the last two months. The German's former club Getafe lost to the Andalucians in the final of the King's Cup in June.— MNA/Reuters



Indonesia's Markis Kido (L) and Hendra Setiawan pose with their country's flag during the medal presentation after winning the men's doubles final match against South Korea's Jung Jae Sung and Lee Yong Dae at the World Badminton Championships in Kuala Lumpur on 19 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET



Manchester City's Giovanni (C) reacts after scoring the opening goal against Manchester United during the Premiership football match at the City of Manchester Stadium on 19 Aug , 2007. Sir Alex Ferguson's early season problems deepened after Giovanni's first half goal settled the Manchester derby in favour of Sven Goran Eriksson and left Ferguson's United without a win in their opening three league games. INTERNET

Materazzi reveals exact words to Zidane

MILAN, 20 Aug — Italy defender Marco Materazzi has finally revealed the exact words he used to provoke Zinedine Zidane into headbutting him in last year's World Cup final.

"I prefer the whore that is your sister," he said in an interview with the TV *Sorrisi e Canzoni* magazine which comes out on Monday, Italian media reported on Saturday.

Materazzi had previously said that he had mentioned the France midfielder's sister in the verbal jousting between the two in the Berlin final, but had never given the exact words.

Zidane, who retired after the final, was sent off for the headbutt and Italy subsequently won on penalties. MNA/Reuters

Mikko Ilonen of Finland holds the trophy after winning the Scandinavian Masters golf tournament outside Stockholm on 19 Aug , 2007. — INTERNET



Federer crushes Blake to win 50th title

CINCINNATI, 20 Aug — World number one Roger Federer raced to a 6-1, 6-4 victory over American James Blake on Sunday to win the Cincinnati Masters and claim his 50th career singles title.

The Swiss broke the American twice in the opening set and once in the second to wrap up his 14th Masters Series title in 65 minutes. Ninth seed Blake gifted the top seed the break in the second game and, though he forced three break points in the fifth game, that was as close as he came in the opening set.— MNA/Reuters

## Priest survived Peru quake hidden under church table

Pisco (Peru), 20 Aug — Peruvian priest Luis Miroquesada saved himself by ducking under a table when a powerful earthquake devastated his church during a service. About 100 members of the congregation were not so lucky.

The church has become emblematic of the death and destruction in central coastal towns after Wednesday's magnitude 8.0 earthquake, which killed more than 500 people and left tens of thousands homeless.

"I was getting ready to

leave and then the earthquake began," Miroquesada told *Reuters*, saying the first tremor struck as a funeral mass was coming to an end in the San Clemente church in the hard-hit colonial town of Pisco.

The lights went out

and Miroquesada managed to scramble under a table in the sacristy as the building's roof and walls came down.

When Miroquesada emerged from beneath his table after the ground had stopped heaving, a dense cloud of damp, muddy dust was all that was left of San

Clemente's main chapel.

"It happened just as the mass was ending, at the point when all the participants move to the front to greet the grieving relatives," said the white-haired priest.

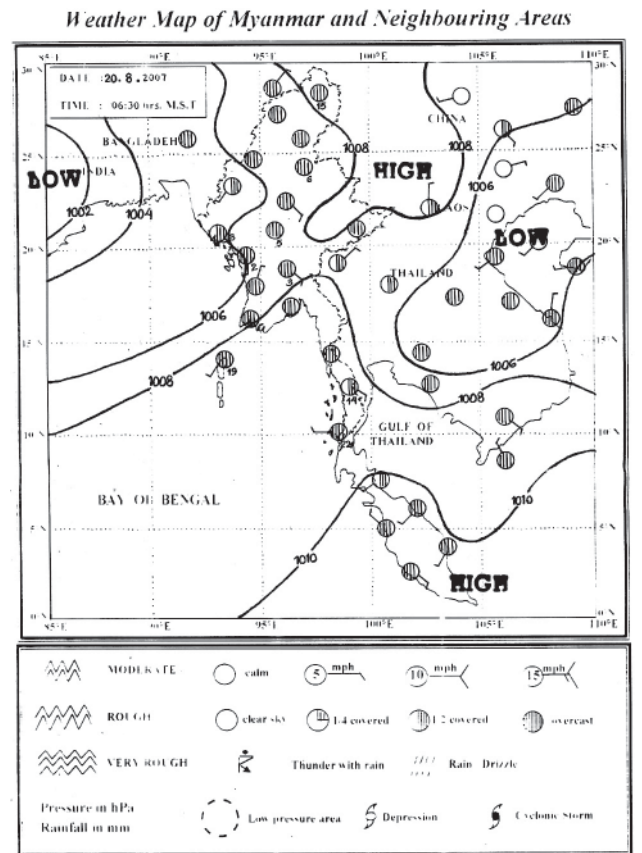
"I would take a wild guess that about 100 people died in there because there were roughly 200 in the chapel," he said.

Rescue workers had pulled 70 bodies from the ruins of San Clemente by late on Friday. Even though they pulled a man alive from the same wreckage 24 hours after the quake, they were not hopeful about finding more survivors.

MNA/Reuters



Yi Nan (C), winner of the 2007 Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant of Japan contest poses with runner-up and third prize winner for a photo in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 18 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA



### WEATHER

Monday, 20 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Ayeyawady, lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.26) inches, Magway (1.97) inches, Shwegyin (1.49) inches, Machanbaw (1.42) inches and Co Co Island (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-8-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 20-8-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 20-8-2007 was 86%. Total sunshine hours on 19-8-2007 was (1.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 20-8-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (92.09) inches at Mingaladon, (94.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.78) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 19-8-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the North Bay has become unimportant. Monsoon is generally moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 21-8-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar water.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon.  
**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 21-8-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 21-8-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 21-8-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

### Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 20-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1129) cm is exceeded (59) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.



Tuesday, 21 August  
View on today

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**  
4. ထုထည်ကြီးမား ထင်ရှားစေရန်ဓမ္မရုံ
- 7:50 am**  
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:05 am**  
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:15 am**  
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**  
8. International news
- 8:45 am**  
9. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:50 am**  
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**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမအကြိမ်

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**4:50 pm**

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

သင်ခန်းစာ

-တတိယနှစ်

(ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု)

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**5:05 pm**

5. Dance of national races

**5:10 pm**

6. Sing and Enjoy

**5:50 pm**

7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး

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**6:00 pm**

8. Evening news

**6:30 pm**

9. Weather report

**6:35 pm**

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

**6:50 pm**

11. သတိပြုစရာ

ဆွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ

(အပိုင်း-၁)

**7:05 pm**

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်သောရွှေနေခြည်”

(အပိုင်း-၅)

**8:00 pm**

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ရေသူမလေး”

ဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်”(အပိုင်း-၃၈)

17. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး

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တရားတော်

18. The next day's

programme

## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends award ceremony for outstanding students in Shan State (North)



**Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects installation of 230-KV cables and construction of sub-power stations in Namtu Township. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who had won distinc-

tions in the matriculation examination of 2007 at Lashio Town Hall of Shan State (North) on 18 August.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior military officers and their wives, departmental officials at state, district

and township levels, members of social organizations, teachers, students and their parents.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on matters related to the prizes presented to the outstanding students and efforts made for enhancement of education and raising education (See page 9)

### Holders Myanmar get off to flying start in 39th Merdeka Cup

YANGON, 20 Aug — Myanmar got off to a flying start with a deserving 1-0 win over Lesotho in the debut of the 39th Merdeka Cup held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia at 6.30 pm Malaysian time today.

Defending champions Myanmar and newcomers Lesotho could not score the opening in the first half. After the break, Myanmar broke the deadlock with the 4th minute opener of striker Soe Myat Min and the result remained unchanged until the stoppage time.

Holders Myanmar take on host Malaysia on 22 August. — MNA

## Gwaygyo Dam opens in Yesagyo

### To irrigate 400 acres, underpin economy of farmers

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Gwaygyo Dam in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, was inaugurated yesterday and

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe unveiled the stone plaque of

the dam. The dam was built by the construction group-3 of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture

and Irrigation.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, departmental officials, social organizations and local people also attended the opening ceremony of the dam.

The dam is located on Hsinmawin Creek in Yesagyo Township and 75 ft high and 2,100 ft long. It has a water storage capacity of 1,840 acre feet and will irrigate 400 acres of farmland.

In his opening address, Col Phone Maw Shwe said that a plan to construct 71 small dams and reservoirs in Pakokku District has been carried out for rice sufficiency and greening of the division and there remained 47 small dams. Out of the remaining 47 dams, Irrigation Department constructed 29 small dams including Gwaygyo Dam. (See page 9)



**Gwaygyo Dam in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District. — A & I**